Fr Paul, Fr Kim, Deacon Neville &

all the team at Holy Rood wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas!



Mass Times & Intentions: 21st - 27th Dec

Monday	08.30 12.00	Deceased Smyth & Lyons family Amos & Gil Almond RIP Bridget Agnew Funeral
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	Ann Harte INT / Philip Carey RIP Donato & Dominic De Luca Anniv / Bernie Rellis INT
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	,
Thursday	08.30 18.00 20.00 22.00	
Friday	08.00 09.30 11.00 12.30 14.15	Bereaved of 2015 For World Peace
Saturday	11.00 14.15 19.00	,
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph I Sam I:20- 22, 24-28, Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9- 10, I John 3:I-2, 2I-24, Luke 2:4I-52	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	Deceased members of the Hardwidge, Howe and Southam families RIP Mary Rose Anniv / Anne Clancy INT Winifred Goddard Anniv / Paul Lenas Anniv Polish Mass For the parishioners

Anniversaries: John Edwards, Donato & Dominic De Luca, Andoga Sousa, Mary Skinner, John Keating, Jim Harvey

Recently deceased: Yeboah Kofi Andrews



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In case you are admitted to hospital, please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and you would like the Roman Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Alternatively you can contact the West Herts Hospital RC Chaplain whose details are on the front page.

On every Thursday at 1.15pm, there is a Mass in the Watford General Hospital chapel (3rd floor). Everyone is welcome to join us, to pray for the sick and the staff who care for them.

Confession: Saturday 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

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.

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Sunday 20th Dec 2015
4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)
Readings: Micah 5:1-4, Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, Hebrews 10:5-10,
Luke 1:39-45 on pages 90 - 94 of the Parish Mass Book

On this last Sunday of Advent, five days before Christmas, the second reading reminds us what Christ said about His coming into the world. "You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me." This message that God was not pleased with these sacrifices for sin was mentioned two more times in this short passage. They are merely external acts. lesus, instead professed his total commitment to God's will. "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will." (Hebrews 10:7). He said this again in verse 9. We see from Christ's life His willingness to do the will of God. First, He actually took on a human body. It was made possible by

Mary accepting to be the mother of the Son of God.

Luke's gospel told us what Mary did after the annunciation. She went in a hurry to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. Both women had something in common – their faith in God.

Over this festive period, let us ponder: what is the will of God for me?

