

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 26 August	+21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Mike Joyce, RIP Pro Populo (For the People) Airax Sarkari Joseph Guya Persaud & Victor Persaud, Anniversary Polish Mass Davide Zippo, RIP - Anniversary
MON 27 August	BANK HOLIDAY St Monica	NO 8.30 MASS 12.00noon	Stella Vaz, RIP
TUES 28 August	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	8.30am 12.00noon	For an anniversary of death Sue Shrimpton, Anniv.
WED 29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	8.30am 12.00noon	Alan & Betty Leete Dennehy Family , special intention and thanksgiving.
THUR 30 August	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Holy Father's Intention The people of Kerala Polish Mass
FRI 31 August	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Matthias & Angeline Menezes, Anniv Angela Fernandes RIP
SAT 1 September	feria +Vigil Mass	11.00am 6.00pm	Family of Ishq JeeJo and Suad Al Shami Irene Sinclair, RIP

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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 26th August 2018

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 123 of the Parish Mass Book

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday readings
Year 2

Psalms week 1



"Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life."

Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel, but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing.

Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'.

Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

**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 at the back 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!

THIS SUNDAY PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN... You'll have heard in the news and in our own prayers of the flood devastation in Kerala, in India. Hundreds are dead and likely thousands have lost homes. Our own Kerala/Malayalam community here have also been directly affected. So to raise money for the relief efforts they will be cooking lunch in the Parish Centre this Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. The cost is £5 (though you can give more if you are able) You can also get a takeaway if you can't stay. Please support them in their efforts, let's raise as much money as we can to help our Christian brothers and sisters. **Thank you**

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS FOR CHILDREN are available at the back of the church from this weekend. Please keep your cards safe in preparation for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice in the autumn.

COMING SOON... From next week, new pocket diaries for 2019 will be available to buy from the Repository for just 50 pence each.

FR SHAUN will celebrate Holy Mass for the last time at Holy Rood next Sunday. Please keep all our clergy in your prayers at this time.

REGISTRATION FORMS for Sacramental Programmes will be available from the following dates. **First Holy Communion 13/14 October** Before registering for a place, your child needs to be ready for the programme. Children should be

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK			
Sun 26	Keralan lunch after 11:00am	Mass	
Mon 27	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm	
Fri 31	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm	

able to be able to make the sign of the cross, say the Our Father and say the Glory be.

Holy Confirmation — application forms are available from the weekend of **8/9 September**. Children and young people should be attending Mass weekly at Holy Rood, as a matter of course, before requesting places on these programs.

HOLY BAPTISM - all requests and inquiries for this Sacrament should be made to Deacon Neville. His contact details can found on the back page .

COME AND SEE ... The next programme of the RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS will start on Wednesday 10th October and will continue on most Wednesdays, except school holidays, until the Easter Vigil on 20th April 2019. This programme is for everyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, but, particularly for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church, and for those adults who wish to be confirmed. A taster session will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 8.00p.m. Please contact Deacon Neville if you or someone in your family would be interested to book a place.

CARDINAL VINCENT has written to clergy of the diocese in response to the letter from Pope Francis on the abuse of children in the Church. In the letter, the Cardinal expresses sorrow and shame, saying: 'I am so sorry for the hurt that has been caused...' You can read his letter in full and read the letter of Pope Francis online at this address: <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-expresses-sorrow-and-shame-about-abuse-in-the-church/>

DIARY DATE — THE LATE SUMMER FAIR... will be held on Saturday 29th September from 11.30am onward in the Parish Centre. Following on from the success of last year we are making plans. We

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Leslie Newton, Filippo Turturici,
Donagh McMahan
ANNIVERSARIES
Joseph Guya Persaud, Victor Persaud, Davide Zippo, Sue Shrimpton, Matthias & Angeline Menezes
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

are looking for fresh ideas and help to run the event. If you are great at face painting, cake baking, craft making, can run a stall or you simply want to support this event, please let Martha in the parish office know. ASAP. Proceeds will help to replenish money spent on the urgent tower repairs successfully carried out earlier in the year. Come on Holyrooders — you can do it!

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES are available to view on <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> they are also available in the folder at the back of the church.

BIKE N'HIKE on Saturday 8th September. There are loads of churches to visit, near or far whether you bike or hike between them. Get sponsored to support the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. www.b-n-h.co.uk or phone Sue Oxlade 01923 674410 for more details. See folder at the back of the church for sponsorship forms.

BOOK EARLY TO SPONSOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week. You can do so at the Repository at the back of the Church after the Sunday Masses, but if you have a particular week in mind, book your date early as this is enormously popular. Your kind sponsorship helps towards the considerable cost of sanctuary candles. Thank you.

WATFORD HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 6th—8th Sept. Discover Watford's rich heritage with special free events and openings across the town. Holy Rood are taking part again this year.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU to Fr William for his excellent support during August in the parish. He returns home early morning on 28th August. Godspeed Father.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND There will be no 8.30am Mass this coming Monday 27th August as it is a bank holiday. 12.00 noon Mass is as usual.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: If you have recently received your examination results, we hope they are what you hoped for and what you strived hard to achieve. Whatever your results, your parish community are proud of you! Remember that you are loved by the Lord and he will continue to guide you in faith through his Holy Spirit.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH US YET? Please complete a new registration form today if you haven't done so already... even if you have worshipped here for many years, because any contact information we previously held will be destroyed. The new form states that you give us permission to store your details securely .

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Loose £833 Envelopes £655
Standing Orders £548
Thank you for supporting your church

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