

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 22nd 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>B. Thomas</u> , D. Kumar, A. Russell, N. Dyckhoff, C. Allard	Cullen family
Sun 23rd 8.00	B. McGovern P. Vidler	Team A	<u>R. Nkemdirim</u> , J. Morse, M. Mulkerrins, E. Timmons, J. Bogie	Nkemdirim family
09.30	T. Sheridan	A. Baptista	<u>D. Cunningham</u> , K. Sheridan, J. Jais, N. Dyckhoff, C. Ramsey	M. Griffin M. Maguire
11.00	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	Team A	<u>R. D'Souza</u> , J. Ford, <u>N. Ford</u> , D. Murphy, <u>J. Smith</u> , I. Douglas, E. Madrazo	Marion & Gwen
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , G. Lim, N. Garibaldi, A. Hooper, I. Barrett	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A. 6th December.

Sunday Coffee Sue & Tony Next week: Alice & Co.

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: November 29th - Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 24th - 30th November

Monday	08.30	Ita Doyle RIP
	12.00	Deceased of Savaglio & Perri Families/ Mario Savaglio Anniv/ Holy Souls
Tuesday	08.30	Holy Souls / Ray Angles 3rd Anniv.
	12.00	Oliver Gorman sick
Wednesday	08.30	Patrick Phelan RIP
	12.00	Holy Souls / Raj Lincoln RIP
Thursday	08.30	Holy Souls
	12.00	Martin Brosnan RIP Servando Bautista RIP
Friday	08.30	Jonathan & James Aquino RIP /Holy Souls
	12.00	Holy Souls / Ronald Ryder RIP
Saturday	11.00	Justine & Barbara Ngana Wedding Day Fr Christopher Hamilton-Grey Anniv.
	19.00	Mary, Jerry & James Wilkinson RIP Holy Souls
Advent I Is 63: 16-64:8, Ps 79, Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37	08.00	Holy Souls / Frances Douglas Int.
	09.30	For the Parishioners
	11.00	In thanksgiving / Michael & Ellen Sheehan RIP / Margaret Lehane RIP
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Rose McCarthy Anniv.

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
07889 805284/ 07814 879129
Our parish representative:
Mrs Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402.

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: Eddie Southam, Maureen Noonan, Wolsey Colley, Christopher Daniel, Peggy Auckland, Malita Carvalho, Ray Angles, Fr Christopher Hamilton-Grey

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 23rd November 2014

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings from: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17, Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6, I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46 on pages 158 – 160 of the Parish Mass Book



"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

At the end of the Church's year our minds turn to the end of the world, the day of judgement.

Jesus, our King, is depicted as shepherd who separates sheep from goats. The distinction is that those on his right hand, the sheep, have followed his example, have served Christ himself in the hungry, the

thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the prisoner. As both virtuous and humble they do not recognise their own generosity. The goats, on the other hand, have not served Christ or their neighbour. They do not see their failure to serve Christ, but it is too late, they are exiled to "eternal punishment".

Jesus, our King, is the Good Shepherd. According to Ezekiel he keeps us "in view", he rescues us, pastures us, looks for the lost, brings back the stray, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. What can we do in return? Surely, at least, follow in his footsteps and stay close to him.

St Paul explains that in God's kingdom, Christ is "the first fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him".

Do we acknowledge that we belong to Christ? Are we sheep or are we goats? Perhaps a mix of the two? One day we will be call to account for both our actions and failure to act. What will we have to say to our Lord?