

# 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 15th 19.00</b>	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , A. Casey, W. Casey, A. Russell, E. Cornish	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 16th 8.00</b>	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team D	<u>M. Gornall</u> , S. Gornall, E. Timmons, G. Hinton, A. Hinton	Hinton family
<b>09.30</b>	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	N. Attwood	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , R. Zacharia, M. Halpin, N. Wilson-Whitman, S. Bailey	Di Maria family
<b>11.00</b>	P. Ellwood M. Jordan	Team D	<u>K. Aldous</u> , J. Morgan, <u>M. Ellwood</u> , N. Ford, <u>D. Murphy</u> , C. Williams, R. D'Souza	D. Maguire & family
<b>18.30</b>	K. Ambrose		<u>A. Hooper</u> , N. Dyckhoff, G. Lim, W. Dopson, M. Cooper	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team E. 22nd November.

**Sunday Coffee** Aitana & Carlos Next week: Sue & Tony

**No Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass on November 22nd



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

## Mass Times & Intentions: 17th - 23rd November

Monday	08.30	Holy Souls / Special Intention
	12.00	Joe Fernandes RIP / Margaret Kelly RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Edmund Morgan Special Intention
	12.00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	08.30	Holy Souls / Special Intention
	12.00	James & Kathleen O'Neill
Thursday	08.30	Valla Pienina RIP / Special Intention
	12.00	Holy Souls / Lourdes D'Souza RIP
Friday	08.30	Holy Souls
	12.00	Fr Ivano's intention/ Dieobi Family In Thanksgiving
Saturday	11.00	Holy Souls / John Carney RIP
	19.00	Paz Lee Anniv. / Jarema Wisniowieck RIP
<b>Christ the King</b>	08.00	For the Parishioners
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17, Ps 22, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46	09.30	Maurice Maguire RIP /Christina Smith RIP
	11.00	Malita Carvalho Anniv. Peggy Auckland Anniv.
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Holy Souls / Sebastian D'Souza RIP

**Anniversaries:** Jim Timmons, Fr Giuseppe, Peggy Auckland, Callum Early, Paz Lee,

**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*

## Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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## Sunday 16th November 2014

### 33rd Sunday of the year

Readings from: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Psalm 127:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30 on pages 155 – 157 of the Parish Mass Book



“Well done, good and faithful servant; You have shown you can be faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness”

*Matthew 25:23*

The practice of bankers has come under much scrutiny over the last few years. Sound management involves a balance between risk, growth and profit and caution, security and fairness to all. Cavalier profiteering and self-interest of a few can lead to disastrous result for many. Investment, whether financial or personal is based in trust.

Jesus' parable today speaks of the trust a master invests in his servants. He gives them talents. It is perhaps a test of their abilities; if they can prove themselves faithful in small things, he may trust them with greater. Do we not do the same in our relationships? On his return, the results were evident to see. Two servant had proved themselves good stewards of the talents they had been given. The third had, perhaps, played it just too safe.

The parable gives us cause to reflect on the gifts and talents that the Lord has invested in us, and how well we use them? It also prompts us to consider our image of God; do we think of him as loving, merciful and generous or are we afraid that he may be a harsh judge and this fear causes us to “hide” our talents?

St Paul reminds us that we do not know when the Lord will call us to account. Proverbs gives us an image of talents well used. We are each unique, and uniquely gifted. How will we best use our gifts and talents today?