

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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On New Year's Day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Pope Francis in his homily on 1 January 2015 said,

“Mary is so closely united to Jesus because she received from him the knowledge of the heart, the knowledge of faith, nourished by her experience as a mother and by her close relationship with her Son. The Blessed Virgin is the woman of faith who made room for God in her heart and in her plans; she is the believer capable of perceiving in the gift of her Son the coming of that “fullness of time”(Gal 4:4) in which God, by choosing the humble path of human existence, entered personally into the history of salvation. That is why Jesus cannot be understood without his Mother.”



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Mass Times & Intentions: 28th Dec – 2nd Jan

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| Monday | 12.00 | Mr & Mrs Zacharia RIP |
| Tuesday | 12.00 | Jill Harris Funeral |
| Wednesday | 12.00 | Jerry & Peggy Ryan RIP / Bernie Rellis INT |
| Thursday | 12.00 | Catherine Ryan RIP |
| Friday | 12.00 | Yeboah Kofi Andrews RIP |
| Saturday | 11.00 | Bernie Rellis INT |
| | 19.00 | Chris Carrasquilla RIP |
| The Epiphany of the Lord | 08.00 | Margaret Brennan RIP |
| | 09.30 | Dennis Berenger RIP / Valenie Sela RIP |
| Isa 60:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Eph 3:2-3, 5-6, Matt 2:1-12 | 11.00 | For the parishioners |
| | 14.15 | <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| | 18.30 | Danny Grimes RIP |

Anniversaries: Mrs Zacharia, David Bailey, Paul Lenas, Mary Rose, Winifred Goddard

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

Confession: Saturday
 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

Sunday 27th Dec 2015

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 (Year C)**

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 on pages 105 - 108 of the Parish Mass Book



Prayer for Family Life

Dear Lord, with Mary and Joseph, you have lived within a family; Teach me always to appreciate the precious gift of being part of a family. Show me ever new ways to protect and comfort those closest to me, and Let me, each day, do something that will say "I love you" without

speaking the words.

But remind me also to frequently say those words.

Let me never part from any member of my family in anger.

Prompt me always to turn back without delay - to forgive, and be forgiven.

And let me see your image within each person

in my own family, and in my greater family,

Knowing that in your Kingdom, we will truly be one family,

United by your sacrifice on the cross. Amen.

(http://www.frtommylane.com/stories/family/family_prayer.htm)