

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass Times & Intentions: 7th – 13th Dec

Monday	08.30	Jill Harris RIP
	12.00	Michael Murphy (RIP) / Maynell Farrelly RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Asuncion Rambuanga INT
	12.00	NO MASS
	7.30pm	Opening Mass for the Year of Mercy
Wednesday	08.30	Stephen Taprell-Holland Anniv
	12.00	Angela Maria & Vito Torrano Anniv Wilfred Basnayake Anniv
Thursday	08.30	Joan Miller RIP
	12.00	Edmund Morgan INT / Joan & Tom Breden INT
Friday	08.30	Patrick Smyth Anniv
	12.00	John Power RIP
Saturday	11.00	Mary & Brendon McSkeane INT
	19.00	For the parishioners
2nd Sunday of Advent Zeph 3:14-18, Isa 12:2-6, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18	08.00	Danny Houlihan Anniv / Eleanor Reynolds RIP
	09.30	Con Griffin Anniv / Albert Kemp Anniv
	11.00	Hilda Guya Persaud Anniv / Servando Bautista RIP
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Bernard Holywood Anniv

Anniversaries: Patrick Bourke, Eileen Kearns, Caterina La Porta, Bert Chater, Joseph Abarano, Angela Maria Torrano, Vito Torrano, Wilfred Basnayake, David Palmer, Patrick Smyth



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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 staff who care for them.

Confession:

Saturday 11.30 - 12.30,
18.15 - 18.40

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 welcomees.

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Sunday 6th Dec 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

**Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 125, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11,
Luke 3:1-6 on pages 84 - 87 of the Parish Mass Book**

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
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