

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 21 October	+29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Special Intention Molly & Theo McKenna Anniv Brendan Hunt RIP Daniel Shoebridge RIP Polish Mass Pro Populo (For the People)
MON 22 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Gorgonia Miranda RIP Alec Wojczek RIP
TUES 23 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Jolanta RIP Bragoli Family Intention
WED 24 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Fr Robin Ellwood Intention Joe O'Connell RIP
THUR 25 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Michael Sulliivan Anniv Johnnie Coelho Anniv & Mary Coelho RIP Polish Mass
FRI 26 October	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Private Intention Madonna Renwick Funeral
SAT 27 October	Blessed Mary Virgin +Vigil Mass	11.00am 6.00pm	Davide Zippo RIP Pro Populo (For the People)

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 21st October 2018 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Psalms week 1

Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford



It seems incredible that I have been in Watford now for seven weeks. Seven as we know is the perfect number reminding us about the seven days of creation. Have you noticed that our baptism font at the front door of the church is septagonal in shape – meaning that it has seven sides. This reminds us of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord and courage. These gifts are given to the Church (individuals – you and I) in order to build up God's Kingdom. In the Gospel today we hear Jesus saying that he did not come to be served but to serve. This is the example that we are all asked and invited to follow. I am here to serve you in the best possible way that I know. Sometimes when a person comes in to a place, they can see things, that through time, others have become accustomed to. Sometimes we need people to see things differently in order to help us to move forward. Myself and Fr. Joseph have been pleasantly encouraged by the number of positive comments about the reception of Holy Communion. In fact, we only received two negative comments. To give one example – this is what I received in an email: **Hi Father Derek I was at the 11am mass this morning and I must congratulate you on changing the way in which the congregation now receive Holy Communion. The new system seems so much better and eases the congestion.** Thanks to all who took the time to comment – it is uplifting for us to know that you are supportive. We did say that we would pilot this for a month – and I am a man of my word – so we continue and we will evaluate accordingly. Everything we aim to do is to serve the WHOLE community – not a few.

After my initial period of settling down in Watford, it is now time to get to know people in the parish. I will be meeting the Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and the Readers sometime in January and February. In the meantime I have 126 families that I would like to meet over the next few weeks. So if you receive a phone-call please don't be alarmed – I would like to meet for 15-20 minutes only. This will be here at the presbytery. *Fr Derek*

THE REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES has now come to an end and we look forward to journeying with our families towards the reception of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year through SPOC, FHC and Confirmation programmes. **FOR CONFIRMATION:** Parents are reminded that they are to accompany their son/daughter to the first session of Confirmation on THURSDAY 8th November at 6.45pm in the Parish Centre. **FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents are reminded that they are to attend a **PARENTS ONLY** session in the Parish Centre on TUESDAY 30th October at 7.30p.m. If you cannot make this date and time please contact Fr. Derek by email ASAP.

WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? Our parish 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.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Madonna Renwick
ANNIVERSARIES
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord
Fr Richard Berry, Alec Wojaczek,
Johnnie Coelho, Molly & Theo McKenna

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK			
Sun 21	Tea and coffee after 11:00am	Mass	
Mon 22	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm	
Tues 23	Parent & Toddler	9.30am	
Wed 24	RCIA	8.00pm	
Fri 26	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm	

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

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. Our Harvest collection of food weighed 290.1 kilos.

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

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 BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored for
Kenni and Ade Oladineji's Intention

ASCENT NEWS- Our next meeting, a Bring & Share lunch, is on Tuesday, 6th November in the Parish Centre, after midday Mass and the Rosary. Pictures of the recent canal cruise will be shown - everyone is very welcome to come along. There will be an **outing to St Albans Cathedral on Friday, 9th November**, for midday Mass followed by lunch in the Refectory - please let Winnie know if you'd like to come (01923 334998). Leaving Holy Rood at 11am, or independent public transport to St Albans - Bus Stop is Sumpter Yard. There will be an **outing to Burston's Nurseries for lunch and Christmas Shopping on Tuesday 20th November** after midday Mass and Rosary. On **Tuesday, 4th December**, there will be a **Festive Lunch at the Cha Cha Café in Cassiobury Park**; as numbers are limited (15 max), please let Winnie know as soon as possible if you would like to take part. Cost £14-£15. Later in December there will be a Festive Meal at the Moon Under Water.

REPOSITORY – THANK YOU to those individuals who have offered to help. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS. Please be generous with your time and talents and contact either Fr. Derek or Fr. Joseph. If you would like to purchase something during the week – Shirley is quite happy to help you on a weekday between 11.15-11.45a.m.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Loose £1,139.74 Envelopes £676.47
Standing Orders £548
Thank you for supporting your church

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7 DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES which will be burnt in the chapel dedicated to St John are available to buy from the Repository NEXT WEEK. If you would like a label for this candle – please contact Deirdre in the Parish Office. You can arrange to collect your label for your candle during office hours, and we will place the candles on the altar on a Sunday morning burning through to the following Saturday evening. The cost is £5. It would be a fitting memorial if we were able to keep the glow of the candles continuous for the whole of the month.

BLESSING OF GRAVES Fr Derek, Fr Joseph and Deacon Neville will be at Vicarage Road Cemetery at 1pm on Saturday 10th November and at North Watford Cemetery at 1pm on Sunday 11th Nov to bless graves. Meet at the cemetery chapel.

CELEBRATE ST ALBANS - CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC FAMILY WEEKEND Saturday 3rd November 9am to 9pm, Sunday 4th November 9am to 4pm. Speakers: Dominic McDermott, Archie Cameron and a panel of special guests. Visit www.celebrateconference.org for more details.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL has a vacancy for a cleaner. 2 hours each day. Tel:01923 226987

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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