

CARITAS - LOVE IN ACTION

Before the financial crisis in 2008, Mr X had never had any worries providing for his family. He took them on holiday at least once a year and they always put something in the collection plate on Sunday. As the recession deepened, more people including Mr X were made redundant. He has been looking for work but there is very little out there. At first, they made do. Friends and family had been generous. But eventually Mr X found that they did not even have enough money to buy food for the family.

Around the same time, there was a notice in the parish newsletter. The parish decided to set up a food bank for the local community, appeals were put in the newsletter. Parishioners began bringing in food items, and the parish was overwhelmed by the response. Each week the donations of food were taken to a central warehouse where the items were sorted and packed in boxes ready for families like Mr X's.

In the beginning, Mr X did not find it easy to accept the food packages. However, when times have been particularly tough, he was grateful for the kind offers.

Mass Times & Intentions: 15th - 21st June

Monday	08:30	Jolanta Rynkowska RIP
	12.00	Leo D'Arcy Anniv.
Tuesday	08:30	Mrs Aley Intention
	12.00	Sandy Grove RIP
Wednesday	08:30	Cardinal Basil Hume Anniv
	12.00	Thanksgiving to Jacek Persa
Thursday	08:30	Johanna Johnson (Joan) RIP
	12.00	Mary Keane RIP
Friday	08:30	Edwin & Edna Cunningham RIP
	12.00	Ted Brady RIP
Saturday	11.00	Bea Michaels RIP
	19.00	Patrick Jackson RIP
12th Sunday	08.00	For the parishioners
Job 38:1, 8-11, Ps 106:23-26. 28-31, 2	09.30	John Dempsey RIP
Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41	11.00	John Caruso RIP
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Maureen Bolger RIP

Anniversaries: Leo D'Arcy, Cardinal Basil Hume
Recently Deceased: Johanna Johnson, Sylvana Rodrigues

Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

In case you are admitted to hospital, please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and you would like the Roman Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Alternatively you can contact the West Herts Hospital RC Chaplain whose details are on the front page.

On every Thursday at 1.15pm, there is a Mass in the Watford General Hospital chapel (3rd floor). Everyone is welcome to join us, to pray for the sick and the staff who care for them.

Confession: Saturday
 11.30 - 12.30,
 18.15 - 18.40

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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.

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Sunday 14th June 2015

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalms 91:2-3. 13-16, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,
 Mark 4:26-34 **on pages 95 - 97 of the Parish Mass Book**



Caritas Love in Action Parish Plan

Holy Rood Parish has been asked by CARITAS WESTMINSTER to pilot a new programme named 'Love in Action'. It is hoped that the programme will be eventually used in other parishes of the Diocese. In 'Love in Action' we are asked to explain Catholic Social Teaching, implement Catholic Social Action by reaching out to all those with any kind

of need, and to celebrate what we are already doing.

In the last three weeks, we have been given Caritas 'Love in Action' leaflets to take home. Have you read any of them? Do we have a better understanding of what Catholic Social Teaching is?

The theme of this week is "Preferential Option for the Poor". Who are the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable within our own community, are they visible or invisible? How do we work alongside one another, learning and growing through the encounter with each person we meet?

Here is one of the cases that the Caritas Social Action Network has come across, the name has been changed.

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