

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 25th 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>W. Casey</u> , J. Rego, B. Thomas, D. Kumar, C. Stamp	Cullen family
Sun 26th 8.00	J. Briginshaw J. Kerin	Team A	<u>A. Hinton</u> , N. Dyckhoff, R. Nkemdirim, M. Mulkerrins, G. Hinton	McGovern family
09.30	T. Sheridan D. St Rose	B. Brown	<u>M. Halpin</u> , B. Brown, K. Sheridan, S. Bailey, J. Jais	Di Maria family
11.00	M. Thurlow S. Matthews	Team A	<u>D. Murphy</u> , J. Ford, <u>E. Madrazo</u> , M. Ell- wood, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Morgan, C. Williams	Perez-Mateo family
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>G. Lim</u> , M. Cooper, A. Fusi, N. Garibaldi, I. Barrett	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A. 1st November.

Sunday Coffee Tony & Cathy Next week: Tess & Co.

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. November 1st Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 27th Oct - 2nd Nov

Monday	08.30	No Mass
	12.00	Frances Bailey RIP / John Power RIP
Tuesday	08.30	No Mass
	12.00	Sean Delaney Anniv./ Maureen Sheenan INT
Wednesday	08.30	No Mass
	12.00	Jimmy & Alan Walsh RIP Angelina Abarno RIP
Thursday	08.30	No Mass
	12.00	Jimmy Brennan RIP/Fay Herft INT
Friday	08.30	No Mass
	12.00	Antoniette Cronin RIP/ Carolyn Larter INT/Bridget Walsh
Saturday	11.00	Holy Souls / Alec Wojaczek RIP
	19.00	Michael Bajak & Cotugno family RIP
All Saints	08.00	For the Parishioners
Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 23, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12.	09.30	Patrick Burke, Casey family, & Eileen & James Kearns RIP
	11.00	Tom Murphy Anniv. Bridget Walsh
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Holy Souls

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: Sean Delaney, Jose Baggayan, Arthur Isaacs Junior.

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 26th October 2014

30th Sunday of the Year

Exodus 22:20-26, Psalm 17:2-4, 47,51, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40
on pages 146 – 149 of the Parish Mass Book



“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . you must love your neighbour as yourself” Matthew 22: 37-39

The Pharisees and Sadducees were for ever preoccupied with the Laws, with rules and regulations, with being right. It is no wonder that Jesus disconcerted them with his instinctive embodiment of truth and justice, of when and how to act, and when not to. But Jesus was clear, he had not come to abolish the Law but to complete it (*Mt 5:17*). Feeling disconcerted themselves, it is not surprising that they set out to disconcert him.

Jesus does not reply in riddles or parables but gives the Pharisees, and us, a clear commandment. It comes in two parts: Love God first, and second, love one another.

The two are inextricably linked; how would we begin to truly love our neighbour, who may be different or difficult, or unattractive, if we did not first love the God who made us all and gives us the grace to love one another? How can we say that we truly love God if we do not demonstrate our love for him in the way we treat our fellow human beings?

Love for our neighbour, is not only for those who live nearby. In the first reading the Lord states clearly to Moses, that it extends to the stranger, the widow and the orphan; those who society may hold in low regard.

Love is shown in action. St Paul describes how the Good News of God's love is spread by example, not by talking about it. Let us put our love of God into action this week by showing our love for someone else.