

Mass	Readers	Welcomers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 11th 20:00	C. Wildey M. Dahl		<u>M. Gallagher</u> , W. Casey, M. Carroll, N. Dyckhoff, A. Casey	L. Joyce
Sun 12th 8.00	B. McGovern P. Vidler	A	<u>G. Hinton</u> , E. Timmons, D. Cooper, A. Hinton, R. Nkendirim	Nkendirim family
09.30	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	A. Baptista	<u>R. Zacharia</u> , B. Brown, C. Ramsey, J. Dempsey, N. Dyckhoff	O'Beirne family
11.00	P. Ellwood M. Jordan	A	<u>E. Madrazo</u> , D. Murphy, <u>J. Ford</u> , J. Morgan, <u>C. Williams</u> , N. Ford, M. Ellwood	Marion & Gwen
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>A. Hooper</u> , G. Lim, N. Garibaldi, M. Cooper, N. Dyckhoff	Murray family

Cleaning: Team B: 7th April
Sunday Coffee Tess & Co. Next week: Mick
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: April 11th Teresa & Craig



Holy Rood is a
Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 13th - 19th April

Monday	12.00	Mary Doyle RIP/Jessica Onyango Int
Tuesday	12.00	Ralph Kent
Wednesday	12.00	Special Intention
Thursday	12.00	Dan Carey RIP
Friday	12.00	O'Connor Family Special Int.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Creighton family Special Int. Lizzie Hancock RIP
Easter 3	08.00	Ralph Kent RIP
Acts 4:32-35, Ps 117, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31	09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	For the Parishioners Teresina Fernandes 1st Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i> Elizabeth Hancock RIP

Anniversaries: Teresina Fernandes

Confession: Saturday
11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40
Baptism by appointment.
Marriage - 6 months notice
Required

**Safeguarding: Protecting
Children and the Vulnerable**
Your parish safeguarding
representative is Cathy Kleiser
01923 233402.
**For advice and concerns please
contact the Diocesan Safe-
guarding Team:** Fr Jeremy Trood
- Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding
Eve Edohen - Diocese Safeguarding
Co-ordinator 0207 798 9356
safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk
If you believe that a child or
vulnerable adult is at immediate risk
of harm please contact the police
on 999.

**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

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.

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

Sunday 12th April 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, 1 John 5:1-6,
John 20:19-31 **on pages 255 - 258 of the Parish Mass Book**



“My Lord, and my God!” *John 20:28*

St John begins chapter 5 of his first letter with the words “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God”. We who believe, and all who believe, are God’s children, no less. But belief takes a leap of faith and faith is not automatic or a right but a gift. Thomas was not able to make that leap of faith on his own; because he had not been in the room when Jesus came, because he had not seen, he could not believe.

It did not take much, the gift of Jesus’ presence, the sight of his wounds, to move Thomas from doubt to belief, and his belief was total.

Jesus says, “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”. Is that us? Sometimes it is very hard indeed to make and maintain that leap of faith, especially when we witness and suffer so much inexplicable pain and seemingly pointless wrongs in our world. But Jesus did not leave us alone to make the leap from doubt to belief. He sent his Spirit to help us, like Thomas, to see.

Belief, being one of God’s children, part of his family is not just a moment of understanding, a change of heart, it is a change of life. The first reading from Acts tells of how the Christian community of faith lived out this transformation, “untied, heart and soul”. They cared for one another and shared what they had.

How do we live out our own gift of faith? With Thomas we may begin with the words, “My Lord and my God!”