

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 02 Sept	+22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Irene Sinclair, RIP Pro Populo (For the People) Airax Sarkari, RIP Memory of Manuel Fernandes, RIP Polish Mass Masalda Pagnozza, Anniversary, RIP
MON 03 Sept	St Gregory the Great	8.30am 12.00noon	Mary Malloy, RIP Marianne Aquino, Int.
TUES 04 Sept	St Cuthbert	8.30am 12.00noon	Roy Dyckhoff, RIP Carleen Doherty, RIP
WED 05 Sept	Feria Funeral	8.30am 10.00am 12.00noon	Conchita Aquino, 5th Death Anniv. RIP Elio De Mare, RIP Those returning to school and college
THUR 06 Sept	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	For the Clergy Brendan Hunt, RIP Polish Mass
FRI 07 Sept	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm	Those attending Adoremus Margaret Waymann, RIP Malayalam Mass
SAT 08 Sept	Nativity of the BVM +Vigil Mass	11.00am 6.00pm	Joseph Augustine, 1st Anniversary ,RIP Tom & Nora Joyce, RIP

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR September : That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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.

MAKING CONTACT AT HOLY ROOD

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Sunday 2nd September 2018 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 126 of the Parish Mass Book

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**"You put aside the
Commandment of
God to cling to
human traditions"**

**Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford**

We return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out.

Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship". He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.



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!

THANK YOU! Last week our Malayalam community cooked lunch in the Parish Centre to raise urgently needed funds for relief efforts in Kerala following the floods. They raised a tremendous £3,088.00 and such was the support of the of the parish — they almost ran out of food! Well done to everyone. The parish will send an additional £1,000 to support the clear up operation and rebuilding in Kerala. If you supported in anyway Thank you again.

MANY THANKS to all the Altar servers who assisted in the weekly Mass throughout the school holidays.

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS FOR CHILDREN are available to collect. Please keep your cards safe in preparation for applying for certification of Catholic practice in the autumn. Stickers begin again this week.

NEW POCKET DIARIES FOR 2019 are now available to buy from the Repository for just 50 pence each.

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 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 next weekend **8/9 September.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Elio De Mare, Leslie Newton, Filippo Turturici,
Donagh McMahon

ANNIVERSARIES
Masalda Pagnozza, Conchita Aquino,
Joseph Augustine, Dorothy Howe
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK		
Sun 2	Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass	
Mon 3	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Fri 7	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm

Children and young people should be attending Mass weekly at Holy Rood, as a matter of course, before requesting places on these programs.

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.

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.

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

WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? 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 8.00 p.m. Please contact Deacon Neville if you or someone in your family would be interested to book a place.

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS - 4 WEEKS TO GO THE LATE SUMMER FAIR... will be held on Saturday 29th September from 11.30am onward in the Parish Centre. Following on from the

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week for
The intentions of Maria Fernandes

success of last year we are making early plans. We 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.

WELCOME BACK to our musicians and singers at the 9.30 and 11.00am Masses.

TINY TOTS bring new life and energy to the entire parish. Thank you for passing on the faith to your little ones by bringing them to Mass. If their new life and energy is getting too much - if they are restless, it's ok to take them into the parish centre or into the porch for a while, until they (or you) have settled. Remember too, there are age appropriate children's newsletters relating to the gospel each week and these are available at the back of the church.

PRAYER FOR ADOREMUS 7TH-9TH SEPTEMBER

**O God who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us we pray,
so to adore the sacred mysteries of your
Body and Blood,
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption
who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever. Amen**

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.

WATFORD HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 6th—8th September. Discover Watford's rich heritage with

special free events and openings across the town. Holy Rood tours will be on Thursday 6th, 9.30am to 11.30 am, Friday 7th, 2pm till 4pm. Please book for the tours via Watford Museum on 01923232297. Thank you.

CWL will be returning on Tuesday 11th September after their summer break. All welcome 7:30 pm. Parish Centre

ST BEDE'S CROXLEY GREEN - 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING - we are warmly invited. 6.00pm on Sunday 16th September. Bishop Paul McAleenan will also be in attendance and there will be refreshments in the Hall.

MARY'S MEALS DAY, Come celebrate the work of Mary's Meals and hear from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow and speakers from the countries where we work. There will be uplifting entertainment and inspiring stories. To book your free place, go to www.marysmeals.org.ukmarysmealsday or call 020 72215745. When: 16th September 2pm to 4.45pm (doors open 12.45 for tea/coffee and gift stalls) Irish Cultural Hammersmith, LONDON W6 9DT

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 22ND SEPTEMBER Spaces are all full now. The coach will depart at 8am from the St. Marys Road bus stop on Exchange Road.

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 £ 812 Envelopes £802
Standing Orders £548
Thank you for supporting your church

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