

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.

Mass	Readers	Wel-come	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7th 19.00	C. Wildey M. Dahl		<u>D. Kumar</u> , A. Russell, C. Allard, B. Thomas, L. Webb	L. Joyce
Sun 8th 8.00	M. Mulherrins C. Mort	Team D	<u>D. Cooper</u> , M. Joseph, J. Morse, J. Bogie, R. Nkemdirim	Coleman family
09.30	D. Onwardine R. Mariconda	B. Brown	<u>N. Wilson-Whitman</u> , J. Jais, C. Ramsey, K. Sheridan, S. Bailey	Di Maria family
11.00	P. Ellwood M. Jordan	Team D	<u>I. Douglas</u> , N. Ford, <u>C. Williams</u> , E. Madrazo, <u>J. Morgan</u> , J. Ford, J. Smith	D. Maguire & family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>W. Dopson</u> , A. Hooper, M. Cooper, N. Garibaldi, G. Lim	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team A. 21st February.
Sunday Coffee Aitana & Carlos Next week: Sue & Tony
Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: February 14th - Ethne & Chris



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 9th - 15th February

Monday	08.30	To St Anthony
	12.00	Mary Baker RIP & Edna Bailey RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Joan Miller RIP/ Bridget O'Hara RIP
	12.00	No Mass
Wednesday	08.30	For the sick
	12.00	Sister Michelle Cheung Int. / Bridget Walsh Int. / Maria & Alec RIP Golden Wedding Anniversary
Thursday	08.30	Eileen McCaffrey RIP
	12.00	Annuziata Caroleo Anniv.
Friday	08.30	In thanksgiving to Our Lady Paddy Murphy RIP
	12.00	Mary Coelho Funeral
Saturday	11.00	Philomena Baulk RIP/ Moore Family
	19.00	Jane Quill Anniv. & Brigid Jackson RIP
6th Sunday	08.00	Thom & Nancy Murtagh RIP
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46, Ps 31, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45	09.30	Elizabeth Moore RIP
	11.00	For the Parishioners
	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	Private Intention / Alice Tant Int.

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 Eve Edohen - Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0207 798 9356 safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

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

Anniversaries: Annuziata Caroleo 1st Anniv., Theresa Ryall, Mary Baker

Recently Deceased: Bridget O'Hara, Kathleen Turner and Mary Coelho

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Sunday 8th February 2015

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 146:1-6, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39
on pages 134 - 137 of the Parish Mass Book



“He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.” Mark 1:31

The Gospel story today breaks into three sections: the individual healing of Simon's mother-in-law, the arrival of many others in search of a cure and then Jesus' need for solitude and prayer. But Jesus was in high demand and he was keen to reach, and preach to, as many as possible because 'that is why he came'.

Jesus did not seek fame and fortune, he sought out those who needed him most: the sick, the marginalised, the mentally ill, those at the end of their tether. Job was close to the end of his tether in the excerpt we hear in the first reading today. He has lost all and hope had been left far behind. But Job never lost faith in the Lord and his faith was not disappointed. Similarly, St Paul feels the strain of his ministry but he does not complain; the privilege of preaching the Good News brings sufficient blessing in itself. Perhaps these readings give us cause to think about times when we need the presence and the healing of Jesus Christ most. It is, most likely, when we are in deepest need.

Jesus comes to us because 'that is why he came', bringing healing and strength and courage. We, like Simon's mother-in-law, need to make ourselves ready to accept his healing and then to get up and begin to serve again. There is no time to wallow. What do we need to bring to him for healing today?