

Mass	Readers	Welcome Team	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 17th 19.00	C. Kent R. Kent		<u>M. Gallagher, N. Dyckhoff, E. Cornish, C. Stamp, J. Morse</u>	Cullen family
Sun 18th 08.00	J. Briginshaw J. Kerin		<u>U. Lankester, G. Pinnock, E. Timmons, M. Joseph, G. Hinton</u>	McGuigan family
09.30	T. Sheridan F. Parslow	A	<u>D. Cunningham, N. Dyckhoff, J. Delaney, B. Brown, A. Williams</u>	O'Beirne family
11.00	D. Callaghan C. Slevin	D	<u>K. Aldous, N. Ford, C. Williams, M. Ellwood, D. Murphy, I. Douglas, E. Madrazo</u>	D. Maguire & family
18.30	K. Ambrose		<u>M. Cooper, A. Fusi, W. Dopson, N. Dyckhoff, I. Barrett</u>	Murray family

Cleaning: Team A. 24th December.



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions 19th - 25th December

Monday	08.30	Anne Theresa O'Donoghue RIP
	12.00	Albert Kemp Anniv.
Tuesday	08.30	Catherine Benham RIP
	12.00	Andrew Daly RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Elizabeth Walsh Anniv.
	12.00	Thanksgiving
Thursday	08.30	Dominic & Donato de Luca Anniv. & family
	12.00	John Edwards Anniv
Friday	08.30	Gordon Appleford RIP
	9.30	Giuseppe Alcorano Funeral
	12.00	Alec Wojaczek RIP
Saturday	11.00	Donal Brosnan RIP
Christmas Eve	15.00	Mass in Malayam
	18.00	For the Parishioners
	20.30	Polish Mass
	24.00	For the Parishioners
Christmas Day	08.00	For the Parishioners
	09.30	Bereaved of 2011
<i>Is. 52:7-10. Ps.</i>	11.00	World Peace
<i>97. Heb 1:1-6. Jn. 1:1-18.</i>	12.30	Italian Mass
		NO 6.30 MASS



Confession: Saturday 11.30—12.30

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 contact Lynn Bassett 07803 986716

Anniversaries: Con Griffin, Anne Theresa O'Donoghue, Danny Houlihan, Albert Kemp, Hilda Guya Persaud, Fr Alan Downes, John Edwards, Margaret Quinn, Dominic de Luca, Donato de Luca, Mary Devlin, Elizabeth Walsh

Recently Deceased:

Michael Hanley, Giuseppe Alcorano

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 welcomeers.

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico—0208 207 5713

Sunday 18th December 2011

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16. Psalm 88. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38
on pages 90 - 92 of the Parish Mass Book

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Thoughts

It's sharing your gifts,
not purchasing gifts;
It's not wrapping presents,
its being present and wrapping your
arms around the ones you love;
It's not getting Christmas cards out
on time, it's sending any card, anytime,
at the right time;
It's not having the biggest and best
Christmas light display,
It's displaying the Christ light that
comes from your heart;
It's not Santa coming down the
chimney, it's Jesus coming down from
heaven, and giving us the gift of eternal
life."

Anon



"My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways" *Is. 55:8*.
How often do we think we know
best, and how often do we plan
accordingly? Yet, the readings today
remind us that God's plans may be
different from our own.

King David thought it would be good
to make a house for the Lord; but
the Lord intended to make a house
out of him. Mary could not have
imagined the news that the angel
brought that day. God's plan was
different from hers. Yet she accepted
with grace. As we prepare for
Christmas, let us allow space in our
planning to hear God's plan for us.

