

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 14 October	+28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Daniel Shoebridge RIP Dorothy Howe and Mary Hardwidge RIP Arthur Dyer MBE RIP Pro Populo (For the People) Polish Mass Elio De Mare RIP
MON 15 October	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	8.30am 12.00noon	Mary & Thomas Creighton RIP Ted Brady RIP
TUES 16 October	feria	8.30am 10.00am 12.00noon	Pauline Jenkins RIP Yolanda Santaniello Funeral Owen & Marie McLoughlin Intentions
WED 17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch	8.30am 12.00noon	Private Intention Mary Josephine Murray RIP
THUR 18 October	ST LUKE, Evangelist	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Thanksgiving for OSCE exam Antonia Elli Anniv (Laura's mum) Polish Mass
FRI 19 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Francis Maguire Anniv Patrick Callanan Funeral
SAT 20 October	Blessed Mary Virgin +Vigil Mass	11.00am 6.00pm	Bincy Joseph Anniv Special Intention

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11.30am and 5.00pm - 5:25pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30 pm - 5.30pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR October: Evangelisation: The Mission of Religious That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves and be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

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 14th October 2018 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 143 of the Parish Mass Book

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Statement from the Bishops of England and Wales, Rome, Saturday 29 September 2018

As we end our visit, 'ad limina Apostolorum', we offer these reflections on our days together in Rome.

On Friday 28 September, we were immensely privileged to share conversation with Pope Francis for over two hours. It was a most remarkable and intimate experience.

We asked the Holy Father for a message which we could bring back to our dioceses, to our priests and people. His message was simple: we are to live the gift of our faith with joy. Joy was his great emphasis. He explained that this joy is rooted firmly in our relationship with Jesus. It is a joy of knowing that he is with us; of knowing the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, drawing and guiding us towards the will of God; a joy of knowing our Heavenly Father is waiting for us, longing to hold us in his embrace of loving mercy. This is the joy of the faith by which we are to live. He added that this joy is the source of lasting peace in our hearts and lives, no matter our circumstances.

As we spoke with Pope Francis we realised, more and more, that he simply radiates this joy and peace. He is indeed gifted with a unique grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Even in this time of turmoil, the Holy Father is so clearly rooted in God and blessed by God. His peace is secure. His life is serene. We know, because he showed us his heart. It is the heart of a loving father.

In our turn, we affirmed our deep communion with him and promised him our love, support and prayers. We expressed confidently these sentiments on behalf of all the faithful Catholics of England and Wales.

We spoke with the Holy Father about the difficulties of fulfilling our role as bishops. In turn he reflected on the importance of prayer and preaching in our lives, and of paternal closeness to our priests and people, with care and with firm justice. He spoke of the encouragement he wishes to give to priests today, who can sometimes feel vulnerable in the face of difficult circumstances, in a critical environment. He spoke, movingly, of the wounds inflicted by abuse and neglect, wounds that wreak such harm in the lives of its victims and in the life of the Church. Wherever they are found, these are wounds in the Body of Christ and are painful to touch. He encouraged us, in our pastoral work, never to neglect even the tiny flames of faith that exist in so many communities and people.....We know so well that it is from our prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, that the mission of each of the baptised truly springs.

Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford



REGISTRATION FORMS: First Holy Communion
 registration forms are available at the back of the church and must be returned by 21st October. 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 the Glory be.

WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? The next programme of the RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS has started 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. Please contact Deacon Neville if you or someone in your family would be interested to book a place.

CONCERT Gerry O'Beirne is planning a church concert on 5th April 2019 at Holy Rood. It will involve modern music of many styles, Gospel, Folk, Classical, Pop and Jazz. If you would like to sing in the choir for this concert, we will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from January at Little Green School, Croxley from 7.45—9.45pm. We are also starting to learn some of the pieces from now until November half-term. If you would like to join us for this project you would be more than welcome. There is a small charge of £20 for the term. Further details from either Gerry or Anthony Sheridan anthonysheridan@gmail.com

SPOC Sacramental Programmes for Older Children, starts on Oct. 20th. This programme is in two forms. 1st. 9.30 - 10.15 am for children of primary school age to prepare for Baptism. 2nd. 10.55 - 12.00 for year 5 to year 11, Preparation for Baptism and or 1st Holy Communion. Both programmes are on alternate Saturdays through term time. To register please fill in one of the

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Pauline Jenkins, Yolanda Santaniello,
 Patrick Callanan and Madonna Renwick

ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

Mary Hardwidge, Antonia Elli, Francis Maguire,
 Sena Fernandes, Bincy Joseph

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun 14 Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass
Sun 14 Baptism Course 2.00pm
Mon 15 Cocaine Anonymous 7.00pm
Tues 16 Parent & Toddler 9.30am
Wed 17 RCIA 8.00pm
Fri 19 Alcoholics Anonymous 8.00pm

forms at the back of the church and hand it to one of the clergy.

Watford, Hemel & St. Albans NHS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from the hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital. Contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling 01923 217994 or 0777 659 8704. Referrals can also be made via email: spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS Please phone Deirdre, our secretary, to arrange a 10 minute meeting with Fr Derek or Fr Joseph. **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR ATTENDANCE CARDS FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.** The times scheduled are: Tuesday 16th 4p.m-6p.m., Wed 17th 4p.m - 6p.m. Thursday 18th 09.30-11.30am and Thursday 18th 4p.m-6p.m. To Book call in OFFICE HOURS : Monday 10a.m-1p.m., Tuesday 1-4p.m., Wednesday 10a.m-4p.m., Thursday 10am-11.10am. and Friday 1-4p.m. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BRING YOUR CHILD WITH YOU**

ST ALBANS BLESSING OF GRAVES Fr Kevin Moule will be blessing graves on Sunday 4th November at London Road Cemetery, St Albans at 12.45pm and then at St Peter's Church in London Colney for 1.30pm. At 1.45pm he will be at the Cemetery in Shenley and at 2.15pm in Christchurch Cemetery in Radlett.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored for
 Malcolm Atkins 1st Anniv

WATFORD FOODBANK This year's total contribution to the Watford Foodbank by Holy Rood parishioners now stands at 627kg. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this worthwhile cause.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders, currently working outside of Catholic Education. On 26th November at 7pm at Vaughan House, Westminster. This occasion is designed to provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic school and an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme for those senior leaders who wish to be accompanied and supported on their journey into Catholic education. Further details www.rcdow.org.uk

KEEPING FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE - The Craigmyle Lecture 2018 given by Baroness Nuala O'Loan on Thursday 18th October at 6.30pm. Venue: Notre Dame University, 1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG. To attend please register on Evenbrite or tel: 0208 8749 1321 or infor@catholicunion.org.uk

SVP FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH raised £74.67 at the lunch on Family Fast Day 5th October for CAFOD. Thank you to everyone for their support.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose £993.67 Envelopes £692.80
 Standing Orders £548

Thank you for supporting your church

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 2nd November 7—10.00pm at St Luke's Church Hall, Watford WD17 3EG. Tickets £15 each to include fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks. Contact: 01923 232179 or email infor@alternativeswatford.co.uk for tickets.

ANNUAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Peter and Paul and 8 servers and some family members attended this Mass. 1 deacon and 7 priests joined Bishop John Sherrington to celebrate this Mass. Everyone had an enjoyable time and look forward to next year.

BOXES OF ENVELOPES Please check your box of envelopes and if you are number 179 or 421 please contact the parish office so that it can be registered to you. Thank you

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL RECEPTION ADMISSIONS open on November 5th. Visit their website for their admissions criteria, updated for 2019, and details of their open mornings. www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk

THE HOLY ROSARY is prayed each weekday in church following the 12.00 noon Mass (Mon-Fri). 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.

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.

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