

| Mass | Readers | Wel-come | Ministers of the Eucharist | Offertory |
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| Sat 29th 19.00 | C. Wildey M. Dahl | | <u>M. Defriez</u> , R. Defriez, J. Rego, C. Stamp, M. Carroll | L. Joyce |
| Sun 30th 8.00 | C. Mort M. Mulkerrins | Team B | <u>M. Joseph</u> , D. Cooper, S. Gornall, N. Dyckhoff, M. Gornall | McGovern family |
| 09.30 | S. Varghese M. Clarke-Gonsalves | B. Brown | <u>J. Dempsey</u> , A. Mulligan, J. Delaney, D. Jose, D. Cunningham | O'Beirne family |
| 11.00 | D. Thornhill M. Thurlow | Team B | <u>M. Ellwood</u> , C. Williams, <u>D. Murphy</u> , J. Ford, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Smith, J. Morgan | Elliott family |
| 18.30 | I. Barrett | | <u>M. Cooper</u> , A. Hooper, G. Lim, W. Dopson, N. Garibaldi | Garibaldi family |

Cleaning: Team B. 9th December.

Sunday Coffee Alice & Co. Next week: *Sophie & Ruth*

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: December 6th - Mary & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 1st Dec - 7th Dec

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| Monday | 08.30 | Thomas Creighton Anniv. |
| | 12.00 | Alec Wojaczek RIP |
| Tuesday | 08.30 | Edward O'Brien RIP |
| | 12.00 | Fernanda Kryupa RIP & Ann Halpin RIP |
| Wednesday | 08.30 | Christopher Leete Anniv. |
| | 12.00 | Leonora Chaunt Anniv. |
| Thursday | 08.30 | Betty Limage RIP |
| | 12.00 | Mary Murphy Anniv. |
| Friday | 08.30 | Kathleen McMahon RIP |
| | 12.00 | Somali & Roy DeSouza Ints. |
| Saturday | 11.00 | Martin Brosnan RIP |
| | 19.00 | Special Intention - Thanksgiving |
| Advent I | 08.00 | In Thanksgiving |
| Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 84, Pet 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8 | 09.30 | Paul & Elizabeth Silva RIP |
| | | Patrick Bourke Anniv. |
| | | Eileen & James Kearns RIP |
| | 11.00 | Caterina La Porta Anniv. |
| | 14.15 | Polish Mass |
| | 18.30 | For the parishioners |

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: Rose McCarthy, Leonora Chaunt, Wolsey Colley, Michael & Ellen Sheehan, Thomas Creighton, Fernanda Kryupa, Christopher Leete, Mary Murphy, Patrick Bourke

Recently Deceased: Maureen Sheehan

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 30th November 2014

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Readings from: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8, Psalm 79, Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37



As we begin this season of Advent which heralds a new year for the Church, Jesus urges us to "Stay awake!" He likens himself to "a man travelling abroad" and us to his servants, each with our appointed task. If we were the doorman, then the most important thing would be to stay awake, waiting for the master's return.

Indeed, we are each the doorkeeper to our own hearts and souls and lives. We can choose whether to invite the Lord in or to close ourselves off to his love. It may not be that clear cut, we may have just become distracted or inattentive.

Advent is a great time to wake up, to our own selves, to our qualities both good and not so good and, most importantly, to the Lord's love for us.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that we are the work of God's hand; the clay moulded and shaped by the master-potter. We are each God's children. Do we, with Isaiah, wish that he "would tear the heavens open and come down"? For this is the true meaning of Christmas; Christ incarnate, made one of us so that we can truly be one with him.

St Paul reminds us of the graces we have received through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We each have our own gifts and talents, we each have our own part to play in his kingdom.

Jesus Christ will come again, at Christmas and at the end of time, but in contrast to the parable in today's Gospel, he is not the absent landlord, gone abroad, he remains very close indeed. Let us begin Advent in awareness of his presence.