

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 2nd 19.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>D. Kumar</u> , C. Allard, B. Thomas, N. Dyckhoff, M. Carroll	Cullen family
Sun 3rd 8.00	R. McHugh	Team A	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , A. Hinton, J. Bogie, E. Timmons, G. Hinton	Hinton family
09.30	D. St. Rose T. Sheridan	N. Attwood	<u>N. Wilson-Whitman</u> , J. Jais, D. Jose, K. Sheridan, S. Bailey	Di Maria family
11.00	S. Matthews M. Thurlow	Team A	<u>I. Douglas</u> , N. Ford, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , E. Madrazo, <u>J. Morgan</u> , K. Aldous, C. Williams	Perez-Mateo family
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>M. Cooper</u> , G. Lim, I. Barrett, A. Hooper, N. Garibaldi	Murray family

Cleaning: Team E. 9th August.

Sunday Coffee Francis Next week: *Joyce & John*

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass. August 9th: Carmel & Grace



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 4th - 10th August

Monday	08.30 12.00	For the Priests of the Diocese Joe Abraham RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	Fr Alan James Fudge RIP Dylan Paul Alvarado 7th birthday Int.
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	Pope Francis Joe Abraham RIP
Thursday	08.30 12.00	Peace in the Middle East Funeral Mass for Maria McKenzie
Friday	08.30 12.00	The Lynch Family RIP Margaret O'Connell Anniv.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Angela Keetley RIP Rev. Francis Juwah Anniv. Rosemarie Vickers RIP
19th Sunday	08.00 09.30	Baby Thomas McGovern Int. Marie Maguire Anniv.
I Kings 19:9, 11-13, Ps 84, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33	11.00 14.15 18.30	Vera Mallipal Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i> 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 7805284/ 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: Margaret O'Connell, Mary O'Rourke, Rev. Francis Juwah,

Recently Deceased: Michael Delaney, Maria McKenzie

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Sunday 3rd August 2014

18th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 55:1-3, Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18, Romans 8:35, 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

on pages 111 - 114 of the **Parish Mass Book**



They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Mt. 14:20

The generosity of God is often beyond human understanding. Today we hear Matthew's account of the feeding of the five thousand, but the real wonder is not only that all were fed but that there were also left-overs, twelve baskets full.

Jesus had already put the people's need before his own that day. He was suffering the loss of his cousin John the Baptist, he hoped for some time alone.

But when Jesus saw the people following him, he saw their need and "took pity on them". He healed them and fed them.

This generosity is prophesied by Isaiah: "Come to the water all who are thirsty". There is no charge for corn, wine or milk. God's generosity is for all who hunger. All that is required is the willingness to "listen". St Paul picks up the theme in his letter to the Romans: "Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ", not worries or persecution or lack of food or clothes, not even death. But there is one thing that can keep us from him. It is our own pride, our reliance upon self, our unwillingness to accept his generosity, his free gift of love. Firstly we have to be willing to share the small loaf of our own giftedness. Secondly we must be willing to receive; to acknowledge our own hunger and thirst for him and to open our hands and hearts to accept whatever he choose to give. We will not be disappointed.