

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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This Sunday's gospel reading actually consists of two extracts from Luke. It starts with the first four verses of Chapter One, which serve as an introduction. In one long sentence Luke explained to Theophilus why he wrote this gospel. The name Theophilus was mentioned again in Acts 1: 1. There are various suggestions as to who Theophilus was. The name "Theophilus" literally means "loved by God" and it also carries the idea of "friend of God." This has led some to believe that "Theophilus" is a generic title that applies to all Christians.

Mass Times & Intentions: 25th – 31st Jan

Monday	08.30	Gabriele Donnelly Anniv
	12.00	NO MASS
Tuesday	08.30	NO MASS
	12.00	Marie Flynn RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Stephen McGourty
	12.00	Maureen Roche INT
Thursday	08.30	Jolanta Rynkowska RIP
	12.00	George Griggs RIP
Friday	08.30	Claudine Landoni RIP
	12.00	Adrian Knight RIP / Ralph Kent RIP
Saturday	11.00	Joe Fitzgerald RIP
	19.00	Florence Ferdinands RIP
4th Sunday	08.00	Carmel O'Reilly RIP
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17, 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30	09.30	Alfredo Baggayan Anniv
	11.00	Eric & Peggy Auckland Anniv
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	For the parishioners

Anniversaries: Gabriele Donnelly, Raymund Gornall, Ned McLoughlin, James Wilkinson

Recently deceased: John Moroney, Claudine Landoni (Fr Ivano's mother)



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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

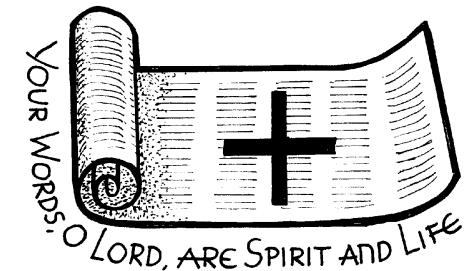
Sunday 24th Jan 2016

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10, Psalm 18:8-10, 15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 on pages 130 - 132 of the Parish Mass Book

In the first reading, Ezra the priest read the scriptures to an assembly of men, women and children "from early morning till noon". They were attentive and were really interested in listening to him. He stood on a raised platform for all to see, when he opened the Book of the Law, the people showed their reverence by standing up. Then he blessed the Lord, all the people raised their hands and answered "Amen! Amen!"

There is an intentional link between first reading and the second half of this Sunday's



YOUR WORDS, O LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE