

Mass	Readers	Welcome Team	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 17th 19.00	M. Dahl C. Wildey		<u>E. Cornish</u> , W. Casey, M. Gallagher, A. Casey, C. Stamp	L. Joyce
Sun 18th 08.00	R. McHugh		<u>U. Lankester</u> , G. Pinnock, E. Timmons, J. Bogie, G. Hinton	McGovern family
09.30	K. Rainsford F. Marks	D	<u>D. Cunningham</u> , B. Brown, J. Delaney, T. Sherry, A. Mulligan	Attard-Montalto family
11.00	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	C	<u>K. Aldous</u> , N. Ford, <u>C. Williams</u> , M. Ellwood, <u>D. Murphy</u> , I. Douglas, J. Morgan	Maguire family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi		<u>M. Cooper</u> , L. Moran, G. Lim, W. Dopson, I. Barrett	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning:** Team E. Saturday 24th September.

**Sunday Coffee:** Tony & Cathy Next week: Adelaide & Tony

**Saturday Coffee** - after 11.00 Mass. 24th September. Ethne & Dot



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a Fairtrade  
parish

### Mass Times & Intentions 19th – 25th September

Monday	08.30 12.00	Margaret O'Brien RIP Liz Kean RIP
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	Ellen Gallagher RIP Auntie Marie Fernandez RIP
Wednesday	08.30 12.00	Mrs Tom Flaherty RIP Hegarty family intentions
Thursday	08.30 12.00	Mrs D. Murphy RIP Theresa Doherty Coffey RIP
Friday	08.30 12.00	Jim Harvey RIP Bernard Rowley RIP
Saturday	11.00 19.00	In honour of the Blessed Virgin Edward & Rita Gallagher RIP & Geoffrey Pinnock Anniv.
<b>26th Sunday of the year</b>	08.00 09.30	Sheila Duffy RIP Eileen Kearns RIP
<i>Ezekiel 18:25-</i>	11.00	Peter Elliott RIP
<i>28. Ps. 24, Phil.</i>	12.30	<i>Italian Mass</i>
<i>2:-11. Matt.</i>	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
<i>21:28-32.</i>	18.30	Gordon Appleford 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  
admission to 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:

Amos Almond, Geoffrey Pinnock

### Recently Deceased:

Dan McCumiskey

## 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.

### Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

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Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico—0208 207 5713

### Sunday 18th September 2011

### 25th Sunday of the Year

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:6-9. Psalm 144. Philippians 1:20-24, 27. Matthew 20:1-16.  
**on pages 75-77 of the Parish Mass Book**

*“The Kingdom of heaven is like a land-owner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.” Matt. 20:1.*

Jesus takes the most normal and human situation and turns it on its head. The workers who are hired at the end of the day get the same reward as those hired at the beginning. This parable challenges our understanding of fairness and of God’s generosity. Faced with an all loving and self-giving God our human conceptions of fairness and the value of work and money lose their relevance.

Let us ask today for the grace to see the world through God’s eyes.



### The Word of the Lord

When the scriptures are proclaimed at Mass Christ himself is made present. The Liturgy of the Word shares equal importance with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both offer the true presence of Christ: as the Word of God and as the Body and Blood of our Saviour.

When we take Holy Communion the minister acclaims “the Body of Christ” or “the Blood of Christ”. In the same way, when we listen to Holy Scripture the minister acclaims, at the end of the passage, “the Word of the Lord”. It is closer to the Latin than the “this is . . .” which we used before. It announces the substance of the reading rather than informing or teaching about it. It is sufficient.

We reply, just as we always did: **“Thanks be to God”**.

The scripture readings themselves are not affected by the new translation. For now, the lectionary remains the same, offering God’s word to us to inform and transform our lives.