

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 09 Sept	+23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Tom & Nora Joyce, RIP Bernice Gollogly, RIP Magie Maguire, RIP Pro Populo (For the People) Polish Mass Leelamma Abraham, Anniv
MON 10 Sept	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Eddie Donnelly, RIP Leo Baulk, RIP
TUES 11 Sept	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Pepe Polidario, RIP Margaret Pender, Anniv
WED 12 Sept	Feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Annie Mackenzie, Int Private Intention
THUR 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Judith Bogie, Anniv Private Int. Anonymous Polish Mass
FRI 14 Sept	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	8.30am 12.00noon	Neville, Veronica & family special Int. Rodney & Rachel Ngone, Getting Married
SAT 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	11.00am	For the deceased members of Ouro-Gnao's family
	+Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Brenden & Peter 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.

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Sunday 9th September 2018 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 129 of the Parish Mass Book

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Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford



My dear parishioners, the readings this week are particularly relevant to this time of change. Isaiah tells us "Courage, Do not be afraid!" and in the Gospel a deaf man hears and the same man who has a speech impediment, speaks. Change is never easy for anyone and you may be nervous about the type of parish priest you have been given and I (your parish priest) may be nervous about leaving my last parish and coming to a place unknown. But the readings are an inspiration to all of us. COURAGE, DO NOT BE AFRAID – YOUR EARS WILL HEAR AND YOU WILL SPEAK.

I am Fr. Derek or sometimes known as Fr. D! I am a Scotsman from Dundee but have lived in London since 1995. I have been a priest since then and have taken up various roles over the 23 years including, Vocation ministry, Youth Ministry (national and International), Teaching, School Chaplaincy and parish ministry. I have just completed nine years in the parish of Hounslow which is well over double the size of Watford – so I have been telling people that I am going into semi-retirement. Of course this is not true. I have just had a one month sabbatical and then my summer holidays and I feel refreshed and renewed and ready to begin my journey with you as a parish. A priest is here to serve and to guide. That is what I hope to do. I look forward to meeting you all – but don't expect me to know your names immediately! Today there is an extra newsletter which gives you a flavour of my time on the Camino Santiago de Compostela – I hope you enjoy reading it.

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!

WELCOME to our new Parish Priest Fr. Derek. May you find Holy Rood to be a warm and welcoming place.

MANY THANKS to Fr Shaun for being our Parish Priest over the last two and a half years. We wish you well on your next appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS to Conan, Michael, McKenzie, Charlie, Mathilda, Remaya, Ethan and George, recently baptised.

ALTAR SERVERS. Congratulations to Ajin who last Sunday received the Guild of St Stephen's certificate of Merit for five years service as an enrolled member.

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.

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**

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

ANNIVERSARIES
Leelamma Abraham, Margaret Pender,
Judith Bogie
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK			
Sun 9	Tea and coffee after 11:00am	Mass	
Mon 10	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm	
Fri 14	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm	
Sat 15	Catechist training day	10.00am	

Before registering for a place, your child needs to be ready for the programme. Children should 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**. Children and young people should be attending Mass weekly at Holy Rood, as a matter of course, before requesting places on these programs.

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 8.00 p.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
Dermot Cribbin for Olivia's intention

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 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.

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

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

CATECHISTS TRAINING DAY. All the catechists are expected to attend the training day on Saturday 15th September, starting at 10 am.

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.uk/marysmealsday 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.

THANK YOU FROM DEACON NEVILLE AND VERONICA to all the parishioners for the love, care, support and prayers while Deacon Neville was taken ill.

ST ANTHONYS SCHOOL, WATFORD has got two job vacancies. Details in the folder at the back of church.

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 £ 1317 Envelopes £836
Standing Orders £548
Thank you for supporting your church

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