

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 23rd 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>B. Thomas</u> , D. Kumar, A. Russell, M. Carroll, C. Allard	L. Joyce
Sun 24th 8.00	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team D	<u>R. Nkemdirim</u> , J. Morse, M. Mulkerrins, E Timons, J. Bogie	McGuigan family
09.30	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	M. Griffin	<u>D. Cunningham</u> , K. Sheridan, J. Jais, D. Jose, B. Brown	Di Maria family
11.00	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	Team D	<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	K. Ambrose		<u>N. Garibaldi</u> , G. Lim, A. Fusi, I. Barrett, W. Dopson	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team B. 26th August.
Sunday Coffee Tess & Co. *Next week: Mick.*
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. August 30th Teresa & Craig



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

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Sunday 24th August 2014

21st Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20 on pages 120 – 122 of the Parish Mass Book



Peter spoke out with the voice of faith, “You are the Christ . . . the Son of the living God”. Jesus responded by pronouncing Peter as the rock on which his Church is founded. Jesus gives him “the keys of the kingdom”, the power to bind and loose sin.

Peter may not have been the most likely candidate; a fisherman, rather impulsive, sometimes wrong, but Peter was chosen by God for this purpose and Jesus recognised that in his answer.

“You are the Christ
. . . . the Son of the living God”.

St Paul reminds us that God’s motives and methods are beyond our understanding, his “wisdom and knowledge” is deep and rich. He is the creator of everything. There is nothing we can add.

Jesus asks the disciples this question: “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” It is a question as pertinent today as it was then. There are many in our society who genuinely don’t know, there are some who don’t care. Others have images and impressions, understandings and expectations. It is not for us to judge. “But you” asks Jesus, “who do you say I am?” It demands an answer that is not formed by reason, rather it is informed by faith

The question of Jesus, “Who do you say I am?” is one to be pondered with a heart and mind of faith. The answer will be different for each of us, given to us by God.

Our answer will shape our purpose and mission in this life and prepare the way for our place in the next.

Mass Times & Intentions: 25th - 31st August

Bank Holiday Monday	8.30	No Mass	
	12.00	Rose Critcher RIP	
Tuesday	08.30	No Mass	
	12.00	Patrick Neary RIP / Frances Mitchell RIP	
Wednesday	08.30	No Mass	
	12.00	John Farrell RIP	
Thursday	08.30	No Mass	
	12.00	Sue Shrimpton Anniv.	
Friday	08.30	No Mass	
	12.00	Michael Cahalane	
Saturday	11.00	To the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	19.00	Francis Douglas Int.	
22nd Sunday	08.00	For the Parishioners	
Jer 20:7-9, Ps 62, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27	09.30	Annie Catherine Parslow Anniv. Victoria Baggayan Anniv.	
	11.00	Alf Doyle Anniv.	
	14.15	Polish Mass	
	18.30	Mathias Menezes Anniv Elizabeth Jacques 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 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: Sue Shrimpton, Dorothy Howe, Joseph Guya-Persaud, Vincent and Kathleen Mackell

Recently Deceased: Albert Koomson, Frances Mitchell