

# 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
<b>Sat 24th 19.00</b>	C. Wildey M. Dahl		<u>W. Casey</u> , J. Rego, B. Thomas, D. Kumar, C. Stamp	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 25th 8.00</b>	B. McGovern P. Vidler	Team B	<u>M. Mulkerrins</u> , R. Nkemdirim, A. Hinton, N. Dyckhoff, G. Hinton	Hinton family
<b>09.30</b>	S. Varghese M. Clarke-Gonsalves	N. Attwood	<u>M. Halpin</u> , B. Brown, J. Jais, S. Bailey, J. Dempsey	M. Maguire M. Griffin
<b>11.00</b>	M. Thurlow S. Matthews	Team B	<u>D. Murphy</u> , J. Ford, <u>E. Madrazo</u> , M. Ell- wood, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Morgan, C. Williams	Perez-Mateo family
<b>18.30</b>	I. Barrett		<u>G. Lim</u> , M. Cooper, A. Fusi, N. Garibaldi, W. Dopson	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team E. 31st January.  
**Sunday Coffee** Tess & Co. Next week: Mick  
**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: January 31st. Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

## Mass Times & Intentions: 26th Jan - 1st Feb

Monday	12.00	Maureen Sheehan RIP Mary Sieyes Anniv.
Tuesday	12.00	<b>Lena McGee Funeral</b>
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	Molly Doyle RIP Howard Lee RIP
Thursday	08.30 12.00	Jim Magee RIP Kitty Gaffney Int.
Friday	08.30 12.00	Davern family Benny Hollywood RIP
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Florence Ferdinand RIP Mairead & Robert Thomas Int.
<b>4th Sunday</b> Deut 18:15-20, Ps 94, 1 Cr 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	For the Parishioners Ned & Theresa Ryall RIP For religious life <i>Polish Mass</i> Maureen Sheehan RIP

**Anniversaries:** Alfredo Baggayan, James Wilkinson, Mary Sieyes

**Confession:** Saturday 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40  
**Baptism** by appointment.  
**Marriage** - 6 months notice Required

**Safeguarding: Protecting Children and the Vulnerable**  
Your parish safeguarding representative is Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402.  
**For advice and concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:** Fr Jeremy Trood - Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding Eve Edohen - Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0207 798 9356 [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)  
If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm please contact the police on 999.

**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

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**Sunday 25th January 2015**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 24:4-9, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20  
**on pages 129 - 131 of the Parish Mass Book**



“Follow me and I will make you into fisher of men” *Mark 1:17*

Perhaps it was no coincidence that Jesus chose fishermen for his first disciples. Fishermen are strong, fit and tenacious - we hear in other parts of the Gospels how they have to be able to weather storms, the long anti-social hours and the disappointment of no catch. They also need the fine attention to details which keeps their boats and their nets in good repair.

Jesus was not primarily interested in catching fish. He called these first disciples out from their comfort zone of normality to follow him in a different way of life, but their qualities as fishermen would come in useful; what we might call ‘transferable skills’. There was no pause to consider; the disciples left nets and father and friends to go with Jesus.

Our faith is often described as a journey, a pilgrimage. Often it draws us out of our comfortable ways. Jonah’s journey took him to the vast city of Nineveh. He was not too keen to go, but in obedience to the Lord he went and preached and Nineveh was saved.

What is the Lord asking of us? St Paul suggests that time is short, that we need to prioritise.

When we follow the call of Jesus we do not set out on our own but with him both before and beside us.

