

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 4th 19.00</b>	C. Wildey M. Dahl		<u>A. Russell</u> , D. Kumar, R. Defriez, M. Carroll, B. Thomas	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 5th 8.00</b>	J. Kerin J. Briginshaw	Team B	<u>J. Morse</u> , M. Joseph, J. Bogie, N. Dyckhoff, D. Cooper	Coleman family
<b>09.30</b>	M. Clarke-Gonsalves S. Varghese	J. O'Beirne	<u>J. Jais</u> , J. Delaney, A. Mulligan, S. Bailey, D. Cunningham	Di Maria family
<b>11.00</b>	A. Johnson M. Hitchens	Team B	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , D. Murphy, <u>K. Aldous</u> , I. Douglas, <u>R. D'Souza</u> , J. Morgan, N. Ford	Marion & Gwen
<b>18.30</b>	K. Ambrose		<u>W. Dopson</u> , A. Fusi, M. Cooper, A. Hooper, N. Garibaldi	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team C. 7th October. Team D. 11th October  
**Sunday Coffee** Olivia & Dee Next week: Francis  
**Saturday Coffee Shop** after 11.00 Mass. October 11th Craig & Teresa



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

### Mass Times & Intentions: 6th - 12th October

Monday	08.30	Special Intention
	12.00	Funeral Mass for Pilar Rodia
Tuesday	08.30	Rosa Mistretta RIP
	12.00	Pilar Rodia RIP/Alec Wojaczek RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Sean Maguire Anniv.
	12.00	Ursula Robinson Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	Pilar Rodia RIP
	12.00	Irena Homer RIP
Friday	08.30	Salvo Xerri Int.
	12.00	Mr H. Onyuike RIP
Saturday	11.00	Cann & Copeland families RIP
	19.00	Emilia Silva Anniv.
<b>28th Sunday</b>	08.00	For Syria and Iraq
Is 25:6-10, Ps 22 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14	09.30	Giovanni Tronnalone Anniv.
	11.00	For the Parishioners
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Salvatore Montalbono RIP

**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:** Mary Hardwidge, Sean Maguire, Ursula Robinson, Emilia Silva

**Recently Deceased:** Pilar Rodia and Angela Abarno

## 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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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

**Sunday 5th October 2014**

**27th Sunday of the Year**

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43  
on pages 137 – 140 of the **Parish Mass Book**

The readings today speak of disappointment but also of trust and of hope.

The prophet Isaiah uses the image of a vineyard to describe the world God created for his people. It is clear that he prepared it carefully and lovingly and it was well equipped. It should have brought forth the best fruit. But, in the story of Isaiah, the grapes are sour. There is no option but to tear down the vineyard walls and leave the fertile ground to become overgrown.

The Gospel tells a similar, but even more tragic, tale. The vineyard is planted, carefully prepared and the expectation is that it will provide a good crop. But the sour grapes are the tenants. They are greedy. They want the vineyard and its produce for themselves. They even kill the landowner's son.

We know that greed, ignorance, human weakness and power-seeking caused the death of God's own Son.



*"It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see"*

*Matthew 21:42*

But God does not desert or destroy the world. Rather, he uses his own Son to bring us back to him.

Still, we see greed, neglect, death and human suffering all around. Our world produces both good and sour fruit. But St Paul tells us, "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it". God places his trust in us. We can place our hope in him.