



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.

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Sunday 16th August 2009
Feast of the Assumption



*"Of all women you are most blessed,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God, taken body and soul into heaven. Mary, given this special privilege because of her faith, because of her trust, because of her immaculate conception, because she occupied this unique position of mother to our Lord and therefore mother to us, the Church, as well.

Readings: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6,10.
Psalm 44. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. Luke 1:39-56.
on pages 104 - 106 of the Parish Mass Book.

The readings give us two, quite different images and insights into this very special lady.

The first is quite mystical: St John's vision written down in the book of the Apocalypse. The image of Mary giving birth, bringing forth a son "who was to rule all nations with an iron sceptre." Mary and her son, threatened by the "huge red dragon" but escaping to the safety of the desert.

In contrast the Gospel gives us the story of a simple young girl travelling to visit her pregnant cousin, and staying for a while to help out. But this normal story also has its mystical content. The moment Elizabeth sees Mary she cries out and Mary, in response, breaks into one of the most beautiful passages of worship in the Bible.

The link and focus of the two: the Christ, the "first-fruits", Lord of life and Lord over death. With Mary, our mother, let us give him praise.

MASS TIMES

Sunday Sat. 7.00 p.m. (1st Mass of Sunday)
8.00 am; 9.30 am (Sung); 11.00 am (Family); 2.15 pm (Polish); 6.30 p.m.
Holydays 8.00 am, 12.00 noon and 7.30 p.m.
Weekdays 8.30 am & 12.00 noon Saturday 11.00 am
Watford General Hospital - Mass in the chapel (level 3) -Thursday 1.15 pm
CONFESSIONS Saturday 11.30 am - 12.30 p.m.; 6.15 - 6.40 p.m.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION Saturday 6.15 - 6.40 pm
BAPTISMS by appointment. WEDDINGS - 6 months notice required

HOSPITAL In the light of the Data Protection Act 1998 please indicate on entering hospital that your details may be passed to the R.C. Chaplain. *Contact Lynn Bassett 01727 897 254.*

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



15th & 16th August 2009			
Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	C. Wildey	W. Casey	L. Joyce
8.00 am	P. Vidler B. McGovern	N. Dyckhoff	McGuigan family
9.30 am	L. Mayuga B. O'Riordan	G. Soertsz	O'Carroll/ Wilkins family
11.00 am	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	D. Murphy, N. Dyckhoff, R. D'Souza	Maestas family
6.30 pm	K. Ambrose	G. Lim	Garibaldi family
Cleaning Team: Team C. Italian. 18th August			
Sunday Coffee: Hannah Next week: Julie			
Next week we celebrate the <i>Twenty-first Sunday of the Year</i>			