

# 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 25th 20:00</b>	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>J. Rego</u> , L. Webb, M. Gallagher, E. Cornish, M. Carroll	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 26th 8.00</b>	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	C	<u>A. Hinton</u> , M. Gornall, S. Gornall, N. Dyckhoff, E. Timmons	Coleman family
<b>09.30</b>	S. Varghese M. Clarke-Gonsalves	M. Griffin	<u>M. Halpin</u> , D. Jose, A. Mulligan, N. Wilson-Whitman, K. Sheridan	M. Maguire M. Griffin
<b>11.00</b>	M. Thurlow S. Matthews	C	<u>J. Ford</u> , E. Madrazo, <u>D. Murphy</u> , K. Aldous, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , C. Williams, M. Ellwood	D. Maguire & family
<b>18.30</b>	I. Barrett		<u>A. Fusi</u> , N. Garibaldi, M. Cooper, W. Dopson, G. Lim	Murray family

**Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford**  
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**Cleaning:** Team F. 2nd May  
**Sunday Coffee** Sue & Tony Next week: Alice & Co.  
**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: May 2nd: Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

## Mass Times & Intentions: 27th April - 3rd May

Monday	08.30	Edwin and Edna Cunningham RIP
	12.00	Felicity Peralta INT
Tuesday	08.30	Gordon Shoppee Anniv
	12.00	Juliet Basanayake Anniv/ Edel Doherty Anniv
Wednesday	08.30	Elizabeth Dyckhoff RIP
	12.00	Fay Herft Sick/ Rose - Birthday INT
Thursday	08.30	Noel and Celia Finn INT
	12.00	Florentina Baggayan Special Intention
Friday	08.30	Irene Valderrama RIP
	12.00	Ted Cunningham Anniv/ Juan Carlos Montes Anniv
Saturday	11.00	Joe Clements INT
	19.00	Wilfred Basanake Anniv Agata Krupova INT
<b>Easter 5</b> Acts 9:26-31, Ps 21, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8	08.00	Pat Kelly RIP/Carmel O'Reilly INT
	09.30	Carthy family deceased
	11.00	Simon Malczenko INT/ Nora O'Connor Anniv
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	For the Parishioners

**Anniversaries:** Ted Cunningham, Gordon Shoppee, Thomas Moriarty, Juliet Basanayake, Wilfred Basanayake, Juan Carlos Montes, Christopher and David Martindale.

**Recently Deceased:** John Caruso and Patrick Kelly

**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**

## Sunday 26th April 2015 Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18  
 on pages 261 - 263 of the Parish Mass Book

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus tells us himself: "I am the good shepherd", and he goes on to explain that "the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep".



Jesus, the shepherd, is not only leader and guide but also servant; he gives his life for the flock that he loves. Us! This act of total commitment distinguishes the good shepherd from the "hired man". The hired man is, perhaps, only willing to give a days work for a days pay while the good shepherd has "concern for the sheep" to the extent that he is willing to give his all. It is the difference between a job and a vocation.

After the Resurrection, Jesus handed the role of shepherding the Church to Peter, his disciple and our first Pope. In the first reading we hear Peter taking up this vocation which involved leadership, service and sacrifice.

Today, on 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations', we pray for all who strive to fulfil their calling to follow Jesus, especially for those who have chosen to lay down their lives for this greater mission. We pray for those who are seeking direction, that they may discern the shepherd's voice leading them on. We pray for the lost and the lonely that they may be found. The gift of the Good Shepherd is a demonstration of God's extraordinary love, the love that accepts us as his children. Let us listen for his call.