

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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CARITAS - LOVE IN ACTION

“One of our treasures is Catholic social action . . . We have a word which beautifully describes this practical expression of Christian love: Caritas.”
 Cardinal Nichols

When Pope Francis speaks of “a poor church for the poor”, he is encouraging us all to get our hands dirty. He’s encouraging us not just to talk about living lives of faith, but to show that we are people of love, people of Christ.

“I fear these words too may give rise to commentary or discussion with no real practical effect. That being said, I trust in the openness and readiness of all Christians, and I ask you to seek, as a community, creative ways of accepting this renewed call.”
 Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 201

Mass Times & Intentions: 25th - 31st May

Monday	12.00	Phyllis Butler Anniv. / Julia Fernald RIP
Tuesday	12.00	Maura Deane RIP
Wednesday	12.00	Abraham family - Thanksgiving
Thursday	12.00	Michael Cantin Int// Edward Canavan Int
Friday	12.00	Geraldine Guyane RIP
Saturday	11.00	Barbara de Kauwe Int. /Valerie Sela RIP
	19.00	Andrew Daly Anniv
The Most Holy Trinity	08.00	Pat Kelly RIP
Deut 4:32-34,	09.30	Fay Herft Sick
39-40, Ps 32,	11.00	For the Parishioners
Eph 8:14-17,	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Mat 28:16-20	18.30	Mary McCue RIP

Anniversaries: Phyllis Butler, Ina Southam, Andrew Daly

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.

To contact chaplain see front of newsletter.

Mass: Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients & staff.

Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Confession:
 Saturday 11.30 - 12.30,
 18.15 - 18.40

Baptism
 by appointment.

Marriage
 6 months notice required

St Alban Pilgrimage 2015: Saturday 20th June. Procession starts at 11.00am from St Peter’s Church. Services at St Albans Cathedral. To find out more go to www.stalbanscathedral.org.

Bethany Group: If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. For more details, please call Liz on 01923 243658.

Sunday 24th May 2015 Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23.
on pages 286 - 290 of the Parish Mass Book



Caritas Love in Action Parish Plan

Holy Rood Parish has been asked by CARITAS WESTMINSTER to pilot a new programme named ‘Love in Action’. It is hoped that the programme will be eventually used in other parishes of the Diocese. In ‘Love in Action’ we are asked to explain Catholic Social Teaching, implement Catholic Social Action by reaching out to all those with any kind of need - and to celebrate what we are already doing.

Catholic Social Action Network give some examples of what ‘Love in Action’ looks like in practice.

Going to see someone who can no longer get out of his/her home easily. Helping another fill in an application form; English isn’t his/her first language. Assisting another to cook a simple meal. *And undertaking it all for the love of Jesus.*

It’s love in action, or the Latin word *Caritas*. It’s living out our faith. It’s charity, justice, love.

How can we be a *Caritas* people, who see the need around us, inspired by our faith reflect on what we can do about it and then take positive action as a result?

Over the coming weeks we are going to explore the guiding principles of Catholic social teaching - ways in which we can look at the reality of life in our community and global community, and reflect upon how we can put love into action, and be a *Caritas* people.

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