

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 8 July	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Theo Fernandes, RIP Cath ward, RIP
TUES 9 July	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Julie & Charles Gough, RIP No Mass, Deanery meeting
WED 10 July	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Diane Leete, Anniv Dermot Cribbin, Anniv
THUR 11 July	ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Sheila & Michael Bowditch, RIP Fidelia Oti, RIP Polish Mass
FRI 12 July	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7-8pm	Mary James, Anniv. James Ryan, Anniv Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SAT 13 July	feria	11.00am 6.00pm	SPOC, First Holy Communion Eve, Tom & James Clark, Int.
SUN 14 July	+15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Deceased members of the Houlighan & Morse families Kiaran Carney, Anniv. Jerry Wilkinson, Anniv Polish Mass Daniel Shaban, RIP

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30pm -5.30pm, Tuesday 9am-11.45am, Friday 7pm-8pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY : The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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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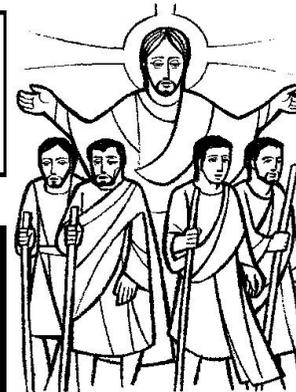
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Sunday 7 July 2019

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for this Sunday are on page 105 of the Parish Mass Book

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TODAY'S MASS

"Christ is our peace"

The Gospel message is one of peace. Wherever we go we should bring the peace of Christ with us but we can only do this when we have learned to suffer like him. Then we will lead an entirely new life and peace will flow like a river from us to everyone around us.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Have you ever watched a small baby with its mother? If the baby is nursing or just snuggling, it is completely happy in its mother's arms. That is the image used in today's reading to tell the Israelites how happy they will be when Jerusalem is restored. The holy city is like their mother. She knows how much they have suffered in exile. Now she will comfort and nourish them. And God will comfort them like a mother, too, and once again shower them with good gifts.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

Some of the Christians of Galatia thought that they should follow all the regulations of the Old Testament. Paul tells them that they do not have to follow ritual laws like circumcision. They have been "created anew" in Jesus Christ. Like Paul, they should trust in the cross of Jesus and boast of nothing but their faithfulness to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

If Jesus sounds like he means business in this reading, he does! What matters most to him in the whole world is to make people understand that the reign of God is at hand. This is why he sends his disciples out in every direction. The harvest (people who have not heard the good news of the gospel) is ready right now. Jesus instructs the disciples to go quickly and travel light. They are to spread his peace, cure the sick, and proclaim the reign of God.

Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford



As our school year draws to a close, so too our preparation for the sacraments. Thank you to all who have been involved over the past year – our team for baptism preparation, our catechists for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the team who look after SPOC, our married couples who prepare those preparing for marriage, our cleaners, flower arrangers, certificate writers, music groups, altar servers and so the list goes on. It is at times like these that the dedication of our parish community is clearly demonstrated. **THANK YOU TO ALL.** Our new forms are out for sacramental preparation beginning in September/October/January. Please pick one up and complete ASAP.

For all confirmation candidates who were not baptised at Holy Rood, please note, that you will need to make a copy of your baptism certificate and bring it in along with the original. Also we require the full postal address of the church of baptism and if available, an email address for the parish. All this helps to facilitate all the administration required. We will be unable to accept applications forms for the sacrament without this information.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored for
Dianna Leete, Anniv.

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon 8	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tue 9	Parents & Toddlers	9.30am
	CWL	7.30pm
Fri 12	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 13	SPOC	9.30am
Sun 14	Tea and coffee after	11am Mass

ABORTION DECRIMINALISATION The pro-abortion lobby in the House of Commons is trying to amend the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill to push through abortion decriminalisation. The Draft Domestic Abuse Bill will introduce measures to tackle the horror of domestic abuse. This important Bill must not be hijacked to decriminalise abortion and make women even more vulnerable to abusive men. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards for us. These are at the back of the church. Please pick one and send to the Home Secretary with an important message: "Don't bring in abortion decriminalization by the back door!"

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 during the week for the months of July and August.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Nancy Brockwell, Jean Ann Donoghue,
Tina Perretta, Elizabeth Cornish,
Christina Allard, Margaret (Peggy) Pottinger.

ANNIVERSARIES

Diane Leete, Dermot Cribbin, Mary James,
James Ryan.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Tuesday, 9 July, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Following the time they spent in the country, Margaret and Jim Fitzpatrick will be talking to us about Jordan, past and present. All are most welcome. The evening will finish with a cream tea. Copies of Fr Bernard Scholes's novel, 'On Leaving', will be on sale, with all profits going to charity.

SVP - FOODBANK DONATIONS. Thank you for your Foodbank donations which totalled 135.4kg in June. The total donated this year is 573.2kg. Watford Foodbank have told us that current shortages include tinned meat, tinned fish and instant mash potato. If you are in a position to help the Foodbank box is at the back of the church. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE.– LIVESTREAM 12-13th JULY 2019. Two internationally-renowned experts in their field will be giving powerful spiritually enriching talks on the spiritual life: Dr Susan Muto, Dean of Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, speaking on The Scriptural Roots of Carmelite Wisdom and Christian Spirituality in St John's Sayings of Light and Love; Dr Margaret Barker, highly acclaimed Old Testament & Inter-testamental scholar speaking on The Temple Tradition of Seeking the Face of God in Ancient Judaism. Their talks will be complemented by a rich variety of workshops & sessions around this central theme by many other experts in Carmelite spirituality and related fields. Anyone can watch the **LIVE STREAM** and have the opportunity to watch the talks later at their convenience by registering at <http://oxcacs.org/conference-registration/>

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Loose **£987.36** Envelopes **£526.11**
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THOSE ASPIRING TO BE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS St Mary's University, Twickenham, are offering a Foundation Degree for Practitioners in Healthcare, Ethics, Theology and Care. This unique part time course for people working in healthcare consists of two evening classes a week in three term blocks over two years. This degree enables you to reflect deeply on those moments that are formative for you as a healthcare practitioner and often life-changing for people you meet on the journey. For further details on how to apply please contact Matthew James (matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk) or go to www.stmarys.ac.uk/foundation/healthcare-ethics-theology-and-care

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 the 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

St. Catherine of Siena Primary School (Watford) We are delighted to be able to offer school places for children moving into Years 3 and 6 in September. If you would like to find out more information, ask questions or to receive an application pack, please contact Mr Daniel Atherton (Deputy Headteacher) by emailing d.atherton@stcatherine.herts.sch.uk or phoning the school office on 01923 676022. The deadline for applications is Monday 1st July 2019 to be considered for a September start.

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