

- **Mass Count:** Each October, there is a nationwide count taken of all the people attending Mass. The number who attended Mass last weekend in Holy Rood was 1,269.
- **First Holy Communion:** Registration forms are now available. Please return by 30th October. Children should be in year 3 or older.
- **Faith Sharing Groups:** Are beginning shortly for a period of 6 weeks only. Starting in the middle of October, a weekly meeting, literature will be provided. The theme this season is a *foretaste of heaven* all about the Eucharist. We are hoping you will join. Please sign up.
- **Harvest Sunday:** Is this weekend. Donations of tins and non perishable foodstuffs will be donated to the GROW hostel for homeless men on Rickmansworth Road.
- **CAFOD 2nd Collection.** There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend Envelopes are available. Taxpayers please Gift Aid if possible. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working with communities in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, supporting people to find their own solutions to poverty. The agency works with all people regardless of race, gender, religion or nationality.
- **Ascent Group:** There will be an outing to the Moon Under Water for lunch on Tuesday, 18th October after the midday service. Please sign on the list at the back of church if you'd like to take part. Contact Winnie on 334998 for more details.
- **Faith Matters - Autumn 2011:** "For all the Saints" by Fr Stephen Wang and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on Tuesday 1st November from 7pm - 8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1 (behind Westminster Cathedral). These are public lectures to which all are welcome. Suggested donation for each lecture £3. Registration for lectures is advised. Email: [faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk).
- **Holy Rood Toddler Group:** Tuesday mornings in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in the Parish Centre. Everyone Welcome.
- **Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Have you thought about divorce? Hope is a phone call away...Please call Clive & Kathy 07973 380443.or 07954 966804. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)
- **St Anthony's Harvest Festival:** this Thursday 13th October - 1.30pm. Would any senior citizens like to come and watch the children's entertainment? If so, please phone the school office on 01923 226987.
- **Second Sunday Prayers** tonight (Sunday) at Woodside Nazarene Church, The Brow, Garston, from 8pm to 9pm. Come and pray with **Christians Across Watford** for the church for the town for Jesus Christ
- **200 Club:** The September Draw winners are:  

£125 N. Finn (310)	£51 Mrs T Coelho(257)
£40 Mrs J Benedict	£30 Mrs M Wesolowska (244)
- **Parish Fete:** A wonderful occasion. We have one annually - this year on November 27th, to raise funds which we donate to charitable projects, usually in developing countries. It is truly a Parish event. A planning meeting will be held this Thursday October 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please attend if you want to be involved in any way with the fete.
- **September Baptisms:** We welcome the following who were baptised at Holy Rood in September: Callum McKenna, Maya Kelay-Gregg, Polly Ellicott, Thomas Pinnock, Nicola Fichardo, Marika Fichardo, Jakub Bogdanowicz, Jaimee-Lee Head, Andy Fomekong and Ivan Fomekong
- **Holy Rood Book Group:** Our next meeting will be this evening (Sunday) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Brontë. New members are most welcome. For more information please email: [holyroodbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:holyroodbooks@hotmail.com).
- **Parish Centre** is available for hire for your family parties. Please contact the Parish Office on 01923 224085 to check availability and to book.
- **Life in the Spirit Seminar:** this Wednesday 12th October from 7.15pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Helen's Church, The Harebreaks. Theme: Empowerment. Speaker—Fr Simon Penhaligon
- **Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult catholics meet. Please tel: 0161 941 3498 or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk).
- **Accommodation Required:** Natsha D'Mello, of Goan origin, requires a single room in the Watford area. Tel: 07756 147896 or email [natasha\\_dmello@hotmail.com](mailto:natasha_dmello@hotmail.com)
- **Funeral:** John Patrick Barnaby This Monday 10th October at 2pm
- **Celebrate Love Marriage Enrichment Seminar** at Hendon NW4 4TY on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November. In two full days (non-residential) see how God's Grace can turn a tired every-day relationship into one that is joyous, passionate and vibrant. For couples at any stage in their marriage. £90 per couple (inc meals and refreshments). Contact: [cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7931 6064

*Last Weekend's Collection Many thanks for your generosity!*

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