

Mass	Readers	Welcome	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 21st 19.00</b>	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , A. Casey, W. Casey, A. Russell, E. Cornish	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 22nd 8.00</b>	B. McGovern P. Vidler	Team B	<u>R. Nkemdirim</u> , J. Morse, M. Mulkerrins, E. Timmons, J. Bogie	Nkemdirim family
<b>09.30</b>	S. Varghese M. Clarke Gonsalves	J. O'Beirne	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , R. Zacharia, M. Halpin, J. Dempsey, N. Wilson-Whitman	O'Beirne family
<b>11.00</b>	M. Thurlow S. Matthews	Team B	<u>K. Aldous</u> , J. Morgan, <u>M. Ellwood</u> , N. Ford, <u>D. Murphy</u> , C. Williams, R. D'Souza	Elliott family
<b>18.30</b>	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , G. Lim, N. Garibaldi, A. Hooper, I. Barrett	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team B. 24th February.

**Sunday Coffee** Alice & Co Next week: *Sophie & Ruth*

**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: **Feb 28th - No Coffee Shop**



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 23rd Feb - 1st March

Monday	08.30	Jolanta Rynkowska RIP
	12.00	Peggy & Jimmy Shannon RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Margaret Calvin RIP
	12.00	Michael Vido Torrano Anniv. Carol Roache RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Joan Lyons Anniv.
	12.00	Keith Wright - Funeral Mass
Thursday	08.30	Betty Phelan RIP
	12.00	Jack Hughes RIP/ Charles Rice RIP
Friday	08.30	Thomas & Rosie Curran Int.
	12.00	Alex & Enats RIP
Saturday	11.00	Rosa Cesarano RIP
	19.00	For the Parishioners
<b>Lent 2</b>	08.00	Renee Ridley RIP
Gen 22:1-18, Ps 115, Rom 8:31-34, Mk 9:2-10.	09.30	Michael & Teresa Daly RIP
	11.00	Louise Kaveh Anniv. Piety Carvalho Anniv.
	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	Edward Briody Anniv.

**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**

**Anniversaries:** **Ned McLoughlin**, Pauline Child, Michael Vido Torrano, Bill Gallagher, Bernard Kelly, Simplicio Rego, Gabrielle Donnelly, Joan Lyons, Rosa Cesarano  
**Recently Deceased:** Carol Roache, Keith Wright

## 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 22nd February 2015**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Readings:** Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm 24:4-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15 on pages 148 - 150 of the Parish Mass Book



*Forty days in the desert*

On Wednesday the season of Lent for 2015 begun. Lent is identified with 'giving up' something that we enjoy or with 'taking on' something extra - some good work. The Church teaches us that it is a special season for fasting and almsgiving and prayer. Like Jesus, we remove ourselves in some way from the normal round of daily life to be in a desert place where we can look honestly at ourselves and renew our relationship with God.

First and foremost Lent is a journey toward Easter. It is the preparation for Easter that gives purpose to whatever we choose to do or not to do during Lent.

As we begin Lent, our readings speak of water, of Noah and the flood, and of God's covenant with the human race represented by a rainbow. St Peter describes the water as "a type of baptism which save you now". Water is central to baptism and baptism is central to our Easter liturgy. It is by baptism that we enter into that covenant made between God and man revealed in the rainbow and brought to fulfilment "through the resurrection of Jesus Christ".

But first: the desert. The desert is notably short of water. Jesus was thirsty. In Lent we may come to know our own thirst too - not for water from the tap but for that 'living water' which Jesus offers, quenching our need for his love. It is in the desert place that we encounter our need. Where will we find our desert place this Lent?