

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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Your Kingdom Come

Sunday 18th October 2009

Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Perhaps we may smile at the sheer audacity of James and John asking Jesus for the two top places in his kingdom, and then confidently professing that they can drink from the same cup of suffering that Jesus has to accept. Yet, how often is this our approach to Christ? How often do we come to him to ask a favour?

In this second week of reflection on the Our Father we pray "Thy Kingdom come". We pray not for the success of the kingdom of our worldly desires, but for God's kingdom to become fully established in our world.

A prime value of God's kingdom is not power but service. Jesus is our model of servant, "one who has been tempted in every way that we are", one who offered "his life in atonement", one who suffered for our sake. Through him we receive mercy and grace and access to his kingdom. Let us come to him not asking what he can do for us but rather what we can do towards the coming of his kingdom.

Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11. Psalm 32.
 Hebrews 4:14-16. Mark 10:35-45.
 on pages 80 - 82 of the Parish Mass Book.



Spirit of Life, you lead us beyond our 'comfort zones', yet always towards the coming kingdom of peace, justice and joy.

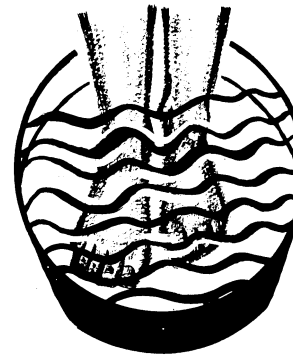
As you renew the face of the earth, help us connect with your presence in the challenges we meet.

May we rejoice in the recognition of your vibrant life in new places, peoples and communities, and participate in new growth with trust and respect for others.

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 - No Mass until further notice
 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. *If you or a relative is admitted to hospital, contact the Chaplaincy team on 01727 897 254.*



God has a will for us and it must become the measure of our willing and being; and the essence of 'heaven' is that it is where God's will is unswervingly done . . . The Kingdom of God comes by way of a listening heart. That is its path.

Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth pp. 146-147.

17th & 18th October 2009

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	R. Kent C. Kent	<u>M. Defriez</u> , R. Defriez, D. Kumar, I. McKenna, J. Morse	Cullen family
8.00 am	J. Briginshaw J. Kerin	<u>G. Hinton</u> , D. Cooper, A. Hinton, N. Dyckhoff, E. Timmons	McGovern family
9.30 am	T. Jordan R. Mariconda	<u>R. Zacharia</u> , J. Delaney, J. Dempsey, M. Halpin, A. Williams	O'Beirne family
11.00 am	D. Callaghan C. Slevin	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , C. Maguire, <u>J. Smith</u> , J. Morgan, <u>E. Madrazo</u> , J. Ford, C. Williams, N. Ford	Maestas family
6.30 pm	K. Ambrose	<u>A. Hooper</u> , I. Barrett, W. Dopson, L. Moran, A. Fusi	Murray family

Cleaning Team: Team D. Saturday 24th October

Sunday Coffee: Tess Next week: Vera

Next week we celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year