

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 18 November	+33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am	Mary O'Sullivan, 100th Birthday Deceased members of Muckerrins and Pelly families
		9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Alice O'Meara, Anniv Pro Populo (For the People) Polish Mass Holy Souls
MON 19 November	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Holy souls Baccino Giovanni A Secondina and Trombietta Giovanni, Anniv
TUES 20 November	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Iris & Noel Abbott-Smith, RIP Holy souls
WED 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am 12.00noon	Holy souls Guiseppe Sidoli, RIP
THUR 22 November	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Amelia Gabriel, Birthday Cecilia Okeke, Birthday, Feast day Polish Mass
FRI 23 November	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Iris Abbott-Smith, RIP Thanksgiving for Mark Crabb
SAT 24 November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	11.00am	Brian Devereux, RIP
	+Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Holy Souls

CONFESIONS: Saturday 11.30am and 5.00pm - 5.25pm

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30 pm - 5.30pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR November: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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 18th November 2018

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 157 of the Parish Mass Book

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We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Sick and Retired Priests' collection last weekend. There are still envelopes coming in so if you were not around or forgot to make a donation, there is still time. Envelopes are at the back of the church. The care of priests in their old age, especially the sick and chronically ill ones, is a priority of the Diocese, and is a way to say "Thank you" to the priests who have been there for us in so many different circumstances. May God continue to bless you greatly for your generosity.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates, their families and our celebration of Mass

The Confirmation and First Holy Communion programmes have begun. As part of these programmes, we would like to involve our families in the Offertory Procession during Mass. This week we will have a list for our Confirmation candidates to fill in when they would like to do the Offertory Procession. This will be extended to the First Holy Communion families early in 2019. Parishioners who have been doing the Offertory will continue to have the opportunity to do this when there are no families signed up and when the programmes finish in May next year. This gives a good way of involving many more people which we are sure everyone would agree with. Please keep the candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in your prayers.

ADVENT TALKS

It has been suggested that we offer three talks in Advent. These will take place after the mid-day Mass and rosary on a Tuesday afternoon. The talk will begin at 12.45p.m. in the Parish Centre with tea and coffee provided. The whole event will be 45minutes. You might like to put the dates in your diary. 4th/11th/18th December. Themes are PROPHETS, JOHN THE BAPTIST and MARY.



Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford

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

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community to mark World Day of the Poor on Sunday 18th November. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him'. You can get involved in the parish by donating to the foodbank and baby boxes at the back of church, supporting local night shelter or homeless charity or even contacting our SVP to help reach out in friendship and support to the elderly or isolated in our community.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION Thursday, 6th December 2018 (9.30 for 10 am until 3 pm; closing with Holy Mass) Speaker to be announced. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078

ALTERNATIVES BABY BOXES referrals for boxes are increasing band stocks of toiletries are now running low. Donations are welcome of newborn nappies, cotton wool, baby cream/petroleum jelly, powder and baby soap. There is a box at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Madonna Renwick, Eileen Marie Deville

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice O'Meara, Baccino Giovanni A Secondina, Trombetta Giovanni
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun 18	Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass	
Mon 19	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tue 20	Parents & toddlers	9.30am
Wed 21	RCIA	8.00pm
Thur 22	Confirmation Session 2	6.45pm
Fri 23	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 24	SPOC	9.30am

He's behind you!- Oh no he is not!- yes it is Panto time and some of the parishioners have expressed an interest in going to the local theatre to watch the Christmas panto. We would like to know if anyone is interested in joining them- it is probably going to be after the New year as tickets are few and far between. Register your interest by email to the parish office or give your name to Martha, the parish secretary.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH Sunday 2nd December in the Parish Centre. Please give your name to Martha in the Parish Office if you wish to attend. We need names by 24th November please.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL RECEPTION ADMISSIONS are now open. Visit their website www.stanthonysherts.sch.uk. for their admissions criteria, updated for 2019 and details of their open mornings.

RECEPTION ADMISSION FORMS- For the signing of reception forms for our Catholic schools please contact Fr Derek or Fr Joseph by email or phone to arrange an appointment. These should be done by the 5th December.

STREET ANGELS NEEDED. Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy is looking for volunteers from local churches to join Saturday night street angel teams. For more information contact office@watfordtcc.org

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored by Sylvia - in thanksgiving for graduation

IRISH AND HOLY ROOD HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP . Will be having Mass for the Holy Souls at Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane on 21st November 8pm . All welcome. Also there will be a fundraising dance 24th November 8.30-12.pm £5 per ticket contact Elizabeth on 01923233254.

which approach closer to holiness? Join CAFOD for a day of reflection on either **Saturday 24th Nov in Lambeth** or **Saturday 1st Dec in Oakwood**, North London. For further details contact Westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208-449-6970 or register @

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Westminster-Retreat>

RED BOXES Bring boxes in for emptying over the next few weeks as the year end is December . This scheme supports training of priests in war torn and poor areas in the world, helps with provision of food, medical care, pastoral care and education and numerous needs of unfortunate children and adults in the world. Please contact Daphne on 01923 228383 if your are interested and would like a box and information.

LIFE ASCENDING 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 Joan Morse know as soon as possible if you would like to take part. Tel: 07712 502672. Cost £14-£15. Later in December there will be a Festive Meal at the Moon Under Water.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose £1155 Envelopes £794
Standing Orders £548

Thank you for supporting your church

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