

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 28th 19.00</b>	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>C. Stamp</u> , D. Kumar, A. Russell, B. Thomas, C. Allard	Cullen family
<b>Sun 1st 8.00</b>	C. Mort M. Mulherrins	Team C	<u>M. Joseph</u> , D. Cooper, S. Gornall, N. Dyckhoff, M. Gornall	McGovern family
<b>09.30</b>	D. St Rose L. Mayuga	N. Attwood	<u>D. Cunningham</u> , K. Sheridan, J. Jais, C. Ramsey, S. Bailey	Di Maria family
<b>11.00</b>	M. Hitchens A. Johnson	Team C	<u>R. D'Souza</u> , N. Dyckhoff, <u>N. Ford</u> , D. Murphy, <u>J. Smith</u> , I. Douglas, E. Madrazo	Dempsey family
<b>18.30</b>	I. Barrett		<u>M. Cooper</u> , A. Hooper, G. Lim, W. Dopson, N. Garibaldi	Murray family

**Cleaning:** Team C. 3rd March. Team D. 7th March.  
**Sunday Coffee** Sophie & Ruth *Next week: Olivia & Dee*  
**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: March 7th - Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 2nd - 8th March

Monday	08.30	Margaret O'Brien RIP/Nora Jackson RIP
	12.00	Nan Harte RIP/Ofelia Giraldo Anniv
Tuesday	08.30	John Francis Bentley Anniv.
	12.00	Mary Joyce (Get well)
Wednesday	08.30	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	12.00	Alan Walsh Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	Danny Keeney RIP
	12.00	Veronica Finnegan Int.
Friday	08.30	Ellen Gallagher RIP
	12.00	Mary Doyle RIP/Mary Coelho RIP
Saturday	11.00	Johnny Galvin RIP
	19.00	Maeve Demsey RIP
<b>Lent 3</b>	08.00	For the Parishioners
Ex 20:1-17, Ps 18, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25	09.30	Elizabeth Moore RIP Christine & Alan Hipkiss Anniv.
	11.00	Suwahner /Anastasia Roch RIP
	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	For the Sick

**Anniversaries:** Alan Walsh, Rosa Cesarano, Christine Hipkiss, Simplicio Rego, John Francis Bentley, Louise Kaveh, Piety Carvalho, Edward Briody and Ofelia Giraldo

**Recently Deceased:** Nora Jackson

**Confession:** Saturday 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40  
**Baptism** by appointment.  
**Marriage** - 6 months notice Required  
**Safeguarding: Protecting Children and the Vulnerable**  
 Your parish safeguarding representative is Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402.  
**For advice and concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:** Fr Jeremy Trood - Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding  
 Eve Edohen - Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0207 798 9356  
[safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)  
 If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm please contact the police on 999.

**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**

## 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 1st March 2015

### Second Sunday of Lent

**Readings:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-19, Psalm 115:10, 15-19, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10 on pages 151 - 153 of the Parish Mass Book



“This is my Son, The Beloved. Listen to him.” *Mark 9:7*

Who are the voices that we really listen to in our world? The Gospel directs us to listen Jesus, the Son of God; his Beloved. During the transfiguration itself Jesus remains silent but his first words to the disciples afterward are to warn them not to tell anyone what they have seen, “until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead”. The voice of Jesus is one of humility and prudence.

In the first reading Abraham listens faithfully to the voice of God. Hard as it is to imagine, he is willing to put his own first born son to death if that is what God asks. God sees his obedience and relents; he points out a ram which is to be offered as sacrifice instead.

The sacrifice of an only son, the substitution of a sacrificial ram, prefigures that sacrifice that God himself must make in giving his only Son to redeem the world.

St Paul is convinced that, in the light of this extraordinary sacrifice, “God will not refuse anything that he can give”. God is on our side; “who can be against us?”

With such a gift, such love, such a promise, how can we fail to listen to him? Yet, it is easy to get distracted by worries, by the many sounds and noises of our world, by self-absorption and by suffering.

Lent is a time to turn down the volume to make space and time to listen for God’s still small voice.