

Mass	Readers	Welcome	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 28th 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>C. Allard, J. Rego, L. Webb, E. Cornish</u>	Cullen family
Sun 29th 8.00	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team C	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Bogie, D. Cooper, J. Morse, M. Mul Kerrins	McGovern family
09.30	L. Mayuga D. St Rose	J. O'Beirne	<u>B. Brown</u> , A. Mulligan, M. Halpin, K. Sheridan, D. Jose	M. Griffin M. Maguire
11.00	A. Johnson M. Hitchens	Team C	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , E. Madrazo, <u>J. Smith</u> , K. Aldous, <u>J. Morgan</u> , J. Ford, N. Ford	Dempsey family
18.30	K. Ambrose		A. Hooper, G. Lim, W. Dopson, N. Garibaldi	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A 4th April
Sunday Coffee Tony & Cathy Next week: Tess & Co.
NO Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: April 4th - Holy Saturday

Mass Times & Intentions: 30th March - 5th April

Monday	08.30	Cecilia & Noel Finn 55th Wedding Anniv. 12.00 Adriana Porras Int. / Delia Mitchell RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Patricia Pagan Int./Ray Coleman int 12.00 NO MASS
Wednesday	08.30	Ralph Kent RIP 12.00 Neftaly Montes Anniv. Luis Giraldo Anniv.
Maundy Thursday	20:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	15.00	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	20.00	Easter Vigil
EASTER Sunday Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Ps 117, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15	George Howe & Joseph Hardwidge RIP Ralph Kent RIP David & Liz Callaghan Special Int./ Tony Cann Anniv. / Charlotte Lenas Anniv./ Kathleen Mullen Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i>

Anniversaries: Alirio Figueiredo, George, Howe, Charlotte Lenas, Siobhan Downing, Neftaly Montes, Luis Giraldo, Joseph Hardwidge, Richard O'Connell, Peg Flaherty, Kampta Guya Persaud



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

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
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

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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Sunday 29th March 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1 - 15:47 on pages 176 - 190 of the Parish Mass Book



Holy Week begins with a procession: a public celebration and acclamation of Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

But public opinion is fickle and, in the same way that celebrities rise and fall in popularity today, the crowd that laid palms and cloaks at the feet of Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem were shouting for his crucifixion less than a week later.

Perhaps the events of Holy Week may challenge us to reflect on our own discipleship. When do we shout out in joy for our faith? When do we collude to crucify God's kingdom by unjust condemnation or perhaps just by our silence?

Jesus did not change; he neither gloried in his celebrity or complained about his condemnation and crucifixion. His unchanging fixation on his Father's will is a model for us all. His humility, described in the letter to the Philippians, is the source of our salvation. His "disciple's tongue", described by the prophet Isaiah, spoke nothing but truth even though this led to "insults" and, ultimately, death.

But it is only the human viewpoint that sees death as the ultimate failure; our Christian faith shows us that life cannot be overpowered by death and, indeed, comes to fullness through dying to self. The cross is to be embraced, not avoided.

As we journey with Jesus this Holy Week let us try not to adopt the fickle behaviour of the crowd but follow Him in steadfast faith and love and humility.

