

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 17th 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>A. Casey</u> , R. Defriez, M. Defriez, N. Dyckhoff, A. Russell	Cullen family
Sun 18th 8.00	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team A	<u>J. Bogie</u> , J. Morse, G. Hinton, D. Cooper, M. Joseph	Coleman family
09.30	T. Sheridan	J. O'Beirne	<u>A. Mulligan</u> , J. Delaney, K. Sheridan, R. Zacharia, N. Dyckhoff	Di Maria family
11.00	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	Team A	<u>J. Morgan</u> , I. Douglas, <u>N. Ford</u> , K. Aldous, <u>J. Ford</u> , R. D'Souza, E. Madrazo	Dempsey family
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>N. Garibaldi</u> , A. Fusi, W. Dopson, N. Dyckhoff, A. Hooper	Murray family

Cleaning: Team C. 20th January. Team D. 24th January.
Sunday Coffee Tony & Cathy Next week: Tess & Co
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: January 24th. Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 19th - 25th January

Monday	12.00	Andrew Smith RIP
Tuesday	12.00	Josie & Hugh Dean Int.
Wednesday	12.00	Maureen Walsh RIP Padriac Henley RIP
Thursday	12.00	Paul Andrew Anniv.
Friday	12.00	Bridget Doherty RIP
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Ned McLoughlin Anniv. For the Parishioners
3rd Week	08.00	Ouro-Gnao Family Ints.
Jonah 3:1-5,10, Ps 24, I Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20.	09.30	Alfredo Baggayan Anniv. James Wilkinson Anniv.
	11.00	For Christian Unity
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Tom & Una Nyland Int.

Anniversaries: John & Jean Callaghan, Paul Andrew, Eric Auckland, Ned McLoughlin

Recently Deceased: Padraic Henley, Ryan Warren, Margaret Calvin

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*

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Sunday 18th January 2015

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: I Samuel 3:3-10, 19, Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10, I Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42 on pages 127 - 129 of the Parish Mass Book



What better words of wisdom could we find to guide our progress through the new year than those suggested to Samuel by his teacher Eli: 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' But these are not merely words; if we are to speak them ourselves with any true meaning then they demand a prior disposition, an attitude of listening. If we are not truly listening then, however clearly the Lord expresses his will for us, we will not hear. If we do not recognise the voice of the Lord himself, we may mistake it for that for another human being as Samuel did, initially, with Eli.

What does it mean to say to the Lord in all sincerity, 'I am listening'? It means that we are prepared to give our time, it means that we are prepared to give our attention, it means that we are willing to act upon what we hear, if and when we hear it, and that may have an impact upon our own lives and upon those we come into contact with.

So it was with the first disciples; Andrew and another disciple had already been listening to John the Baptist but now he pointed them to Jesus, the Word of God, the lamb of God. He spoke to them and they listened and they stayed with him all day. They know, without doubt, that he was the Messiah. Andrew led his brother Simon to meet this great Rabbi and Jesus spoke, immediately, to Simon giving him the name 'Cephas', or 'rock', or 'Peter'. The lives of Peter and Andrew and the other disciple were changed irrevocably from that moment; they left all and follow him. What will we do?