

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 27th 19.00</b>	C. Wildey M. Dahl		<u>M. Gallagher</u> , W. Casey, M. Carroll, C. Stamp, A. Casey	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 28th 8.00</b>	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team B	<u>G. Hinton</u> , E. Timmons, D. Cooper, A. Hinton, R. Nkemdirim	McGovern family
<b>09.30</b>	S. Varghese	A. Baptista	<u>R. Zacharia</u> , B. Brown, C. Ramsey, J. Dempsey, N. Wilson-Whitman	Di Maria family
<b>11.00</b>	S. Matthews M. Thurlow	Team B	<u>E. Madrazo</u> , D. Murphy, <u>J. Ford</u> , J. Morgan, <u>C. Williams</u> , N. Ford, M. Ellwood	D. Maguire & family
<b>18.30</b>	K. Ambrose		<u>A. Hooper</u> , G. Lim, N. Garibaldi, M. Cooper, W. Dopson	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team F. 3rd January.

**Sunday Coffee** Joyce & John *Next week: Francis*

**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: January 3rd. Teresa & Craig



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 28thDec - 4th Jan 2015

Monday	12.00	John Power RIP / Larry Doyle RIP
Tuesday	12.00	Joan Miller Funeral
Wednesday	12.00	Carol McCaffrey Int. Duncan & Ann MacPherson Int
Thursday	12.00	For Peace in the World Tom Devane RIP
Friday	12.00	Paul James Cleary RIP
Saturday	11.00	Claudine Landoni
	19.00	Jeremiah & Catherine Hunt RIP
<b>Epiphany</b>	08.00	Private Intention
Is 60:1-6, Ps 71, Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12.	09.30	For the Parishioners
	11.00	Sue Downing Int.
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Michael Bourke & family Int.

**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:** Ignacy Wojaczek, Michael Corbally, Winifred Goddard, Mary Rose, Paul Lenas

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Miller

## 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.

### Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

### Sunday 28th December 2014

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Readings from the Parish Mass book beginning on page 107.*



*“You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel.”*

Following on from the joyful nativity scene of Christmas Day, today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. A family that was extraordinary and yet quite ordinary in the daily life of Jesus' early childhood.

Like any other family, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple

to 'present him to the Lord'. The extraordinary events that followed, as the Holy Family met Simeon and Anna are told in our Gospel today. Then, Joseph, Mary and Jesus returned to Nazareth and to their ordinary family life.

In his pastoral letter, Archbishop Vincent reminds us of the importance and value of family life, including both the special occasions and the normal, everyday routine.

In this season of New Year's resolutions we might take time to reflect upon our own perspective on family life, whether that means our relationships at home or our participation in the family of the Church. Like Mary and Joseph we can bring our good intentions and present them to the Lord. Like Mary and Joseph we may be surprised to discover what God has planned for us. Like Mary we may learn to ponder these things in our hearts. The Holy Family offer us a model for both the ordinary and the special occasion. Let us try to follow them in faith.