

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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.

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that the new king was to be born in Bethlehem. Herod felt really threatened and spoke to the wise men in private. By asking the visitors where the star first appeared, Herod worked out how old the infant king was. He was determined to get rid of this new king.

After seeing King Herod, the wise men left for Bethlehem. The star re-appeared and “halted over the place where the child was”. Matthew told us that the reactions of the wise men: “the sight of the star filled them with delight”. What a contrast between the reaction of the Jews and the Gentiles to the good news.

The Three Gifts

After the Sunday school, a mother asked her six-year-old son if he remembered what gifts the wise men brought to Jesus. He thought for a minute, then said, “gold, Frankenstein, and humour.”



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Mass Times & Intentions: 4th – 10th Jan

Monday	12.00	Edwin & Edna Cunningham RIP / Edward Phelan RIP
Tuesday	12.00	Margaret Healy & John McCarthy RIP
Wednesday	12.00	Joseph O'Connor Anniv / Thomas Creighton Anniv / Eustace Berenger Anniv / Mary & Johnnie Coelho RIP
Thursday	12.00	Roy Cox RIP
Friday	12.00	Josie & Hughie Dean INT
Saturday	11.00	Mary McDonagh RIP
	19.00	For the parishioners
The	08.00	Tim Foley RIP
Baptism of	09.30	Alice O'Meara / Patsy Clancy RIP
the Lord	11.00	Mayuga Family Thanksgiving / Rosa Di Mauro & Giuseppe De Simone RIP
Isa 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21 22	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	For the parishioners

Anniversaries: Eustace Berenger, Edwin Cunningham, Thomas Creighton, Joseph O'Connor
Recently deceased: Neil Faulkner, George Griggs

In case you are admitted to hospital, please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and you would like the Roman Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Alternatively you can contact the West Herts Hospital RC Chaplain whose details are on the front page.

On every Thursday at 1.15pm, there is a Mass in the Watford General Hospital chapel (3rd floor). Everyone is welcome to join us, to pray for the sick and the

Confession: Saturday 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

Sunday 3rd Jan 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12 on pages 115 - 117 of the Parish Mass Book



Epiphany may be a familiar story of the Magi and their expensive gifts. Matthew's gospel gave us some more food for thought.

People in Jerusalem seemed not aware of the birth of Christ. The only visible sign was the rising

star that appeared in the east around that time. Some wise men set off to follow the star, to where the infant king of the Jews was born. However, the star was out of sight when they reached Jerusalem. Was the star hidden from the Jews?

The wise men enquired the whereabouts of the new king. When King Herod, who ruled Judea under the Romans heard about the wise men, he was worried. He asked his own “wise men”, the chief priests and the scribes. They knew the scriptures well and told Herod
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