

Welcome to Holy Rood

You are very welcome to our church and parish community. If you are new to Holy Rood, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or welcomers.

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 10th 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>J. Rego</u> , N. Dyckhoff, M. Gallagher, E. Cornish, M. Carroll	L. Joyce
Sun 11th 8.00	C. Mort M. Mul Kerrins	Team D	<u>A. Hinton</u> , M. Gornall, S. Gornall, R. Nkemdirim, E. Timmons	Mc Guigan family
09.30	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	M. Griffin	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , D. Jose, B. Brown, N. Wilson-Whitman, M. Halpin	O'Beirne family
11.00	P. Ellwood M. Jordan	Team D	<u>J. Ford</u> , E. Madrazo, <u>D. Murphy</u> , K. Aldous, <u>J. Smith</u> , C. Williams, M. Ellwood	Elliott family
18.30	I. Barrett		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , N. Garibaldi, M. Cooper, W. Dopson, G. Lim	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team B. 13th January.

Sunday Coffee Joyce & John Next week: Tony & Cathy

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: January 17th. **No Coffee Shop**



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 11th January 2015

Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Mark 1:7-11

on pages 119 - 122 of the Parish Mass Book



We do not expect to see the heavens part, or a dove descend or, least of all, hear the voice of God but, none the less, these same words are for us.

In the waters of Baptism we reclaim our status as God children, brothers and sisters in Christ, through repentance and forgiveness and the gift of new life.

It is often questioned why Jesus needed to come to John; he who was sinless humbling himself before the one who was "not fit to undo the strap of his sandals". Yet it was evidently right. The Father was 'well pleased'. Following the Baptism, Jesus goes 'on retreat' to the desert before beginning his ministry.

What do we need to equip ourselves to fulfil our vocation in the world? Baptism: seeking God's forgiveness, receiving the grace of his love and confirming our place in his family; retreat - giving ourselves time to listen to his voice and be open to his grace; trust in those who, however unlikely, are part of his plan to minister to us.

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you' Mark 1:11

Pilgrims to the Holy Land are often offered the opportunity to step into the waters of the Jordan and renew their Baptismal vows, or if they have not been Baptised, to be Baptised in that same flow of water where Jesus himself was Baptised, and receive the Sacrament for themselves. It is a moment that is sacred and moving. It is a moment of grace.

Mass Times & Intentions: 12th - 18th January

Monday	08.30	Willow Roberts RIP/Intentions of the Roberts family
	12.00	Philomena Maharavan, Ann Sousaipillai & Lucas Pillai Souspillai Anniv
Tuesday	08.30	Maureen Power RIP / Linda Power
	12.00	Paul James Cleary RIP / Ben Lynch Int.
Wednesday	08.30	Helen Brennan Anniv.
	12.00	Ann-Marie Sullivan Anniv. / Eric Bailey Anniv. / Ross Lankester Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	Margaret McMahon Anniv.
	12.00	Maureen Walsh RIP
Friday	08.30	Jessica Cobb RIP
	12.00	Maureen Sheehan RIP
Saturday	11.00	Peggy Pottinger Int.
	19.00	Holy Souls
2nd Week 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19, Ps 39, 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42	08.00	Maureen Sheehan RIP
	09.30	For the Parishioners
	11.00	Eric Auckland Anniv. John & Jean Callaghan Anniv.
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	For the Parishioners

Confession: Saturday

11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

Baptism by appointment.

Marriage - 6 months notice Required

Safeguarding our children and vulnerable people:

Westminster Diocese

Co-ordinator: Fr Jeremy Trood

07889 805284/ 07814 879129

Our parish representative:

Mrs Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402.

In case you are admitted to hospital:

In the light of data protection please indicate, on entering hospital, that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC chaplain to visit you. *West Herts Hospitals contact: Colette Lennon 01923 217994.*

Mass: Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients & staff. *Mount Vernon Hospital contact Lynn Bassett 07803 986716*

Anniversaries: Giuseppe De Simone, Rose Di Mauro, Bianca Landolfi, Bill Guiry, Ann-Marie Moloney, Eric Bailey, Ettore Federico, Sr Pius Singleton, Moira Marsh, Nora & Thomas Joyce, Ann Sousaipillai, Helen Brennan, Ross Lankester, Margaret McMahon

Recently Deceased: Willow Roberts, Helen McGee and Frederick Hawkins.