

# 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
<b>Sat 13th 19.00</b>	B. Lincoln J. Harris		<u>R. Defriez</u> , N. Dyckhoff, M. Carroll, A. Russell, D. Kumar	Cullen family
<b>Sun 14th 8.00</b>	J. Briginshaw J. Kerin	Team C	<u>E. Timmons</u> , M. Mulkerrins, J. Morse, D. Cooper, M. Joseph	Nkemdirim family
<b>09.30</b>	L. Mayuga	A. Baptista	<u>J. Delaney</u> , S. Bailey, N. Dyckhoff, D. Cunningham, J. Jais	Di Maria family
<b>11.00</b>	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	Team C	<u>K. Aldous</u> , R. D'Souza, D. Murphy, C. Williams, N. Ford, J. Morgan, J. Ford	Perez-Mateo family
<b>18.30</b>	K. Ambrose		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , A. Hooper, G. Lim, M. Cooper, W. Dopson	Murray family

**Cleaning:** Team F. 20th September  
**Sunday Coffee** Sue & Tony Next week: Alice & Co.  
**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass. September 20th Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

## Mass Times & Intentions: 15th - 21st September

Monday	08.30 12.00	In honour of St Martin Joe Abraham RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	Lorna La Frenais RIP / Peter Elliott Anniv. Funeral Mass for Paul Donnelly
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	Fr Ted Lavender RIP Katherine Walker RIP Funeral Mass for Victor Persaud
Thursday	08.30 12.00	<b>No Mass</b> Tom Murphy RIP / Maurice Roche Anniv.
Friday	08.30 12.00	Charles Gough RIP Joe Abraham RIP / Amos Almond Anniv.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	James Ryan RIP John & Catherine Paterson Silver Jubilee Natalie Power (Lewis) Anniv.
<b>25th Sunday</b>	08.00 09.30	For the Parishioners James Wilkinson RIP Janie Conneeley RIP
Is 55:6-9, Ps 144, Phil 1:20-24, 27, Mt 20:1-16	11.00 14.15 18.30	Santino Aquino / Theresa Aquino Anniv. Antonietta Zeoli RIP <i>Polish Mass</i> Albert Koomson RIP / David Dopson RIP

**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:** Paz Lee, Flores Manere, Amos Almond, Maurice Roche, Natalie Power (Lewis), Peter Elliott

**Recently Deceased:** Victor Persaud, Paul Donnelly, Fr Ted Lavender

## Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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## Sunday 14th September 2014

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 77:1-2, 34-38, Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17 on pages 181 - 184 of the Parish Mass Book



*“Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life”.* John 3: 16

Today we celebrate our parish feast day, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Rood translates from the old English as Holy Cross and the interior of our magnificent Bentley church is dominated by the crucifix mounted on the rood screen, with Mary and St John standing by.

It serves as a reminder of the place of the cross in our lives; central, focal, a necessary part of our journey through life. The cross is not our final destination but the gateway to life beyond.

Jesus explains the purpose of the cross to Nicodemus by reminding him of the bronze serpent fashioned by Moses to save the people of his time from death by the bites of fiery serpents. Just as the bronze serpent had to be “lifted up” for all to see to be saved, so Jesus himself had to be “lifted up” on the cross for the salvation of all mankind. Thus the cross becomes a sign of life, of hope, of salvation, but most importantly the cross is a sign of God’s love for us. How much does God love us? So much that he was willing to send his only Son to bring us back to him. Jesus did not come in a spirit of condemnation, though that might have been understandable, he came in a spirit of humility and love, he “emptied himself” of divinity and being “humbler yet” even accepted “death on a cross”.

The cross takes a different shape for each one of us. It is to be embraced, not feared, because it is our way to the eternal love of the Father.