

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 18th 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>A. Casey</u> , L. Webb, E. Cornish, M. Defriez, A. Russell	L. Joyce
Sun 19th 8.00	C. Mort M. Mulkerrins	Team D	<u>J. Bogie</u> , M. Joseph, J. Morse, N. Dyckhoff, D. Cooper	Nkemdirim family
09.30	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	A. Baptista	<u>A. Mulligan</u> , J. Delaney, C. Ramsey, R. Zacharia, J. Dempsey	O'Beirne family
11.00	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	Team D	<u>J. Morgan</u> , I. Douglas, <u>N. Ford</u> , K. Aldous, <u>J. Ford</u> , R. D'Souza, N. Dyckhoff	Dempsey family
18.30	I. Barrett		<u>N. Garibaldi</u> , A. Fusi, W. Dopson, M. Cooper, A. Hooper	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team F. 25th October.

Sunday Coffee John & Joyce Next week: *Tony & Cathy*

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. October 25th Carmel & Grace



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 20th - 26th October

Monday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Alice Daly RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Alec Wojaczek Anniv.
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Maureen Bolger Anniv.
Friday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Eddie Jacques Anniv.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Johnnie Coelho 1st Anniv. For the parishioners
30th Sunday	08.00 09.30	Thanksgiving for Ouro-Gnao family Cathy Newton RIP
Ex 22:20-26, Ps 17, 1 Thess 1:5-10, Mt 22:34-40	11.00 14.15 18.30	Jose Baggayan Anniv. Arthur Isaacs Jnr. Anniv. African/ African Caribbean Int. <i>Polish Mass</i> Albert Koomson RIP

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: Annie Kelly Eddie Jacques, Michael Sullivan, Maureen Bolger, Tom Murphy, Arthur Isaacs Jnr, Francis Maguire, Johnnie Coelho, Jack Wright, Fr Richard Berry, Alec Wojaczek

Recently Deceased: Fernanda Krupa

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

Sunday 19th October 2014

29th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Psalm 95, 1, 3-5, 7-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21
on pages 143 - 146 of the **Parish Mass Book**



“I am the Lord your God, unrivalled;
there is no other God beside me”
Isaiah 45:5

The subject of paying taxes is never popular and always up for debate. It was no different in Jesus' time. In the Gospel we hear of the Pharisees using this secular discussion to try to “trap Jesus”. But Jesus was not prepared to join in. Instead, recognising their trap, he simply showed them their coin with the famous words “give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God”.

This instruction, which rings as true for us today as it did to the Pharisees, brings into focus the place of Christians ‘in the world but not of the world’ (cf John 17:16 and highlighted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council). As people in the world we must play our full part, pay our taxes, make our contribution. As people of God, we must give back to him what is his by right, in praise and thanksgiving and service to others.

Like the unwelcome subject of taxes, sometimes it is easy to forget the debt of gratitude we owe to God, for our life, our freedom, our existence.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us of the nature of God; “unrivalled; there is no other God besides me”. Let us give him primacy of place, accepting our position in the world and all that it entails, but giving back to God what is his by right.

“To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me”