

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 16 Sept	+24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Brendan & Peter Joyce RIP Brendan Hunt RIP Departed souls of Mr & Mrs Zacharia and Bincy Joseph Brendan Hunt RIP Polish Mass Pro Populo (For the People)
MON 17 Sept	feria	8.30am 10.00am 12.00noon	Malcolm Atkins Anniv Heidi Pettifer Funeral Dermot Cribbin RIP
TUES 18 Sept	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Pauline Coleman RIP Patrick Clancy RIP
WED 19 Sept	Feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Michael Reynolds RIP Umberto & Ermelinda Messere RIP
THUR 20 Sept	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Albert Okeke RIP Gul Gill Birthday Polish Mass
FRI 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW	8.30am 12.00noon	Jen & Jithian 3rd Wedding Anniv Anne Callan RIP
SAT 22 Sept	Blessed Mary Virgin +Vigil Mass	11.00am 6.00pm	Jolanta RIP Natalie Louise Power Anniv

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 16th September 2018 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 132 of the Parish Mass Book

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday readings
Year 2

Psalms week 4

Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford



Deirdre Edwards our parish secretary has returned to the office. We are very grateful to Martha and Jackie for their work for the Administration and Financial endeavours whilst Deirdre has been off. Their dedication to the parish affairs has meant that Deirdre's return has been very smooth indeed. As Deirdre returns – this gives us a good time to organise the parish office timings and I am very grateful to Deirdre for her valuable input in to this. From Monday the OFFICE HOURS will be:

Monday 10am-1p.m.

Tuesday 1p.m.-4p.m.

Wednesday 10am- 4p.m.

Thursday 10am-1p.m

Friday 1p.m- 4p.m.

This gives a variety of times to choose from when the Parish Office will be open. PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THESE TIMES – to avoid disappointment if no-one answers the door or the phone. PHONE NUMBERS HAVE NOT CHANGED – for Deirdre our Parish Secretary – dial 2 for Fr. Derek – dial 3, for Fr. Joseph dial 4 and for Deacon Neville, dial 5.

THANK YOU for your very warm welcome and your understanding that I am "settling in!" Things do take time but I have already been to the hospital, one of our schools, met some of the catechists from here and the Deanery and I look forward to meeting with the various groups – to evaluate good practice. Remember, "Rome wasn't built in a day!" – things take time and we will get there – especially learning new names and faces.

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!

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS FOR CHILDREN are available to collect. Please keep your cards safe in preparation for applying for certificate of Catholic practice in the autumn.

LIFE ASCENDING/ ASCENT forthcoming events:

Tuesday 25th September—Afternoon Tea at a local venue—meet at the church at 2pm for an outing to a nearby tearoom. **Tuesday 2nd October**—Monthly Bring & Share Lunch in the Parish Centre—after midday Mass and the Rosary.

Afternoon Canal Boat Cruise on Tuesday 9th October. Departing from Waterways Experiences, Nash Mills at 2pm prompt (Or depart Holy Rood at 1pm) Return at 6pm Cost £8 each—Bring and Share Afternoon Tea—drinks provided. Names and monies in an envelope to the Parish Office, marked 'Canal Cruise' - or contact Winnie Brady 01923 334998. It is no longer possible to leave a sign-up list in the church, so please contact Winnie on 01923 334998 if you wish to join the Afternoon Tea outing, and for more details.

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

HOME MISSION APPEAL There will be a retiring collection after Mass this weekend.

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 16	Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass	
Mon 17	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Thurs 20	Catenians	7.00pm
Fri 21	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm

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

Holy Confirmation — application forms are available now. Children and young people should be attending Mass weekly at Holy Rood, as a matter of course, before requesting places on these programs. Do pick up a copy of the confirmation programme 2018/19 from the back of the church. Attendance to all the sessions is **mandatory**.

NEW BLUE 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.

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 8p.m. Please contact Deacon Neville if you or someone in your family would be interested to book a place.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by
Pauline Olohan for Pauline Coleman RIP

LATE SUMMER FAIR—Saturday 29th September from 11.30am

Donations of the following are urgently needed: Bottles of wine, spirits, soft drinks, boxes of chocolates, toiletries, unwanted gifts, new items for the Tombola and Gift Stall. Also good quality toys and games. Please leave at the back of the church. Cakes and plants / cultivated cuttings can be dropped off on the day or day before.

We will be setting up on Friday 28th September from 1pm and need offers of help to put up the tables, bunting and to display items. Please get involved and help out, even if just for a while. On the day we need volunteers to man the stalls. If you can help in any way please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 22ND SEPTEMBER is fully booked. The coach will depart at 8am from the St. Marys Road bus stop on Exchange Road. Please be on time. Please bring a picnic lunch.

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 £ 1,103.38 Envelopes £742.83
Standing Orders £548

Thank you for supporting your church

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

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**JESUS QUESTION JOHN CHRIST
STRICT SUFFER ELDERS DEATH
CROSS PROPHETS RENOUNCE LIFE**



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Dermot Cribbin, Heidi Pettifer, Elio De Mare,
Leslie Newton, Filippo Turturici,
Donagh McMahon

ANNIVERSARIES

Malcolm Atkins, Natalie Louise Power