

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	12.00noon	Peg Conway, RIP
TUES 28 May	Easter feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Stephen Maule, Int Renato Abareles, RIP
WED 29 May	Easter feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Ibironke Oke, RIP Negri Patrizio, Anniv
THUR 30 May	+THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	8.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm 7.00pm	Peter Lyons, Anniv Mary Roddy, Int Polish Mass Edith & Ken Poole, RIP
FRI 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.30am 12.00noon 7-8pm	Blake Polidario Maddock, Int Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SAT 1 June	St Justin, Martyr	11.00am 6.00pm	Edith & Ken Poole, RIP
SUN 2 June	+ 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Pro Populo (For the People) Higgins family, Int. Matti Inejo, RIP Polish Mass

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 11.30am and 5pm, Friday from 8pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30pm -5.30pm, Tuesday 9am-12noon, Friday 7pm-8pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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 26th May 2019 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for this Sunday are on page 273 of the Parish Mass Book

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I find it hard to believe that I have been with you now for nearly nine months. I have wanted to settle down and look at the parish and give myself time to take in a new situation, a new dynamic. Certain things had to be looked at and continued with during this time and that is because time does not stand still – even for us in the church. Now it is time to look ahead. One conversation that took place last week gave me an insight in to how the parish has changed over the past decade. Our groups and activities naturally must reflect that. I am very grateful to those people who volunteered for various ministries during our recent Stewardship campaign. Already those who volunteered to be Readers or Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist have been contacted. Martha has started to contact people who volunteered to do Admin work for the parish. We are now looking at those who volunteered for our much-needed Finance Team and Parish Council. Another group that is being formed at present is our PROCLAIM TEAM. Pope Francis wrote: "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." We are hoping to have a team to work together for this endeavor. Do you think that you could be involved in this? If so, please let Fr. Derek know by email ASAP. It would be great to see a mixture of nationalities, age groups and genders in the make up of all of these groups so that we have a true reflection of the life of the parish. Thank you for being generous with your time for the good of the WHOLE community. We can move forward together given the dedication that is around our parish community. We aim high taking our inspiration from the Gospels but also trying to live out the motto of Watford - AUDENTIOR, meaning "with greater boldness". We are an Easter People and "Alleluia" is our song. Let us sing it together with the boldness that is required.



POSSIBLE PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2020. There has been a tradition here in the parish of going on pilgrimage and with this in mind we have two proposals:

1. Pilgrimage to Italy sometime in June 2020. Fly to Rome and travel to Umbria to stay in Cascia to discover the life and influence of St. Rita of Cascia. Day trip to Assisi and Montefalco – to deepen our knowledge of St. Francis and discover the richness of the life of St. Clare of Montefalco. Day trip to Loretta to the House of the Holy Family. Cultural Day trip to discover the delights of Umbria. Other days of rest and spirituality in Cascia. On the last day – proposal to leave very early to arrive at St. Peter's Rome for a tour at 7a.m. and possibly Mass. Then a tour of Rome by Coach before arriving at the airport for afternoon/evening flight home. Full board on days in Cascia and half-board for other days. Depending on flights, the cost would be about £775-£850 for a week.

2. Pilgrimage to Lisieux and beyond sometime at the beginning of September for 5 days. Transport by coach via Dover-Calais to Lisieux. Accommodation: half board Cost: £525 per person - inclusive of visits and entry to D-Day Landings; Bayeux Tapestry and Monet's Garden.

There will be cards at the back of the church that can be filled in and handed on to the clergy for expressing interest in going on the pilgrimages.

THE PEACE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP want to thank all the parishioners who supported the coffee morning last weekend. The amount raised was £1,122.50.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored in thanksgiving for
Ibironke Oke

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon 27 Cocaine Anonymous 7.00pm
Fri 31 Alcoholics Anonymous 8.00pm
Sun 02 Tea and coffee after 11am Mass

SVP The SVP would like to thank everyone who supported their bacon butty morning last Sunday. £308.50 profit was made which will enable 88 packs containing cold weather essentials to be distributed to the homeless this winter.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS will be from 7pm till 8pm. Come and spend time with the Lord in Adoration. Please note that there will be **NO EVENING MASS**. There will be opportunity for confessions after 8pm for anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to offer Masses for a loved one or any special intentions, please phone, come into the office or let the priests know as there are a lot spaces left for the month of June.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Elizabeth Cornish, Christina Allard, Ida Zeoli, Margaret (Peggy) Pottinger, Michael Walsh, Edna May Rosario, Josephine Hanley.

ANNIVERSARIES

Felipa & Lapaz Ramboanga, Arnold Persaud, Negri Patrizio, Peter Lyons, Ina Southam.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES. Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The **RETRouvaille** programme may be just what you need. Next programme commences 7th-9th June 2019. For further information, phone or text 07887296983 or 07973380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE—PARISH CAMP. Holy Rood Parish Camp 2019 at Lees Wood Camp Site. Friday 23rd August to Monday 26th August 2019. Parish Camp is open to all at Holy Rood. Come for the weekend or for the day. We have some tents you can borrow. For more details please phone Kirsty 07702521212 or Jackie 07856242487.

THY KINGDOM COME: 30th May to 9th June 2019. Be part of this global movement to 'light up the world' by pledging to pray at www.thykingdomcome.global. Join in our local services: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** in the Lady Chapel at St. Albans Cathedral on 31st May from 8pm for one hour. **Beacon Event** at St. Albans Cathedral Sunday 9th June 6.30pm.

RED BOXES. Please bring your red boxes for emptying. These can be handed on to the clergy. Please do not leave the boxes at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.

JOB VACANCIES If you or your friends and family are looking for a new opportunity in the Diocese of Westminster, please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> **ALL** current job vacancies can be found in the folder at the back of the church.

MARY'S MEALS REMINDER. People can drop off the unwanted clothing and bedding for Mary's meals on Saturday 1st June before the 6pm Mass and also on Sunday morning before the 11am Mass.



ONE WEEK TO GO: With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals will be at our church on the morning of **Sunday 2nd June** please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 11am. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE. Holy Rood Catholic Primary School are pleased to be able to offer additional school places in Year 3 for September 2019 at our popular and successful school. If you are interested in making an application for one of these places, please make contact with Mrs Jo Kemp in school office who will be happy to discuss this with you. Visits to the school are available by prior arrangement. School telephone number: 01923 223785. School email address: admin@holyrood.herts.sch.uk

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Loose £895.38 Envelopes £635.43
Standing orders for April £ 5130
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