

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 7 December	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	8.30am <u>LIVE STREAM ONLY</u>	Mary Rose Ring, Anniv
TUES 8 December	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	8.30am	Stephen Tapprell Holland, Anniv Followed by Exposition until 11am due to Deanery Meeting.
WED 9 December	Advent feria	8.30am <u>LIVE STREAM ONLY</u>	Pauline Coleman, Anniv
THUR 10 December	Advent feria	8.30am 12.00 Noon	Angela McDaid, RIP Deceased members of Fr Joseph's family & friends, RIP
FRI 11 December	Advent feria	6pm	Francis Ugwu, Int. Followed by Exposition until 8p.m. and CONFESSIONS
SAT 12 December	Advent feria	9.00am  6pm	Patrick John Smyth, RIP Followed by Exposition until 11am and CONFESSIONS. For the people of the parish
SUN 13 December	<b>+3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Gaudete Sunday"</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 12.30pm	Private Intentions Dan Cooper, RIP Patrick Bourke, Anniv Martin Mullen, Anniv

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is sponsored for **Winnie Brady, Intentions**

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR **December** – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God through lives of prayer.

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Sunday 6th December 2020  
**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
ADVENT  
Divine Office 3



### TODAY' MASS

**"Prepare a way for the Lord!"**

We prepare each day of our lives for the coming of the Lord. We have to straighten out those things in our behaviour which prevent us from living holy and saintly lives. The new heaven and the new earth where God reigns are what is promised to us and that is why we should always try to be joyful.

**First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

The people of God are many times sinners, many times forgiven, many times exiled to distant lands and many times brought back to their own land by way of the desert. This is the tortured history of the covenant—whether old or new. Today, the good news consoles our repentant hearts: the Lord is about to return to lead his people.

**Second Reading: Second Letter of St. Peter: 3:8-14**

The final realization of the new world is delayed, this is because God offers time for conversion. It has already begun however. We ought then to live in holiness today, in order to be found living lives without sin or fault on that day of the Lord, which is unknown to us.

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

In Jesus Christ, it is once more God who leads his people across the desert to the promised land. No one arrives in that land without passing through water. Long ago, with Joshua, it was by the water of the Jordan. At the beginning of the Good News, it was by John with the baptism of repentance. Today, with Christ, it is by his Easter water and baptism in the Spirit.



Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford

Thankfully this week we will once again be able to open our church doors and welcome you back to Mass. Please remember that the heating will NOT be on so dress accordingly. You can sign up for Mass through the EVENT page on the website. This means that everyone thinking of attending MASS MUST REGISTER THEIR NAME—go to our website and then click on EVENTS to find the days and times. ONCE AGAIN THIS DEPENDS ON HAVING ENOUGH CLEANERS FOR THE DIFFERENT TIMES!

This week the Church will be open TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY. There will be LIVE STREAM MASS only on Monday and Wednesday when the church will remain closed.

Monday – LIVE STREAM ONLY 8.30am

Tuesday – Mass 8.30 followed by Exposition until 11am

Wednesday - LIVE STREAM ONLY 8.30am

Thursday – Mass 8.30 Mass 12 Noon

Friday – Mass 6pm followed by Exposition until 8pm During the period of Exposition there will be time for Individual confession. (2 priests)

Saturday – Mass 9am followed by Exposition until 11am. During the period of Exposition there will be time for Individual confession (2 priests)

Saturday – afternoon WEDDING – 15 guests only

Saturday – Confessions 5pm-5.30pm (2 priests)

Sunday – Masses 8am, 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm.

THANKFULLY our LIVE STREAMING has been installed and is proving successful.

Daily Masses will be kept on the YouTube website for the rest of the day so that anyone who has missed Mass live can still participate later. You can access our LIVE STREAM by: going to YouTube website then type in their search engine Holy Rood, scroll down to the picture of the sanctuary and click on that.

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you.*

### Prepare a way for the Lord

*"A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." Mark 1:3*

### Pray together daily as a family

*Jesus, may we not get so caught up in the preparation for the festivities, that we forget to prepare our hearts for when you come again.*

*Jesus, may we not get so caught up in the preparation for the festivities, that we forget the true meaning of your incarnation.*

**ADVENT** Don't forget the Repository has our Christmas cards, Advent calendars and other Christmas items. Our stock reflects the true message of Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS** Please ask for the religious stamps, Madonna & Child, when buying your stamps for Christmas to help promote the true meaning of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2021 CALENDARS** - as the Pandemic continues and we are not at full capacity due to number restrictions, the Repository will have a limited stock this year. If you wish to purchase Christmas cards—please let either Fr. Derek or Fr. Joseph know preferably via email.

**SYCAMORE** offers four films for those looking to renew their faith during Advent: '@Search for happiness', 'God who Speaks', 'The Bible', 'Power of Prayer'. <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:** Due to the present situation with the CORONAVIRUS we are not sure when we will be able to begin the Confirmation HOWEVER registration can still be completed. Please visit the website on <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2020/09/Holy-Confirmation-Form.docx> Fill in the form and email to [watford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watford@rcdow.org.uk)

**DURING THE LAST LOCK DOWN WE WENT THROUGH OUR DATA BASE AND TRIED TO CONTACT EVERYONE BY TELEPHONE.**

**IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE PHONECALLS THEN WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR DETAILS. PLEASE SUPPLY US WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.**

**CHURCH CHAIRS.** Those who signed up for chairs and those on the waiting list can now start collection of their chairs. Please phone or email to arrange a suitable time to collect them.

After 40 years at St Anthony's, 20 of these years as headteacher, Pauline Wilson is retiring at the end of December. Pauline has dedicated her life to the children, staff and the school over these many years and we shall be very sad to lose her. In order to mark her retirement with a suitable gift we have started a collection at the school. We recognise that there will be parents of St Anthony's past pupils, who, whilst no longer in touch with the school, would like to contribute to the collection for Pauline. Fr. Derek has kindly agreed to receive donations towards Pauline's collection. If you would like to contribute please put your donation in an envelope marked 'St Anthony's (PMW)' and hand it to Fr Derek, Fr Joseph or Deacon Neville. Alternatively you can post it through the Exchange Road letter box of Holy Rood House.

Dr David Callaghan,  
Chair of Governors

**Thank you for all your contributions and donations to the parish—they provide for the church in these times of need.  
STANDING ORDER— £6403**

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Vito Priolo, Peggy Connolly, John Sullivan, Jude Ferguson, Asuncion Enriquez, Margaret Murray, Mick McDermott

### ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Mary Rose Ring, Stephen Tapprell Holland, Pauline Coleman.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**