

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 14th 19.00	B. Lincoln J. Harris		<u>L. Webb</u> , M. Gallagher, C. Stamp, A. Casey, W. Casey	Cullen family
Sun 15th 8.00	P. Vidler B. McGovern	Team A	<u>E. Timmons</u> , J. Morse, A. Hinton, D. Cooper, M. Joseph	Coleman family
09.30	T. Sheridan	B. Brown	<u>C. Ramsey</u> , N. Wilson-Whitman, D. Jose, R. Zacharia, M. Halpin	O'Beirne family
11.00	D. Callaghan C. Slevin	Team A	<u>E. Madrazo</u> , N. Ford, R. D'Souza, J. Morgan, <u>J. Ford</u> , D. Murphy, I. Douglas	D. Maguire & family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>J. Barrett</u> , G. Lim, A. Hooper, M. Cooper, W. Dopson	Murray family

Cleaning: Team F. 21st March.
Sunday Coffee Francis Next week: Joyce & John
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: March 21st - Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 16th - 22nd March

Monday	08.30	Philip Mc Govern Int. 12.00 Bernadette Rellis RIP/ Canavan Family INT
Tuesday	08.30	Service of the Word & Holy Communion 12.00 Maeve Dempsey RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Nora Briody Anniv. 12.00 Conrad Basnayake Anniv. Anthony Warner 1st Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	Joe Attard RIP 12.00 Bridget O'Hara RIP
Friday	08.30	Mary Creighton Anniv 12.00 Sean Conway RIP
Saturday	11.00	Pauline Condon RIP 19.00 The Hunt family RIP
Lent 5	08.00	O'Connor Special Int.
Jer 31:31-34, Ps 50, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-30	09.30	Maeve Dempsey RIP
	11.00	For the Parishioners
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Brendan & Peter Joyce RIP

Anniversaries: Raymond Miller, Conrad Basnayake, Alan Hipkiss, Onefrio & Libera Martuccio, Chita Korunaratu, Nora Briody, Anthony Warner and Noreen Lambert

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 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

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

Sunday 15th March 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Psalm 136, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21
on pages 162 - 165 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

Nicodemus came to Jesus under the cover of darkness and Jesus took the opportunity to talk to him about darkness and light. There is no need to hide in the shadows for those who live by the truth.

In this private conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus reveals one of the most profound truths that underpins the good news of God's kingdom: the good news of God's love for all mankind.

St Paul takes up the same theme in his letter to the Ephesians: we are “God's work of art”, saved “by grace”. We have been “raised up” just as “Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert” and as Jesus, himself, the “Son of Man” had to be “lifted up” on the cross in order to secure “eternal life” for “everyone who believes”.

To live in the light of such love, such good news, is to live without fear, to live in freedom without the need to hide in the shadows or come to Jesus under the cover of darkness.

We are fortunate to live in a country where we are free to celebrate our faith. Many across the world are forced to live in the shadows, to practice their faith under the cover of dark. Let us pray for them, that they may know the comfort of God's love.