

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.

To contact chaplain see front of newsletter.

Mass: Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients & staff.

Father in heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek him in glory.

May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever. Amen

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Confession:
Saturday 11.30 - 12.30,
18.15 - 18.40

Baptism
by appointment.

Marriage
6 months notice required

Anniversaries: Geo George,
Catherine Newton, Teresa
Lettieri, Jolande Rynkowska

Mass Times & Intentions: 17th - 24th May

Monday	08.30	Anne Smyth Int.
	12.00	Valerie Allen RIP
Tuesday	08.30	For those doing examinations
	12.00	Margaret McEntee RIP
Wednesday	08.30	O'Connor Special Int.
	12.00	Johanna Johnson Special Int. Eddie Jacques RIP
Thursday	08.30	Canon Arthur Jackman Anniv. Judith Bogie Int.
	12.00	Norah Doherty Int.
Friday	08.30	Giovannina Castagneti RIP
	12.00	David Weeks RIP/Victoria Robinson RIP
Saturday	11.00	The Gough family deceased
	19.00	Pat Kelly RIP / Jolande Rynkowska Anniv
Pentecost Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-14, Jn 20:19-33	08.00	Danny Houlihan RIP George Wallace John RIP
	09.30	For the Parishioners
	11.00	Maureen Courtney RIP
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Special Intention

St Alban Pilgrimage 2015: Saturday 20th June. Procession starts at 11.00am from St Peter's Church. Services at St Albans Cathedral. To find out more go to www.stalbanscathedral.org.

A Special kind of retreat: A Foyer de Charite Retreat will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood from Sunday 12th July (6pm) - Saturday 18th July (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Bartrop with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Contact No: 07879 953953. keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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.

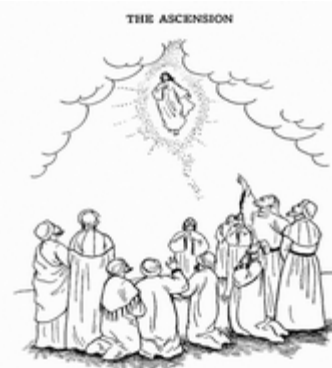
Clergy: Canon Paul McAleenan, Fr Ivano Millico and Deacon Neville Dyckhoff
Parish Secretary: Deirdre Edwards
Holy Rood House, Exchange Road, Watford. WD18 0PJ. (01923) 224085
Email: watford@rcdow.org.uk; paulmcaleenan@rcdow.org.uk
webpage: www.holyroodrc.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402
Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Eve Edohen 0207 798 9356
safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

West Herts Hospitals RC Chaplain: Colette Lennon 01923 217994

Sunday 17th May 2015 Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20.
prayers on pages 272 - 273 (readings 269 - 271) of the Parish Mass Book



*He was lifted up while they looked on,
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. Jesus who died and rose from the dead at Easter has been an illusive figure for the disciples over the last few weeks; himself and yet somehow changed, but now it is time for him to leave.

As he prepares to ascend, Jesus' message to the disciples is urgent and clear, "Go out the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation" and in the reading from Acts he reminds them that the Holy Spirit will come and it is the Holy Spirit which gives them the power to preach the Good News to all.

We can view the story of the Ascension as an event in history, taking place in Galilee nearly two thousand years ago, or we can enter into the wonder of its meaning for Christians of all times.

Next week we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and a renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. In this intervening week we might make St Paul's prayer our own, that "he enlightens the eyes" of our minds so that we can see "what hope his call holds" for us.