

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 14 JANUARY	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Ann Marie Moloney Anniv Andrew Scholes RIP Nick & Giuseppe Abarno Anniv Maria De Mare RIP Antonio Gravanti RIP Polish Mass Margaret McGarrell RIP
MON 15 JAN	feria	8.30am 12 noon	World Peace Margaret McMahan Anniv
TUES 16 JAN	feria	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	VV Joseph Venmelil RIP Funeral: Carmelina Petagine Albert Okeke RIP
WED 17 JAN	St Anthony, Abbot	8.30am 12 noon	Deirdre Edwards Intentions Special Intention
THUR 18 JAN	feria	8.30am 12 noon 7.00pm	Veronica Dyckhoff Intentions Thanksgiving -Darroles, Polidario & Williams family Polish Mass
FRI 19 JAN	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Brian Mell;on (sick) Eileen Power's Intentions
SAT 20 JAN	BVM	11.00am 6.00pm Vigil	Ned McLoughlin Anniv Pedro Malig RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday's from 11:30am & 5.15pm - 5:35pm

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE: Easy, safe, convenient, do it anytime.

Text: "Parish HROOD" to 70800 to donate £5 to Holy Rood Parish. Thank you.

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Sunday 14th January 2018

2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Readings for today are on page 127 of the Parish Mass Book

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TODAY'S MASS

"Here I am, Lord!"

We are called by Christ to follow him. We become one spirit with him and offer our lives to his cause thus becoming parts of his Church. When he calls us in every situation in which we find ourselves we reply: "Here I am since you called me".

First Reading: First Book of Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Here we find the call to be a prophet set forth in outline. God chooses and calls those who, thanks to their inner poverty, are prepared to receive him. When they have taken their first steps, he draws nearer to them and sends them on some mission.

Second Reading: First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20.

For the next five Sundays that part of the First Letter to the Corinthians that deals with the Christian way of life will be read. As always, the apostle roots his moral recommendation in living theology. In today's reading, St. Paul recalls the dignity of the human body destined to rise again; it is the temple of the holy Spirit; to abuse it is a serious matter. The context in which this letter was written was the prevailing depravity and licentiousness in the city of Corinth.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

The transition from the old to the new covenant is made when John the Baptist guides his closest disciples to Christ. When they encounter Jesus, they recognize him as the Messiah, they follow him and remain with him.

**Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford**



PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

- Sun 14** First Holy Communion class 9.30am
Tea and coffee after 11.00am Mass
- Mon 15** Cocaine Anonymous 7.00pm
- Tues 16** Parent & Toddlers 9.30am
- Wed 17** RCIA 8.00pm
- Thurs 18** Catenians 7.00pm
- Fri 19** Alcoholics Anonymous 8.00pm
- Sun 21** First Holy Communion class 9.30am

THIS WEEKEND there will be a retiring collection for the White Flower Appeal. The society for the protection of unborn children work to protect and seek justice for the most vulnerable in society: unborn children. The pro-abortion lobby is currently campaigning to get all restrictions on abortion removed, this will remove all legal protection for unborn children. Please support the society for the protection of unborn children. We need a voice to defeat this latest attack on life, on unborn babies and their mothers.

ALTERNATIVES—BABY BOXES Many thanks for all the baby toiletries which have been donated in the last few months. As we now have an excellent supply and limited storage space, the collection will be suspended for the time being. Thank you again on behalf of all the mums and babies who will benefit from your generosity.

FHC CHILDREN Please remember to bring your Mass card to church each week, to help you to learn the responses for the Holy Mass. Parents, please help your children with this important undertaking. Those children attending the 11.00am Mass should remain in church with their families rather than attending the children's catechesis, which is primarily for children who have not made their First Holy Communion.

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE for the parents of infants is on Sunday 4th February

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Carmelina Petagine, Philip McGovern,
Jane Savino

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED

Ned McLoughlin, Ann Marie Moloney, Margaret
McMahon, Nick & Giuseppe Abarno,
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with Deacon Neville. Tel: 01923 224085 (Option 5) or email nevilledyckhoff@rcdow.org.uk You may also attend prior to the birth of you baby, if this is more convenient.

ROTAS Copies of the Small Linen, Alb Washing and Church Cleaning rotas are available from the noticeboard in the sacristy corridor.

IT'S A KINDNESS when Mass has ended to ensure the area where you have been sitting is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. Please return books, and pencils, if you have children who have used them. Thank you.

THE NEXT MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE is on Saturday 17th March at Holy Rood for those intending to marry in 2018. Space is limited so please reserve a place with the Parish Office if you wish to attend. Please note that for marriage in any Catholic Church, six months notice is required for paperwork and pastoral preparation. It's also important to remember when marrying abroad that many countries require Catholics to have received all their Initiation Sacraments, including Confirmation before marriage in Church.

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 27th January in the Parish Centre. Cost is £10 per person which includes supper. Tables of 8. Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome to come along and join a table. Organised by our SVP group. Contact Julie Nunn 01923 442075

BROWN MASS ENVELOPES are available at the back of church for requesting Masses. You can even Gift Aid your offering on the same envelope if you wish. Just hand it to the clergy or post through the presbytery letter box. The diocesan recommendation for a Mass offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

SPEC are looking for young people enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with others, to spend a year living in community with other people their age; in return they receive formation in the faith, training in youth work,

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Brian McGovern
for his Special Intentions

experience living in community. For information, email spec@rcdow.org.uk or call 0203 757 2503.

WEST HERTS NHS CHAPLAINCY If you or a relative are admitted to hospital and you would like to be anointed by a priest please contact the hospital chaplaincy team who can arrange for a priest to visit when one is available. If you would like a member of the chaplaincy team to visit a relative in hospital please contact us directly by phone and leave a message: 01923 217994 or email: spiritual.care@whht.nhs.uk

FOR CLARIFICATION: CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES AT HOLY ROOD The Catholic Church has a wonderful liturgy dating back 2000 years. Within the tradition, sacred music and hymns capture the Gospel message of hope for the faithful. Occasionally clergy are asked if secular songs may be used. Whilst these may be meaningful to our loved ones who have died and to their families, they are not appropriate for a Catholic funeral, particularly a funeral (requiem) Mass which takes place in the sacred space of the church, in front of the Blessed Sacrament and where our primary concern as Catholics is to pray for the soul of our loved one. Everything else is secondary. Secular songs and music are better placed after the liturgy at a gathering in a secular setting, for example at the wake or reception after the funeral.

HELP US to reclaim the peace in this holy place. Speak to God before Mass, to friends after Mass and be respectful of those around you who may

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD

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be praying. Thank you.

MILLION MINUTES, a Catholic charity that gives young people a voice, is looking to expand its Board of Trustees. The charity is inviting applications from individuals. Successful applicants would be individuals committed to the charity and can use their sphere of influence to advance its vision. Interested individuals should send a CV along with a one page covering letter outlining why they would like to join the board of Million Minutes to: info@millionminutes.org

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction is celebrated every Saturday evening 5.15pm - 5.40pm Come along and bring your joys, concerns and thanksgivings to the Lord.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS: please ensure your child's name and photograph is on the card in order to collect stickers. It's worth taking a photograph of your card at regular intervals in the event of its loss. Many thanks

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord) 2 February
- Ash Wednesday - 14 February
- St Patrick -17 March
- St Joseph -19 March
- Palm Sunday –beginning of Holy Week -25 March

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes £833.59 Loose £994.13

Thank you to all who have contributed to the daily running costs and the mission of your church