

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 16th 19.00	B. Lincoln J. Harris		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , A. Casey, W. Casey, L. Webb, C. Stamp	Cullen family
Sun 17th 8.00	B. McGovern P. Vidler	Team C	<u>M. Gornall</u> , S. Gornall, E. Timmons, G. Hinton, A. Hinton	McGovern family
09.30	L. Mayuga	B.Brown	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , R. Zacharia, M. Halpin, C. Ramsey, N. Wilson-Whitman	O'Beirne family
11.00	P. Ellwood M. Jordan	Team C	<u>K. Aldous</u> , J. Morgan, <u>M. Ellwood</u> , N. Ford, <u>D. Murphy</u> , C. Williams, R. D'Souza	D. Maguire & family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>A. Hooper</u> , N. Dyckhoff, G. Lim, W. Dopson, M. Cooper	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A. 23rd August.
Sunday Coffee Tony & Cathy Next week: Tess & co.
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. August 23rd: Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a
Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 18th - 24th August

Monday	08.30 12.00	No Mass John Power RIP
Tuesday	08.30 10.00 12.00	No Mass Dolores Muir Funeral Alex & Bernice Muir Int. 55th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Joe Abraham RIP Frank Cleary RIP
Thursday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Margaret & John McCarthy RIP
Friday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Carmine & Rosa Contugno RIP Monica Mbuba RIP
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Hilda Rocha & Carlos, Antoga, Anthony, Sousa Irena Homer RIP
21st Sunday Is 22:19-23, Ps 137, Rom 11:33- 36, Mt 16:13-20	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	For the Parishioners Jolanta Rynkowska RIP Joseph Guya-Persaud Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i> Vincent & Kathleen Mackell Anniv

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: James & Eileen Kearns, Joe Cunningham, Fr Samuel Swanston, Pasquale Martino, Vincent & Kathleen Mackell, Bridget McTeague
Recently Deceased: Frank Cleary, Frances Mary Mitchell, Dr James Murphy-O'Connor

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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Sunday 17th August 2014

20th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28
on pages 117 - 119 of the Parish Mass Book



*'Woman you have great faith.
Let your wish be granted.'*

Faith is a gift beyond price; it effects results disproportionate to its own size (Lk 17:6), it can move mountains (Mt. 17:20) and it is at the source of many of Jesus' healings (Lk 17:19, 18:42, Mk 5:34, 10:52, Mt 9:22). Today we hear how the faith of the Canaanite woman, and her quick tongue, moved Jesus to respond, and her daughter is healed.

Do we recognise the power and the potential of our own faith?

The readings today also speak of foreigners. At first Jesus seemed reluctant to attend to the requests of the Canaanite woman. Was he testing her faith or was he making a wider point?

The prophet Isaiah is clear, "Foreigners who attach themselves to the Lord to serve him" will be brought to God's holy mountain which is "a house of prayer for all the peoples". Exclusivity does not feature in God's kingdom. All that is needed is faith and an open heart.

St Paul is "proud" of his role as apostle to the pagans. He highlights a link between man's disobedience and God's mercy, and God's mercy is for "all mankind".

Hence Jesus' healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter; because of her mother's faith she is not beyond the reach of God's mercy.

It is a prompt to consider our own attitude to foreigners and our role as ministers of God's mercy to all mankind.