

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 20th 19.00</b>	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>C. Allard</u> , J. Rego, L. Webb, E. Cornish,	Cullen family
<b>Sun 21st 8.00</b>	M. Mulherrins C. Mort	Team A	<u>S. Gornall</u> , M. Gornall, G. Hinton, A. Hinton, J. Bogie	Hinton family
<b>09.30</b>	T. Sheridan	N. Attwood	<u>B. Brown</u> , A. Mulligan, M. Halpin, K. Sheridan, D. Jose	O'Beirne family
<b>11.00</b>	D. Callaghan C. Slevin	Team A	<u>N. Ford</u> , I. Douglas, <u>M. Ellwood</u> , K. Aldous, <u>J. Smith</u> , E. Madrazo, R. D'Souza	C. Maguire & family
<b>18.30</b>	I. Barrett		<u>N. Garibaldi</u> , A. Fusi, W. Dopson, G. Lim, M. Cooper	Murray family

**Cleaning:** Team E. 27th December.

**Sunday Coffee** Francis Next week: Joyce & John

**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: December 27th. Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 22nd - 29th December

Monday	08.30am 12.00 noon	Tommy McCormack RIP Larry Doyle RIP / John Power RIP
Tuesday	08.30am 12.00 noon	Maureen Sheehan RIP Hannah Morris Int.
Christmas Eve	08.30am 18.00pm 11.00pm	Andy Smith RIP For the Sick For the Parish
Christmas Day	08.00am 09.30am 11.00am	Private Intention Bereaved of 2014 For world peace
Boxing Day	12.00noon	Foundation Mass
Saturday	11.00am 19.00pm	Ettore Federico RIP & Ronald Godiniho RIP Bill Devlin Anniv. & Mary Devlin RIP
<b>Holy Family</b> Ecc 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 127, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40	08.00am 09.30am 11.00am 14.15pm 18.30pm	For the Parishioners Mary Rose Anniv. / Martin Brosnan RIP Winifred Goddard Anniv. Paul Lenas Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i> John Conroy RIP / Winnie & Dominic Nugent Int.

**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

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Our parish representative:

Mrs Cathy Kleiser 01923

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**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:** John Edwards, Bill Devlin, Mary Skinner, John Doney Keating, Ronald Godinikio, Margaret Jones

## 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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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

### Sunday 21st December 2014

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings from: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, Psalm 88, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38



*"I am the handmaid of the Lord . . . Let what you have said be done to me". Luke 1:38*

There is a saying: 'God does not ask too much of us, rather he just asks for everything'. God asked the unbelievable of Our Lady. He invited her to give birth to a son, which was difficult enough in itself because she was not yet married, but this son would not only be hers but "Son of the Most High"; God himself. Mary responded without hesitation, "I am the handmaid of the Lord".

At Christmas time we celebrate the gift that God has given to us; the gift of his only Son. We may think less about what he asks of us in return.

Would we have the grace to respond so swiftly and so generously as Mary? Perhaps we are preoccupied with our own ideas about what we can do for God, like King David when he thought to build a temple, but if we listen, God will give us grace to hear what he asks of us, and even more, he will give us the grace to respond. There is another saying: 'God will never ask you do to something and not give you the power to do it'.

Wishing you the joy and peace and blessings of this holy season.

