

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 30th 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>M. Defriez</u> , R. Defriez, J. Rego, E. Cornish, L. Webb	Cullen family
Sun 31st 8.00	R. McHugh	Team A	<u>M. Joseph</u> , D. Cooper, E. Timmons, S. Gornall, M. Gornall	Colman family
09.30	T. Sheridan D. St. Rose	J. O'Beirne	<u>J. Dempsey</u> , A. Mulligan, J. Delaney, S. Bailey, D. Cunningham	M. Griffin M. Maguire
11.00	M. Thurlow S. Matthews	Team A	<u>M. Ellwood</u> , C. Williams, <u>D. Murphy</u> , J. Ford, <u>K. Aldous</u> , J. Smith, J. Morgan	Elliott family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>M. Cooper</u> , A. Hooper, G. Lim, I. Barrett, W. Dopson	Murray family

Cleaning: Team C. 2nd September. Team D. 6th September
Sunday Coffee Mick Next week: *Aitano & Carlos*
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. September 6th Carmel & Grace



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 1st - 6th September

Monday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Edward Phelan RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Michael Craughwell RIP
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Marianne De Peralta Private Int.
Thursday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Hugh Gallagher RIP
Friday	08.30 12.00	No Mass Francis O'Brien RIP
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Jimmy Plunkett RIP Erica Hewetson Int.
23rd Sunday	08.00 09.30	Dorothy Howe & Mary Hardwidge RIP Patrick Bourke RIP & Eileen & James Kearns RIP
Ez 33:7-9, Ps 94, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20	11.00 14.15 18.30	For the Parishioners <i>Polish Mass</i> For pupils and staff of St Anthony and Holy Rood Schools

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: Nick Gough, Don and Doris O'Sullivan.

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 31st August 2014

22nd Sunday of the Year

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27 on pages
122 - 125 of the Parish Mass Book



“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me”.
 Matthew 16:24

It was important for the disciples, and it is important for us, to recognise the centrality of the cross in Jesus' life. In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for what is to come in Jerusalem. It is not surprising that impulsive Peter remonstrates with him. Would we too not want to protect those we love from suffering?

Yet, Jesus is stern, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.” Are we sometimes an obstacle in the path of our Lord? Not because we have committed some grievous sin but rather because we have tried to step in and save ourselves, our God or someone else that we love from being hurt, from suffering?

If we truly wish to follow Jesus then our path will include our own cross, our own Calvary. It cannot be side-stepped or avoided.

The prophet Jeremiah tried avoidance, he had had enough of being the “laughing-stock, everybody's butt” because of the truths that God inspired to speak. He determined, “I will not speak in his name any more. But God's love reached out to him calling him to take up his own personal cross and continue with God's work. God calls to us too, through the cross, towards the cross. Let us not be afraid to follow.