

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 17 June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Con & Neal Casey, RIP Lucia Gioiosa, Anniv Kathleen & Jimmy Sheridan, RIP Vince Conroy, RIP Polish Mass Pro Populo (For the People)
MON 18 June	feria	8.30 am 12.00noon	Pam Howley, RIP Bertie Hill, RIP
TUES 19 June	Feria Funeral	8.30am 10.00am 12.00noon	Gerd Wittman, RIP Caterina Randazzo, RIP Patrick Gaffney, RIP
WED 20 June	St. Alban, Protomartyr	8.30am 12.00noon	Jose de Andrade, RIP Mary McDougall, RIP
THUR 21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	8.30am 12.00noon	Elsa Hoyte, 5th Anniv., RIP Thanksgiving for God's Protection & Healing
FRI 22 June	Ss JOHN FISHER, Bishop and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs	8.30am 12.00noon	John Shanassy, RIP Dermot Cribbin, For healing
SAT 23 June	feria CWL	11.00am 2.00pm	Florence Ferdinands, Anniv CWL Members
	+Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Fred Maguire, Anniv

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11.30am and 5.15pm - 5:35pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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 17th June 2018

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 95 of the Parish Mass Book

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It is the smallest of the seeds, yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all

How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that, a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of nature and growth how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith.

This mysterious growth in nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by a means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford



WELCOME TO HOLY ROOD. Readings and prayers used during the Mass can be found in the Blue Mass book available from the back of the church. If you are attending a Mass with hymns, the hymn numbers are listed on the hymn boards sited at the front of the church. Baby changing facilities are located in the Parish Centre and refreshments are available in the Centre following the 11.00am Sunday Mass. You are very welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who have been Baptised recently. Registration for Baptism courses can be made through Deacon Neville. Parents should however be attending Mass weekly as a matter of course before requesting this wonderful Sacrament for their children.

MOVING NEWS. Amongst the many diocesan moves announced recently by the Vicar General is my own move from Holy Rood. After two and a half years here I look forward to beginning a short sabbatical in September followed by a new posting in January. The new parish priest, Fr Derek McGuire will start at Holy Rood in September. Fr Derek comes with great experience from Hounslow, where the weekend congregation is 3,500. Please keep Fr Derek and all of the clergy in your prayers at this time. Fr Shaun

THE HOLY ROSARY is prayed each weekday in church following the 12.00 noon Mass. Thank you to all who share in this important prayer ministry. Want to know how to pray the Rosary? Why not come along and see.

ASCENT GROUP OUTING Canal trip from Nash Mills. Tuesday 3rd July. Cost £10 plus fish and chips. Please contact Winnie Brady 01923 334998, as soon as possible — just 5 places remaining!

SVP LUNCH In support of our twinned SVP group in Kerala, with their work in an orphanage in the

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED
Caterina Randozzo, Connie Cheng, Danny Hayes, Baby Hills, Kevin (Patrick) McNally
ANNIVERSARIES
Lucia Gioiosa, Elsa Hoyte, Florence Ferdinands, Fred Maguire, Cardinal Basil Hume, Josie Lammas, Kathleen Sheridan, Doris Almond
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

Sun 17	Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass	
Mon 18	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tue 19	Parents & Toddlers	9:30am
Fri 22	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 23	CWL 90th Anniversary	2.00pm

parish of St Joseph, Mulakuvally, India, the SVP invite you to join us for lunch after 9.30am (takeaway) and 11.00am Masses (takeaway or eat in) on 24th June. Cost £5 per adult and £2 per child for a choice of starter and main course.

WATFORD FOODBANK. Hopefully you are aware that at the back of the church we collect non-perishable food that the SVP take to the Watford Food Bank each week. The Watford Food Bank provide parcels of food for local families who are in need of such help. Recently they have found that donations have slowed down whilst demand has increased. They need long life milk, long life juice, tinned meat/fish/vegetables/fruit/rice pudding/custard/sponge puddings and cereals, biscuits and sugar. When you come to church if you could bring one or two items of non-perishable foodstuffs, then you will make a significant difference. Thank you for your help.

DAY FOR LIFE is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, and England and Wales. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection this weekend will be used to fund projects supporting work in this area. All donations at the second collection are greatly received. Thank you!

THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY will be offering two courses on prayer from September 2018 to June 2019. For more information see notice board or the leaflets available at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM WITH CARDINAL VINCENT—Saturday 22nd September.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week for
Seamus Fagan, RIP

Those wishing to express an interest in going, can contact Martha in the Parish office, this will help us to determine the size of coach. Thank you

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 to the back of the church and any waste paper to the bin. Thank you.

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 be praying. Thank you.

STICKERS FOR CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE CARDS are available to collect at all the Sunday Masses including the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. We thank our volunteers who give their time each week to distribute these. It's a good idea to take a photograph of your card stickers from time to time, just in case you lose it.

THE REPOSITORY. Please note that due to a shortage of volunteers, the Saturday evening Mass repository will be closed from June until September. The repository remains open after the other Sunday Masses. If you are interested in joining the merry band of volunteers, just let the clergy know and we shall pass on your details.

MASS OFFERINGS...We have some spaces left for Mass offerings for the month of July. If you would like Holy Mass offered for a loved one, please contact the parish office or pick up a Mass envelope from the back of church.

ALTERNATIVES BABY BOXES provide baby boxes for free to mothers in need and would welcome

donations of baby soap, talc, creams and cotton wool balls. Please no cotton buds. There is a box at the back of church for your donations.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21st – 26th August. To find out about joining the Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk, and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

GDPR - HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH US YET?
As you may know, the data laws changed in May so we need to ensure that we protect your privacy and ensure that parishioners details are secure and used only for the purposes they were given i.e. general parishioner registration, sacramental preparation, planned giving, gift aid, and parish rotas. Essentially we need your permission to store your name and contact details.
Please complete a new registration form today if you haven't done so already and even if you have worshipped here for many years, because any contact information we previously held will be destroyed.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Loose £1,043 Envelopes £751
Standing Orders £617
Thank you for supporting your church

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

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