

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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In the first reading, Joshua, the successor of Moses, gathered all the tribes of Israel. He then asked them this question, "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve ..." The Israelites were free to choose, whereas Joshua had already made up his mind that he and his household would serve the Lord. The people gathered round Joshua had either experienced or heard from their elders the hardship in Egypt. They also witnessed the wonders of the Lord throughout their journey to the Promised Land. There were other gods, but the Israelites pledged to serve the Lord who had preserved them all along.

In the New Testament, the disciples were able to accompany Jesus in His public ministry and to listen to His preaching. Although Peter believed that Jesus had the message of eternal life, his faith was tested during Jesus' Passion.

Mass Times & Intentions: 24th - 30th Aug

Monday	12.00	Marcellino Rapa Funeral
Tuesday	12.00	Michael Mullins INT Jim Gavaghan RIP
Wednesday	12.00	Rex Kadramer Funeral
Thursday	12.00	Seamus Cummins RIP Mary Naughton RIP
Friday	12.00	Sue Shrimpton Anniv
Saturday	11.00	Daphne Soertsz RIP
	19.00	Mathias Menezes Anniv
22nd Sunday	08.00	For the Parishioners
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8, Ps 14: 2-5, Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	09.30	Annie Catherine Parslow Anniv/ Asanthi De Silva
	11.00	Alf Doyle Anniv /Margaret Roche RIP
	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	Gina Dyer INT

Anniversaries: Alf Doyle, Don O'Sullivan, Dorothy Howe, Kyran McFadden, Kathleen Mackell, Sue Shrimpton, Mathias Menezes, Joseph Guya Persaud, Victor Persaud



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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

Sunday 23rd Aug 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69 on pages 123 - 126 of the Parish Mass Book

A few weeks ago, we saw Jesus feed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. As a result, many people began to follow Him for worldly reasons. At great length, Jesus tried to explain to them that He is the living bread which has come down from heaven. However, the message was alien to the Jews and they started arguing with one another.

In this week's gospel, John told us how Jesus' own followers reacted to the same message. Many disciples could not tolerate what He said, and they complained about it. Despite Jesus's reassurance that His words are spirit and they are life, many

disciples decided not to follow Him. Jesus then turned to the Twelve and asked whether they want to leave as well. The outspoken Simon Peter answered with a question, 'Lord, who shall we go to?'

