

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 21st 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>R. Defriez</u> , M. Defriez, B. Thomas, D. Kumar, A. Russell	L. Joyce
Sun 22nd 8.00	M. Mul Kerrins C. Mort	Team B	<u>S. Gornall</u> , M. Gornall, G. Hinton, A. Hinton, N. Dyckhoff	Hinton family
09.30	M. Clarke-Gonsalves, S. Varghese	M. Griffin	<u>J. Delaney</u> , S. Bailey, B. Brown, D. Cunningham, J. Jais, J. Dempsey	Di Maria family
11.00	S. Matthews M. Thurlow	Team B	<u>K. Aldous</u> , R. D'Souza, <u>D. Murphy</u> , N. Dyckhoff, <u>N. Ford</u> , J. Morgan, C. Williams	Elliott family
18.30	I. Barrett		<u>N. Garibaldi</u> , A. Fusi, W. Dopson, G. Lim, M. Cooper	Garibaldi family

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Cleaning: Team A. 4th April
Sunday Coffee Joyce & John Next week: *Tony & Cathy*
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: March 28th - Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 23rd - 29th March

Monday	08.30	Mike Gibson RIP 12.00 Bridgette O'Hara RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Ralph Kent RIP 12.00 Raj Lincoln Anniv. John Hanley Anniv.
Wednesday	08.30	Agnes Nolan Int. 12.00 Funeral Mass for Ralph Kent
Thursday	08.30	Jonathan-Sick / Catherine Obinwa Int. 12.00 Funeral Mass for Peter Sturman
Friday	08.30	Bill Doherty Anniv/ Ralph Kent RIP Scaria Joseph RIP 12.00 Funeral Mass for Anita Rahman
Saturday	11.00	Vic Rambunga Jnr. Sp. Int. 19.00 Carol Roache RIP
Palm Sunday Is 50:4-7, Ps 21, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15:47	08.00	Richard O'Connell Anniv. 09.30 Mary Coelho RIP 11.00 Charlotte Lenas/ Peg Flaherty Anniv. Kampta Guya Persaud Anniv. 14.15 <i>Polish Mass</i> 18.30 For the Parishioners

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
 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: Bill Doherty, Gerry Raj Lincoln, John Hanley

Recently Deceased: Mike Gibson, Ralph Kent, Peter Sturman, Anita Rahman, Barbara Rooney.

Sunday 22nd March 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 50:3-4, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-30
on pages 169 - 172 of the Parish Mass Book



'And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'
John 12: 32

As we draw close to the end of Lent, the drama of Holy Week and the glory of Easter, Jesus reminds us of the paradoxical nature of our faith. Like the grain of wheat, we have to willing to "die" in order to "yield a rich harvest". Jesus himself was willing to die in order to glorify the name of the Father. Jesus was willing to die in order to redeem the world, to "draw all men" to himself.

The cost of our redemption was Jesus' suffering and his hard-learned obedience; we hear in the letter to the Hebrews, that his obedience became "the source of eternal salvation" for "all who obey him".

We are fortunate to know our place as children of God. The reading from Jeremiah assures us that God forgives iniquity and does not call "sin to mind". He is our God and we are his people.

What of our obedience; our response to our loving God? We may not presume, as James and John did, that we can drink from the same cup of suffering as Jesus but, like them if we are to truly follow Him, we must take up our cross daily - whatever shape that may be - and, like Him, conform our lives to the will of the Father. Easter provides the hope that encourages us to carry on. In Christ Jesus, our salvation is secure. Let us use these remaining days of Lent to hone our obedience, to travel closely with Him on the way of the cross.