

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>SUN 7 October</b>	<b>+27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Connor Herbert, RIP Sheelagh & Edna McKenna, Anniv Sean Maguire, Anniv Pro Populo (For the People) Polish Mass In memory of Paula Fernandes, RIP
<b>MON 8 October</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Special Intention Private Intention
<b>TUES 9 October</b>	feria	8.30am  12.00noon	In thanksgiving for prayers & care received Pauline Jenkins, RIP
<b>WED 10 October</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	OCSE Exam participants Intention Jim Smythe RIP
<b>THUR 11 October</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Giovanni Tronolone, Anniv Bridget Fuller Intention Polish Mass
<b>FRI 12 October</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	God's blessings—Murphy Nkemdirim Celestino Perry Louie Baggayan, Anniv
<b>SAT 13 October</b>	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  <b>+Vigil Mass</b>	11.00am  6.00pm	Bobby Coleman, Anniv  Daniel Shoebridge, RIP

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

**EUCARISTIC 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 7th October 2018

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 140 of the Parish Mass Book

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B

Weekday readings  
Year 2

Psalms week 3

Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford



Sometimes we have to look at practical issues in a practical way. Over the past few weekends I have become aware of the issue of parking and how this causes some concern especially between the 9.30 and 11am Sunday Masses. Fr. Joseph and I have looked at this and we are going to begin our Offertory Procession immediately and not wait for the collection bags to be complete. This will save a little bit of time. Next weekend we will try something different with Holy Communion too, in the hope that this will make our reception of Holy Communion more reverent and less disruptive for all concerned. It should also be more efficient. It is important that we have the same practice at all the Masses so that everyone knows what they are doing, whatever Mass they come to. With this in mind, we are looking for a few more helpers for Ushering at various times. Would you be able to help out? Is this a gift or talent that is lying dormant at present but now time to flower? Please email me derekmcguire@rcdow.org.uk or phone the parish number and choose option 3. We are also in need of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and people to help with the Repository. PLEASE be generous with your time and skills to build up our church community. The few cannot do it all – but the many can do a little which goes much further. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Last month many people met in Liverpool at the Adoremus congress. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of all we are and all we do. Our participants were reminded of the beauty and need we have for Eucharistic Adoration. With this in mind, I think that it would be a good opportunity for us as a parish to offer Eucharistic Adoration more often throughout the week. We have already begun on a Saturday to have one full hour – 4.30p.m.- 5.30p.m. It would be good if those who are interested in moving this forward, could come and meet together. If you are interested could you email me derekmcguire@rcdow.org.uk*

**LIFE ASCENDING/ ASCENT** forthcoming events:

**Afternoon Canal Boat Cruise** this 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.

**REGISTRATION FORMS: First Holy Communion** registration forms are available this weekend 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.

**Holy Confirmation** — Application closing date: next Sunday 14th October. Children and young people should be attending Mass weekly at Holy Rood, as a matter of course, before requesting places on these programmes. Attendance to all the sessions is **mandatory**.

**WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC?** The next programme of the RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS will start this 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. 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

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**  
Madonna Renwick, Pauline Jenkins

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**  
Sean Maguire, Sheelagh and Edna McKenna,  
Giovanni Tronolone, Celestino Perry Louie  
Baggayan, Bobby Coleman, Carrmela Federico

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK		
Sun 7	Tea and coffee after 11:00am	Mass
Mon 8	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tues 9	Parent & Toddler	9.30am
Tues 9	CWL	7.30pm
Wed 10	RCIA	8.00pm
Fri 12	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
Sun 14	Tea and coffee after 11.00am	Mass
Sun 14	Baptism Course	2.00pm

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, will be starting again in October. 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 forms at the back of the church and hand it to one of the clergy.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.** A 12 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land including Jordan, Egypt and Turkey in November 2019. Dates and price TBC. Please email Elizabeth on egallego01@gmail.com with your details.

**JOURNEYING WITH THE GOSPEL**—a regular meeting group who look at the following week's Gospel in a prayerful setting. Meetings resume on Monday 8th October. If you would like to join this group please contact Deacon Neville.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored for  
Thanksgiving of Manuel Padilla

**STREET ANGELS AND CHAPLAINS**— regular visitors to Watford's town centre, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings, will have seen volunteers helping people in distress, worse for drink or just separated from their friends and in need of help. Often unseen, is the work of chaplains attached to major stores (John Lewis) and in the street, also offering an ear for those feeling troubled. This is the Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy. Come along to their annual meeting and meet the new Lead Chaplain, Frances Novello at 7.30 pm this Tuesday 9th October at St Mary's Parish Centre. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**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

**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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Collection this weekend.** CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation and contribute to the second collection which will take place at all Masses. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. See [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) **WELCOME** to Matthew Funge who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church after being Confirmed at Westminster Cathedral next Saturday.

**LATE SUMMER FAIR** Thank you to everyone who donated goods, set up the stalls and helped serve at our parish fair. We made £1,121 which will go towards offsetting the cost of the stonework restoration on the church tower.

**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: Monday 15th 4p.m-6p.m., 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-1p.m. and Friday 1-4p.m

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Loose £ 1,250.76 Envelopes £923.03  
Standing Orders £548  
**Thank you for supporting your church**

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