

## Masses: 21st—27th December 2009

Monday	08.30	Vera Scanlon RIP
	12.00	The Edwards family Int.
Tuesday	08.30	Donato & Dominic DeLuca Anniv.
	12.00	Peter Elliott RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Eileen & Patricia Angela Byers RIP
	12.00	Richard Martin & Michael Philip Crawford RIP
Thursday <b>Christmas Eve</b>	08.30	Deceased members of the Lankester & McBride families
	18.00	Children's Christmas Mass
	22.00	Polish Mass Charles Dyckhoff Anniv.
Friday <b>Christmas Day</b>	Midnight	For the Parishioners
	09.30	For the Bereaved of 2009
	11.00	Arthur Dyer Int.
	12.30	Italian Mass
	14.15	Polish Mass
Saturday	10.00	Polish Mass
	11.00	Foundation Mass
	16.00	Malayalam Mass
	19.00	Betty Walsh Anniv.
Sunday <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	08.00	Deceased members of the Hardwidge, Howe and Southam family RIP
	09.30	Mary Rose Anniv.
	11.00	For the Parishioners
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Tessa Adaire RIP

### Anniversaries:

Albert Kemp  
Harold D'Silva  
Bill Devlin  
Michael Doyle  
Charles Dyckhoff  
Michael Corbally  
Margaret Jenkinson  
Donato DeLuca  
Dominic DeLuca  
James Flynn  
Betty Walsh  
John Edwards

### Recently Deceased:

Cecilia Yandeh Ceesay  
Marguerite Wildey

### Adoration & Benediction:

Saturday 18.15—18.40.

**Baptism** by appointment.

**Marriage**—6 months notice required.

**Cleaning:** Team A. **Sunday Coffee:**  
Tony & Cathy Next week: Adelaide & Tony

**Hospital:** In the light of the Data Protection Act 1998, please indicate on entering hospital that your details may be passed to the RC Chaplain. West Herts Hospitals Contact: 01727 897 254.

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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 20th December 2009

**Readings:** Micah 5:1-4. Psalm 79.  
Hebrews 10:5-10. Luke 1:39-45.  
**on pages 32-34 of the Parish Mass Book.**



Elizabeth recognised that “Here I am” the moment that she heard Mary’s voice. She knew the presence of the Christ within her cousin and she cried out, just as her own son, John, “leapt for joy” in her womb. Do we recognise that “Here I am” in our lives? Do we know the joy of his coming this Christmas? He is surely there, loving us with that same perfect love that gave all so that we may “live secure”. The prophet Micah tells us “He himself will be peace”. Let us celebrate his peace and respond to him with our own ‘here I am’.

### A Prayer for Our Priests

Heavenly Father,  
grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom.

We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.

Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us all.

“Here I am!” says the Christ. So says the author of the letter to the Hebrews quoting from the psalms: “God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will”.

Jesus offered himself to come into the world to abolish the previous imperfect offerings and replace them with the offering of his own self, his own life. This is the action of true love. This is the source of our Christmas joy.

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 19th 19.00</b>	J. Harris B. Lincoln	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , M. Defriez, C. Allard, P. Child, R. Defriez	L. Joyce
<b>Sun 20th 08.00</b>	C. Mort M. Mulkerrins	<u>A. Hinton</u> , J. Bogie, U. Lankester, M. Laws, A. Smyth	J. Keeney
<b>09.30</b>	F. Marks K. Rainsford	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , D. Cunningham, M. Carroll, A. Mulligan, J. Delaney	Attard-Montalto family
<b>11.00</b>	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	<u>C. Williams</u> , C. Maguire, <u>R. D'Souza</u> , D. Murphy, <u>J. Ford</u> , M. Ellwood, N. Ford	Anna Mitchell & family
<b>18.30</b>	C. Johnson	<u>A. Fusi</u> , N. Dyckhoff, I. Barrett, G. Lim, L. Moran	Garibaldi family

