

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 3rd 19.00</b>	B. Lincoln J. Harris		<u>A. Russell</u> , D. Kumar, C. Allard, B. Thomas, L. Webb	Cullen family
<b>Sun 4th 8.00</b>	B. McGovern P. Vidler	Team C	<u>J. Morse</u> , M. Joseph, J. Bogie, D. Cooper, M. Mulkerrins	Nkemdirim family
<b>09.30</b>	L. Mayuga D. St Rose	B. Brown	<u>J. Jais</u> , J. Delaney, A. Mulligan, S. Bailey, D. Cunningham	M. Griffin M. Maguire
<b>11.00</b>	A. Johnson M. Hitchens	Team C	<u>J. Smith</u> , D. Murphy, <u>K. Aldous</u> , I. Douglas, <u>R. D'Souza</u> , J. Morgan, N. Ford	Marion & Gwen
<b>18.30</b>	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>W. Dopson</u> , A. Fusi, M. Cooper, A. Hooper, N. Garibaldi	Murray family

**Cleaning:** Team A. 10th January.

**Sunday Coffee** Francis Next week: Joyce & John

**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass: January 10th. Carmel & Grace



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 5th - 11th January

Monday	12.00	Martin Brosnan RIP Paul Dawney
Tuesday	12.00	For Married Couples Int.
Wedn'day	12.00	Joseph O'Conner Anniv.
Thursday	12.00	Nancy McKee RIP
Friday	12.00	Jonathan James Aquino Anniv.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Tessa Alverado Int: Boniface Owasu Int Larry Doyle RIP
<b>Baptism</b>	08.00	Peggy Griffin RIP
Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 28, Acts 10:34-38, Mk 1:7-11	09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	Sr. Pius Singleton Anniv. For the Parishioners Maria Marsh Anniv. <i>Polish Mass</i> Nora & Thomas Joyce Anniv.

**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:** Joseph O'Connor, Jonathan James Aquino, Ned Ryall

**Recently Deceased:**

## 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

Clergy: Canon Paul McAleenan, Fr Ivano Millico and Deacon Neville Dyckhoff

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

### Sunday 4th January 2015

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**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—118 of the Parish Mass Book

May the splendour of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home.

*Collect for the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord*

As we continue through the Christmas season our reading focus on the themes of darkness and light. In the first reading, Jerusalem is singled out to receive the 'glory of the Lord' while the remainder of the world, and its peoples, remains in darkness.

The Gospel tells of the wise men from the east who saw the rising star that heralded the birth of Jesus and travelled, via Jerusalem, to do him homage.

The birth of Jesus brought light into a darkened world where King Herod represent the human desire for power and control. When Herod heard the news of the birth of the Christ child he was 'perturbed'.



*"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage"*

The wise men represent the part of us that is for ever seeking, seeking the light, seeking the truth. They left everything to follow the star and their persistence was rewarded, they found the Christ child and were able to offer him their gifts.

What is the meaning of the light of Christ in our lives? Are we willing, like the wise men, to set out on a journey to follow that light wherever it leads, or are we, like Herod, concerned for the consequences?

A new year has dawned; what gifts will we bring this year to Christ our King?