

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>M. Defriez</u> , R. Defriez, J. Rego, C. Stamp, M. Carroll	L. Joyce
Sun 8th 8.00	J. Briginshaw J. Kerin	Team D	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Bogie, A. Hinton, R. Nkemdirim, G. Hinton	McGuigan family
09.30	R. Mariconda D. Onwardine	A. Baptista	<u>J. Dempsey</u> , A. Mulligan, J. Delaney, D. Jose, B. Brown	M. Maguire M. Griffin
11.00	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	Team D	<u>M. Ellwood</u> , C. Williams, <u>D. Murphy</u> , J. Ford, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , J. Smith, K. Aldous	Perez-Mateo family
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>G. Lim</u> , N. Garibaldi, A. Hooper, A. Fusi, M. Cooper	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team E. 14th March.

Sunday Coffee Olivia & Dee Next week: Francis

Saturday Coffee Shop after 11.00 Mass: March 14th - Carmel & Grace



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions: 9th - 15th March

Monday	08.30	Mary Phelan RIP
	12.00	Catherine Thorpe RIP/Alan Mercer Anniv
Tuesday	08.30	Barby Corby Int.
	12.00	No Mass
Wednesday	08.30	Maria Benvenga Anniv.
	12.00	Pat Waite Int.
Thursday	08.30	Maeve Dempsey RIP
	12.00	Emily Scott RIP / Boniface Omesuh RIP
Friday	08.30	Maureen Power RIP & Linda Power Anniv
	12.00	Peggy Culleton RIP
Saturday	11.00	Canon Jeremiah Galvin Anniv.
		Betty Lydon Anniv.
	19.00	Bill & Mary Devlin RIP
Lent 4	08.00	For the Parishioners
2 Chron	09.30	Romeo Rambuung Special Int.
36:14-23, Ps	11.00	Chitra Karunarathue Anniv.
136, Eph 2:4-10 Jn	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
3:14-21	18.30	Deceased members of the McNally family

Anniversaries: Christine & Alan Hipkiss, Maria Benvenga, Jim Fogarty, Betty Lydon, Canon Jeremiah Galvin

Recently Deceased: Susan Mulkerrins

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

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Sunday 8th March 2015

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 18:8-11, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25
on pages 155 - 157 of the Parish Mass Book



The law of the Lord is perfect,
It revives the soul. *Psalm 18:8*

The image of Jesus, as an angry man overturning tables and wielding a whip in the Temple in Jerusalem, is a disturbing one. It gives us cause to think about law and wisdom and righteous anger.

The Jewish Law, and particularly the ten commandments which we hear in the first reading today, is given as a framework for life and for the life of the community.

Law is important for safety and stability but, when law is followed slavishly without application of wisdom, it can end in situations like Jesus found in the Temple that day. His "Father's house" had been "turned into a market" and he was justifiably angry.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul speaks to us of the "wisdom of God". "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The wisdom of God both transcends human laws and makes sense of them, but often it is hard to understand. The 'good news' of a crucified Christ is hard to understand without God's wisdom or grace. The people in the temple could not understand when Jesus explained that he would raise the "sanctuary" of his body in just three days. There may be areas of our life that have been like a market - worldly, busy, in line with the law but needing the transformation of God's wisdom. Are we open to that change even if it is sometimes hard to understand?