

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

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SUN 5 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Josephine Samakomva Anniv Pro Populo (For the People) Steve Kiely Anniv Mary, Jerry & James Wilkinson RIP Polish Mass Tim Sullivan Anniv
<b>MON 6 NOV</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Holy Souls Jimmy & Peggy Shannon RIP
<b>TUES 7 NOV</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Roldan Santos Holy Souls
<b>WED 8 NOV</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Holy Souls Soul of Mario Savaglio & Peri and Savaglio Families
<b>THUR 9 NOV</b>	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	8.30am 12 noon 7.00pm	Fr William Dun Dery Intention Holy Souls Polish Mass
<b>FRI 10 NOV</b>	St Leo the Great	8.30am 12 noon	Holy Souls Cotugno Promine RIP
<b>SAT 11 NOV</b>	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	11.00am 6.00pm Vigil	CWL - deceased members Patrick Keating Anniv

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**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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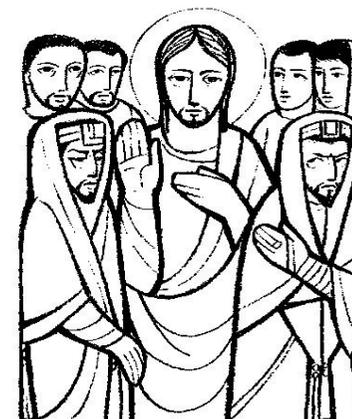
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Sunday 5th November 2017  
**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings for today are on page 149 of the Parish Mass Book

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**TODAY' MASS**

*"Practice what you preach"*

*The Pharisees were singled out by Christ as being hypocrites and frauds. They were not humble enough to ease the burdens of others and so became a stumbling block to the faith of many people. We preach the Gospel or Good News not so much by what we say but by the way in which we lead our lives.*

**First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2, 2:8-10**

The prophet appeals to the fact that the Israelites are all equal before God their Father and creator, in order to condemn the priests for their abuse of position. By their conduct they have undermined God's covenant and the witness they should give among the peoples.

**Second Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9 & 13**

This passage can be looked upon as a guide for those who preach the Good News. By reason of his almost maternal gentleness and his holiness, the apostle's whole being has been penetrated by the word of God, so he had no need for human aids.

**Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12**

The apostle, especially one who has responsibility for a community, cannot take to himself titles which belong to God or his Son. Like Christ, and unlike the Pharisees, he must make himself the humble servant of his brothers and sisters.

**Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford**



**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: DECISION POINT**

starts this Thursday 6.45pm in the Parish Centre. Candidates please bring your course book with you and let us honour each other by starting on time. Sponsors, parents and parishioners interested in following the course our young people are embarking on can see the bitesize DVD's online or download the app for your tablet or mobile. It's also free to use

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view>

**HOLY ROOD SOCIAL CLUB - REQUIEM MASS** for departed members of the club will be celebrated in the club on Tolpits Lane at 8.00pm this coming Thursday 9th November.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL) Requiem Mass** for departed members will be celebrated in church this coming Saturday 11th November at 11.00am. Those who usually attend Saturday at 11.00am are most welcome to attend this Holy Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be starting slightly later as a result.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Vicarage Road Cemetery: Sat 11th Nov at 1.00pm  
North Watford Cemetery: Sun 12th Nov at 1.00pm  
**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS** are available at the back of the church. Please return them to the clergy when complete or post through the letterbox

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP.** If you have suffered a bereavement or know anyone in recent months who has and would like some support. Please contact us on 01923 243658 or contact the Parish Secretary on 01923 224085.

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:** please ensure your child's name and photograph is on the card in order to collect stickers. We cannot give stickers to people without cards. It's worth taking a photograph of your card at regular intervals in the event of its loss. Many thanks

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED**  
Julia Fleming,  
Thomas Hanrahan, Rosina Faretta  
**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED**  
Pat Carney, Steve Kiely, Patrick Keating, Tim Sullivan  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK		
<b>Sun 5</b>	Tea and coffee after 11am Mass	
<b>Mon 6</b>	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Parents and toddlers	9.30am
	Ascent/ Life Ascending	12.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	RCIA	8.00pm
<b>Thur 9</b>	Confirmation: Decision Point	6.45pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY 12TH NOV.**

If you attend another parish for Mass, you need to register there for sacramental preparation.

**First meeting with clergy, parents and children is Thursday 16th Nov from 6pm in the Parish Centre** (Meeting of Election) this is in order to assess if your child is ready to start on the programme. Children will be asked to demonstrate they can make the sign of the cross, say the Our Father and say the Glory be. These are commonly used prayers in the church and in the home.

**PARENTS** - Thank you for looking after your children in church, especially near the candle stands. Our wonderful children behave beautifully at Mass in school and in assembly, so they know what is expected of them during the Holy Mass in church.

**THE SCAFFOLDERS ARE COMING!** Work will begin to erect scaffolding around the tower for the repairs to the high level stonework in the first part of November. Whilst the scaffolding is being erected access to the church via Percy Road will sometimes be restricted. Market Street entrance will be open as normal. The Masses will continue as normal. Please keep our repair work, scaffolders and stonemasons in your prayers.

**7 DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** are now being burnt in the chapel dedicated to St John . All candles will be burnt as space become available, throughout the whole month of November. If you

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored this week by Pauline Olohan  
for Malcolm Atkins RIP

would like to buy a candle, the cost is £5. You can collect a label from the Repository, write the names of your loved ones who have died, and then return it to the clergy or the repository. It would be a fitting memorial if we were able to keep the glow of the candles continuous for the whole of the month.

**ALTERNATIVES BABY BOXES** Thank you for your wonderful response to the appeal for baby items. Donations of baby soap, bath wash, talc or petroleum jelly and cotton wool balls will be particularly welcome.

**NOT TO BE MISSED!** Chris Ramsey, a member of the parish flower arranging team, is giving us another of her very popular demonstrations on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The theme this year is 'Flowers around the Home at Christmas'. This CWL event is open to all, so do come along and bring your friends with you. All the beautiful arrangements will be prizes in the raffle and all proceeds will be given to CWL charities.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** - the next course will be on 26th November. Parents and children should be attending Mass here weekly as a matter of course, before requesting the sacrament. All initial enquires should be made to Deacon Neville whose contact details are overleaf.

**FIRE WARDENS** - we have three volunteers so far but we need a minimum of 10. This is a requirement of our Health & Safety policy. You don't have to fight a fire, just ease evacuation. A deanery training session is organised for Saturday

11th Nov at 9.30am until 11.30am in Garston Parish. Please contact the Office if you can help.

**IRISH HOLY ROOD SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL DANCE** Saturday 18th November 8.30pm at Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Watford. Tickets £5. Contact Elizabeth Timmons 07799 108 092.

**ASCENT/ LIFE ASCENDING GROUP** All are welcome to come along to the next meeting on Tuesday, 7 November for a Bring & Share Lunch - after midday Mass and Rosary in the Parish Centre, when details of the Christmas Panto outing will be given. Contact Winnie on 01923 334998 for more information

**SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:** Next week there will be a collection to support the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. Envelopes are available at the back of the church—please take one home, read about their important work and bring it back next weekend with your donation if you are able. They've been here for us, let's be there for them. Thank you!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Envelopes £771.89 Loose £929.60  
Standing Orders £518.69  
Thank you to all who have contributed to the mission and running costs of Holy Rood Church

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

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