

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 13th 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		R. Defriez, M. Defriez, B. Thomas, D. Kumar, A. Russell	L. Joyce
Sun 14th 8.00	P. Vidler B. McGovern	Team D	E. Timmons, N. Dyckhoff, J. Morse, D. Cooper, M. Joseph	Coleman family
09.30	R. Mariconda D. Onwardine	J. O'Beirne	J. Delaney, S. Bailey, B. Brown, D. Cunningham, J. Jais, J. Dempsey	M. Maguire M. Griffin
11.00	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	Team D	K. Aldous, R. D'Souza, D. Murphy, C. Williams, N. Ford, J. Morgan, N. Dyckhoff	Perez-Mateo family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		J. Barrett, G. Lim, A. Hooper, M. Cooper, W. Dopson	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team C. 16th December. Team D. 20th December.
Sunday Coffee Olivia & Dee Next week: Francis
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: December 20th. Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 15th - 21st December

Monday	08.30	Tony Donovan RIP/Rosemary Ellis RIP
	12.00	Lawrence, Ita & Larry Doyle RIP and Elizabeth Walsh RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Michael O' Malley RIP
	12.00	Precy Balagot RIP/ Maureen Walsh Anniv
Wednesday	08.30	John Carney RIP
	12.00	Peter Byrne RIP
Thursday	08.30	Mr Jacky Lynch RIP
	12.00	Lourdes D'Souza RIP
Friday	08.30	Desmond Hines RIP
	12.00	Michael O' Malley RIP
Saturday	11.00	Maureen Sheehan RIP
	19.00	For The Parishioners
Advent 4	08.00	Deceased members of the Hardwidge, Howe and Southam families RIP
Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16. Ps 88, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38.	09.30	Donato & Dominic De Luca & family RIP
	11.00	Michaella Petagine RIP/ Margaret Jones Anniv
	14.15	
	18.30	John Conroy RIP/ Matt & Delia INT

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: Maureen Walsh, Albert Kemp, Con Griffin and Hilda Guya Persaud

Recently Deceased: Ann Roberts, Rosemary Ellis and Mr Jacky Lynch

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 14th December 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings from: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11, Luke 1, Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28.



*"I exult for joy in the Lord,
 my soul rejoices in my God"*

Isaiah 61:10

The theme of this third Sunday of Advent is rejoicing. We rejoice in the Lord and we recognise his nearness. It is the nearness of rapidly approaching Christmas but it is also the nearness of Jesus in every aspect of our human lives.

John the Baptist explained that Christ "stands among you" but he is "unknown to you". Isn't it the same for so many people today?

Yet, with Isaiah, we can rejoice because the Lord has "clothed" us

in "the garments of salvation", in "the cloak of integrity". He has given us a task: to "bring good news to the poor; to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord."

With our Lady we can rejoice in the "marvels" he works for us. With St Paul, we can "be happy at all times", because of the nearness of our Lord.

Like John the Baptist, we are witnesses and we are called to point out Christ to others. We do not even need to use words; others will recognise the nearness of the Lord in our Advent joy.

Christ is very near.

Let us rejoice!

