

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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The man's ears were opened and his tongue was untied. Mark told us that he then spoke clearly. What did he say to Jesus and to the people who helped him? Seeing the transformation of this man, the people were so excited that they could not stop talking about it.

Jesus is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy ..." Jesus' love is for everyone and he makes no distinction between Gentiles, Jews or any other group of people. We pray to Jesus that He will open our ears to receive the Word and our mouth to proclaim the faith.

Mass Times & Intentions: 7th – 13th Sept

Monday	08.30	Pat Jappy RIP /
	12.00	Kevin Flynn RIP / Winston David INT
Tuesday	08.30	Eva Nkemdirim INT
	12.00	Eddy Wareham
Wednesday	08.30	NO MASS
	12.00	Private Intention
Thursday	08.30	For Parishioners who are ill
	12.00	Aloysius Basnayake RIP
Friday	08.30	Joe Abraham & John McTeague RIP
	12.00	Rex Kadramer RIP / Kathleen Brown RIP / Margaret Pender RIP
Saturday	11.00	Abraham Family Thanksgiving
	19.00	Maureen Scotney RIP / Mike Joyce RIP
24th Sunday	08.00	John Turner RIP
Isa 50:5-9, Ps	09.30	Marie Maguire RIP /
114: 1-6. 8-9,	11.00	For the parishioners /
Jas 2:14-18,		Marcellino Rapa RIP
Mark 8:27-35	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	For Refugees

Anniversaries: Margaret Pender



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parish**

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

Sunday 6th Sep 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145: 7-10, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37 on pages 129 - 132 of the Parish Mass Book

In the gospel this Sunday Mark recorded a miraculous healing. Jesus was travelling through a Gentile area when the people brought Him a deaf man who also had difficulty speaking. This man might have not heard about Jesus because communicating with him could be hard. It might be out of compassion that the people brought this man to Jesus.

They asked Jesus to lay His hand on this poor man. Jesus did more than they asked. First He took the man aside, then put His fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Jesus looked up to heaven, and sighed, saying to the man,

**"Ephphatha", which means
"Be opened."**



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