

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 16 JULY	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Herbert Kern RIP Amelia Adkin RIP Beatrice Bourke RIP Pro Populo (For the People) Polish Mass Ann Hoyle Anniv
MON 17 JULY	feria	8.30am 12 noon	No Mass Tonino De Vito RIP
TUES 18 JULY	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Josie Lammas RIP Glen Aris Aquino Private Intention
WED 19 JULY	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Answin Rodriguez Thawusa James Ryan Anniv
THUR 20 JULY	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Josie Lammas RIP Pietro Pumilia Anniv No Polish Mass during July
FRI 21 JULY	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Paul Meurier RIP In honour of Our Lady of Fatima
SAT 22 JULY	ST MARY MAGDALENE	11.00am 6.00pm Vigil	Paddy O'Connor RIP Mike Joyce Anniv

CONFESSIONS: Saturday's from 11:30am & 5.15pm - 5:35pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life..

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.

MAKING CONTACT AT HOLY ROOD

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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
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Year 1
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**Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford**



Sunday 16th July 2017
**15TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings for today are on page 102 of the Parish Mass Book



TODAY'S MASS

**"The seed of faith
must grow in our lives"**

God does nothing in vain. All our suffering has a meaning and through it we are so deepened in our spiritual lives that we yield a rich harvest. The world longs for the Spirit of Christ to come and set us free from clinging to the things of this world.

First Reading: *Isaiah 55;10-11*

In the context of a call to conversion, this little parable underlines the effectiveness of God's Word which always brings about the promises of salvation.

Second Reading: *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23*

The whole of creation is injured and suffers, bearing as it does the mark of humanity. But since Jesus Christ, those full of the Holy Spirit have taken it in hand: like them it has been promised to liberty and to divine glory.

Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-23*

Faced with the apparent failure of his preaching, Jesus wants to share with his hearers God's optimism. His work will in fact finish well and when the seed finds a good plot of ground it is extraordinary fruitful. To understand the parables is to try to become this fruitful ground.

IT'S ALMOST HOLIDAY TIME! If you are a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or regularly help out at Mass in any way and are going on holiday, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help enormously with the smooth running of Masses and all the other things we do. Thank you

IF YOU ARE ABOUT TO GO AWAY ON HOLIDAY:
Have a wonderful break! Godspeed!

HOLY ROOD FAMILIES. Come and celebrate the start of the school holidays by joining us in Cassiobury Park at 12 noon on Monday 24th July for **games and a picnic**. Meet by the paddling pools with your picnic if the weather is fine and inside the paddling pool café should it dare to rain! Please contact Siobhan on 01923 224085 (option 6) or siobhangaribaldi@rcdow.org.uk for more information if needed.

DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON Thursday 17th August

We will leave from the church at 9am and return to Watford for around 7.30pm allowing around 6 hours to explore Brighton and everything it has to offer. Cost will be £16 per adult and £8 per child (school age or under). Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis, but please book by Thursday 2nd August at the latest. Telephone Siobhan on 01923 224085 (option 6) or email siobhangaribaldi@rcdow.org.uk.

HOLY ROOD PARISH CAMP Friday 25th August to Monday 28th August. Come for the weekend or visit for a day. Open to all parishioners, their families and friends. Come and make new friends. Great food! Further details please phone 07856 242487

FR KIM'S LEAVING GIFT. Whilst Fr Kim is away it is a good opportunity for us to prepare a farewell gift for him. If you would like to contribute to this, envelopes are available at the back of the church, but more importantly, please keep Fr Kim in your prayers at this time.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Jimmy Meehan, Myles Hanna,
Veronica Cummings

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED

Fr Norman Kersey, Ann Hoyle, James Ryan,
Pietro Pumilia, Mike Joyce, Beatrice Bourke
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun 16	Tea and coffee after 11am Mass	
Mon 17	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tues 18	Toddlers	9.30am
Fri 21	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 22	Sacrament prep for older children	9.00am

THE LATE SUMMER FAIR Saturday 16th September from 12 noon to 4pm in the Parish Centre. We can only run this event with your kind support, so we need to know about potential offers of help now in order to plan. We are looking for fresh ideas, help with planning and running the event. This replaces the November Fair. If you are great at face painting, baking cakes, enjoy barbequing, can run a stall or you simply want to support this event, please let Deirdre in the office know. ASAP. Thank you for the good response to last week's plea but we still need more helpers.... Come on Holyrooders — you can do it!

SUPPORT GROUP for parents of children and adults with learning difficulties. To find out more about this group that we hope to start please contact our Family Worker, Siobhan on 01923 224085(option6) siobhangaribaldi@rcdow.org.uk

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? The next course for adults starts this Autumn. Please speak to Deacon Neville for information: 01923) 224085 nevilledyckhoff@rcdow.org.uk

GETTING RID OF YOUR OLD BIKE! If you have an unused bicycle or will be replacing it this summer please consider donating it to 'The Bike Project'. This self-funding charity is helping refugees in the London area by providing workshops and a means of transport. Please visit the website: www.thebikeproject.co.uk for full details. Furthermore, to help promote this worthy cause the Holy Rood SVP will arrange collection of your old bike and deliver it to a Bike Project free of charge! Please contact Paul on 0788 772 6061.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored by Mr Kurian for a family intention

CALLING ALL GREEN FINGERED GARDENERS:

We need your cuttings for a plant stall at the **Late Summer Fair**. Are you able to cultivate seedlings and plants for us to sell? Please let Deidre in the office know ASAP if you would like to be involved. Happy gardening and thank you!

FOODBANK UPDATE Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Watford Foodbank box at the back of the church. The total donated so far this year to help local people is 557kg.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 7th October. Leaving Holy Rood at 6.30am and returning from Walsingham at 4.30pm. £16.

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The next preparation course will be on Sunday 6th August at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All enquires and registration should be made via Deacon Neville and an application form completed. Parents should be attending Mass weekly as a matter of course, before requesting this Sacrament for their children.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP. If you have suffered a bereavement or know anyone in recent months who has and would like some support. Please contact us on 01923 243658 or contact the Parish Secretary on 01923 224085.

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ... and pays tribute to the blood our Lord shed for us in his Passion and offered to us in the Eucharist for our salvation. It is important to remind ourselves that the host we consume at Mass is indeed the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. What care we should take when we receive this wonderful sacrament.

A PRAYER UNDER PRESSURE

Dear Lord
Today is a day like so many others – with one deadline after another. Everyone wants something from me, and there is no time left for me, even to draw breath. But now is the time, It has to be now – time for you!
How good it is that you know me and love me, even when I find it hard to love myself. How good that you do not forget me, even when I almost forget you, in the troubles of my life. How good that you always walk beside me, even when I leave you standing there, somewhere along the way. How good that you show me a way to walk, even when I find it so hard to decide myself. How good that you wish to be my goal, even when I completely lose my bearings. The madhouse can wait at the door for a moment, for a moment the world can hold its breath...

I turn back to you and say:
Thanks be to God!

Dorte Schromges

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes £803.85 Loose £792.69
Standing Orders £518.69

Thank you to all who have contributed to the mission and running costs of Holy Rood Church

Switch off your phone and switch on your heart and mind to the Lord

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LAKESIDE CROWDS SOWER
SEEDS BIRDS SOIL
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WITHERED THORNS CROP

