Mass	Readers	Wel- come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 14th 19.00	B. Lincoln J. Harris		M. Carroll, M. Defriez, R. Defriez, N. Dyckhoff, M. Gallagher	Cullen family
Sun 15th 8.00	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team A	M. Gornall, S. Gornall, E. Timmons, G. Hinton, A. Hinton	Hinton family
09.30	T. Sheridan	M. Griffin	<u>D. Jose</u> , J. Delaney, B. Brown, N. Dyckhoff, A. Mulligan	M. Griffin M. Maguire
11.00	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	Team A	<u>D. Murphy</u> , M. Ellwood, <u>R. D'Souza</u> , K. Aldous, <u>E. Madrazo</u> , J. Morgan, N. Dyckhoff	Marion & Gwen
18.30	K. Ambrose		A. Hooper, N. Dyckhoff, G. Lim, W. Dopson, M. Cooper	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A. 21st February.

Sunday Coffee Sue & Tony Next week: Alice & Co.

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: February 21st - Teresa & Craig



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#### Mass Times & Intentions: 16th - 22nd February

Monday	08.30 12.00	Eurica Vidler RIP Giovanni di Folco Anniv. Jonathan James Aquino RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Ash Wednesday	08.00 12.00 19.30	For the Parishioners
Thursday	08.30 12.00	Perlita Baggayan Private Int.
Friday	08.30 12.00	,
Saturday	11.00 19.00	
Lent I Gen 9:8-15, Ps 24, I Pet 3:18-22, Mk I:12-15		Dolores De Guzman Private Int. Peg O'Flaherty Anniv. Italian Mass Polish Mass

**Anniversaries:** Tony lamele, Bill Gallagher, Gabriella Donnelly, Mary Devlin, Giovanni di Folco, Peg O'Flaherty

**Recently Deceased:** Maeve Dempsey, Maria Cull and Cyril Poulton

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 Safeguarding Team: Fr Jeremy Trood - Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding Eve Edohen - Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0207 798 9356

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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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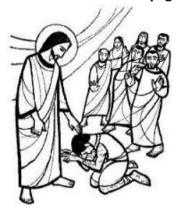
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## Sunday 15th February 2015 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11, 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1, Mark 1:40-45 on pages 137 - 139 of the Parish Mass Book



"Of course I want to!" "Be cured!"

Mark I:41

Leprosy was, perhaps, the most frightening disease that anyone could experience in biblical times because leprosy was without a cure. Instead, the first reading is clear, at the first suspicion the leprous person must be taken to the priest and the priest "must declare him unclean" and, from then on the leprous person must show and proclaim himself to be unclean and must live "outside the camp".

The attitude of Jesus stands in stark contrast to the first reading. He wants to cure the leprous man, he wants to bring him back into the community. He does something extraordinary; he reaches out and touches the leper and the leprosy is cured.

In this brief interaction Jesus changes the future of the leper and also for himself. Jesus 'takes on' the disease in a way that prefigures his willingness to 'take on' the sins of each and every one of us by his death on the cross. Because the healed leper speaks freely of his cure, Jesus can no longer "go openly into any town" but has to "stay outside" like a leper himself.

This may give us cause to reflect on the way we treat others who are different: do we want to help them, to heal them, to bring them back into the community or does fear for our own security lead us, sometimes, to keep them apart? St Paul writes: "try . . to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else".