

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 1st November 2009

Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14. Psalm 23.
 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12.
 on pages 113 - 115 of the Parish Mass Book.

All Saints



What is their message to us today? To recognise our own vocation as "children of God". To encourage in us those values of the Beatitudes. To know our need of him. To foster our faith in him. To follow him unwaveringly and to "entertain this hope" the one day "we shall see him as he really is".

"I saw a huge number, impossible to count", this is St John's image of heaven. Perhaps we should not be surprised because, wherever Jesus went there was always a crowd. What kind of people are they, these saints who gather in heaven? Jesus tells us in the Beatitudes: they are the poor in spirit, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted in the cause of right. Essentially they are people, just like ourselves, people who made a choice to follow the Lord and followed him faithfully even accepting the way of their own cross.

Give us this day . . .
 . . . our daily bread

The petition for bread just for today opens up vistas that reach beyond the horizon of the nourishment that is needed day by day. It presupposes that the community of his closest disciples followed the Lord in a radical way, renouncing worldly possessions . . . pointing to a future that is weightier and more real than the present.

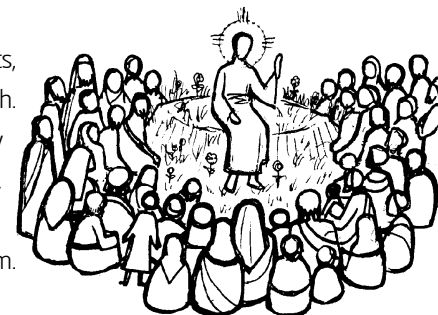
Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, p. 153

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 our Father,
 Source of all holiness,
 The work of your hands is manifest in your saints,
 The beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith.
 May we who aspire to have a part in their joy
 Be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives,
 So that having shared their faith on earth
 We may also know their peace in your kingdom.



Opening prayer for the Feast of All Saints

31st October and 1st November 2009			
Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	C. Wildey	<u>M. Gallagher</u> , N. Dyckhoff, A. Casey, W. Casey, C. Allard	Cullen family
8.00 am	R. McHugh J. Lankester	<u>A. Smyth</u> , G. Hinton, E. Timmons, D. Cooper, A. Hinton	Coleman family
9.30 am	F. Parslow T. Sheridan	<u>A. Williams</u> , L. Attard-Montalto, B. Brown, D. Cunningham, M. Carroll	Di Maria family
11.00 am	M. Hitchens A. Johnson	<u>C. Maguire</u> , J. Ford, I. Douglas, J. Smith, <u>K. Aldous</u> , J. Morgan, E. Madrazo	Anna Mitchell & family
6.30 pm	E. Turner	<u>I. Barrett</u> , A. Fusi, A. Hooper, L. Moran, W. Dopson	Murray family
Cleaning Team: Team B. Tuesday 3rd November			
Sunday Coffee: Hannah Next week: Julie			
Next week we celebrate the 32nd Sunday of the Year			