

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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Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Entrance Antiphon for Easter Sunday

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist: See special Easter Rota
Welcomers: 9.30: Team D, 11.00: N. Attwood
Cleaning: Team B: 7th April
Sunday Coffee Tess & Co. *Next week: Mick*
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: April 11th Teresa & Craig

Mass Times & Intentions: 6th - 12th April

Monday	12.00	Foundation Mass
Tuesday	12.00	Bridget O'Hara RIP Mary Moran RIP
Wednesday	12.00	Gerald Collins RIP John Power RIP
Thursday	12.00	Ted Brady Anniv.
Friday	12.00	Trinidad Molina Anniv. Patrick Gallagher RIP
Saturday	11.00	Ralph Kent RIP John Richard Robert and Philip Cullhane RIP
Easter 2 Acts 4:32-35, Ps 117, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31	08.00	For the Parishioners
	09.30	For Peace
	11.00	Celebrant's Intention Sheila Casino Int. / Rosa Bailo Int.
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Michael Hurley RIP

Anniversaries: Johanna Knighton, Trinidad Molina, Ted Brady, Sheila Cain, Kathleen Mullen

Recently Deceased: John Dempsey

Confession: Saturday
 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40
Baptism by appointment.
Marriage - 6 months notice
 Required

Safeguarding: Protecting Children and the Vulnerable
 Your parish safeguarding representative is Cathy Kleiser 01923 233402.

For advice and concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Fr Jeremy Trood - Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding
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If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm please contact the police on 999.

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

Sunday 5th April 2015 Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9 on pages 251 - 255 of the Parish Mass Book



Happy Easter!

The Easter story tells of a journey from darkness to light, from confusion to understanding.

As we waited in the darkened church for the lighting of the fire and the beginning of the Easter Vigil it was easy to imagine the 'still darkness' of the early morning when Mary of Magdala approached the tomb. The physical darkness was reflected in Mary's sombre mood which was amplified when she found Jesus' body gone from the tomb.

According to John, Mary did not understand. It was not till Peter "went right into the tomb" that light dawned and the "teaching of scripture" began to make sense. Jesus Christ had risen, just as he had said he would.

Today we rejoice because Jesus is risen. We do not have to live in the darkness of confusion but in the light of this understanding. Like the disciples we are witnesses. We too must "look for the things that are in heaven" and give thank for the life that we have which is "hidden with Christ in God".

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He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
 John 20:6-7

