

Welcome to Holy Rood

You are very welcome to our church and parish community. If you are new to Holy Rood, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or welcomers.

Mass	Readers	Welcome Team	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 10th 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>C. Allard</u> , A. Casey, W. Casey, M. Carroll, R. Defriez	L. Joyce
Sun 11th 08.00	C. Mort M. Mulkerrens		<u>M. Laws</u> , N. Dyckhoff, J. Bogie, A. Smyth, D. Cooper	McGovern family
09.30	L. Mayuga B. O'Riordan	D	<u>L. Attard-Montalto</u> , M. Halpin, j. Dempsey, R. Zacharia, A. Mulligan	Attard-Montalto family
11.00	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	C	<u>J. Smith</u> , D. Murphy, <u>N. Ford</u> , J. Morgan, <u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , R. D'Souza, J. Ford	Samakomva family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>G. Lim</u> , M. Cooper, L. Moran, A. Hooper, N. Garibaldi	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team E. Saturday 17th December.

Sunday Coffee: Tony & Cathy Next week: Tess

Saturday Coffee - after 11.00 Mass. 17th December. Chris & Joan



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions 12th - 18th December

Monday	08.30	Maureen Fallon	RIP
	12.00	Holy Souls/ Pat Parslow	RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Stephen Taprell Holland	Anniv
	12.00	Holy Souls/ Patrick Carney	RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Anne Marie O'Halloran	RIP
	12.00	Holy Souls/ Alec Wojaczek	RIP
Thursday	08.30	Briegge Shaw	RIP
	12.00	In Thanksgiving	
Friday	08.30	Ng Kong Lan	RIP
	12.00	Seline Scaria / Augustin Eke	RIP
Saturday	11.00	Gwen McKenzie	RIP
	19.00	For the Parishioners	
4th Sunday of Advent	08.00	Danny Houlihan	Anniv
	09.30	Albert Kemp/Con Griffin	Anniv
<i>2 Sam. 7:1-16,</i>	11.00	Hilda Guya Persaud	Anniv
<i>Ps. 88, Rom. 16:25-27, Lk. 1:26-38</i>	14.15	Polish Mass	
	18.30	Colin Bradley	RIP

Confession: Saturday 11.30—12.30; 18.15—18.40

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: Saturday 18.15—18.40

Baptism by appointment.
Marriage - 6 months notice required.

Hospital: Please indicate on entering hospital that your details may be passed to the RC Chaplain.

West Herts Hospitals contact: Colette Lennon 01923 217994.

Mass: Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients and staff.

Peace Hospice & Mount Vernon con-

Anniversaries: Patrick Bourke, Patrick John Smyth, Con Griffin, Michael Corbally, Giuseppe Abarno

Recently Deceased:
Wojciech Miskiewicz

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Sunday 11th December 2011

3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11, Luke 1:46-50, 53-54, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28 on pages 87-89 of the new Parish Mass Book



Proclaiming that 'God comes' is equivalent, therefore, to simply announcing God himself, through one of his essential and qualifying features: his being the God-who-comes. Advent calls believers to become aware of this truth and to act accordingly. . . Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!"

From the Latin the word Advent translates simply as "God comes". We celebrate the fact that God comes to his people and we rejoice.

Pope Benedict XIV wrote in 2006: "Let us pause a moment to reflect: it is not used in the past tense - God has come, nor in the future - God will come, but in the present - 'God comes.' At a closer look, this is a continuous present, that is, an ever-continuous action: it happened, it is happening now and it will happen again. In whichever moment, 'God comes.' The verb 'to come' appears here as a theological verb, indeed theological, since it says something about God's very nature.

With John the Baptist we are witnesses to God's coming and with John the Baptist we acknowledge our own unworthiness.

