

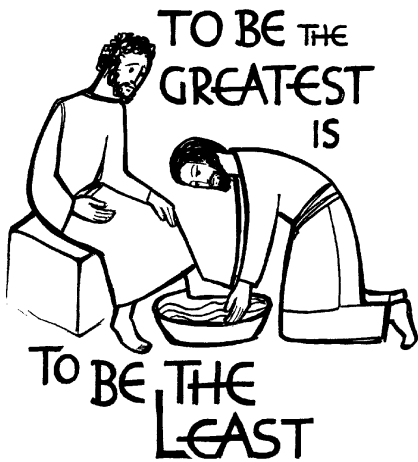
Welcome to Holy Rood

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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Sunday 20th September 2009
Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year



Readings: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20. Psalm 53.
James 3:16 - 4:3. Mark 9:30-37.
on pages 74 - 76 of the Parish Mass Book.

How often do we squabble amongst ourselves for rank and position? Yet the ways of God are entirely the opposite. We know this because we have Jesus' example of loving service; throughout his life, until the moment of his death and beyond.

God's way is a way of peace, holiness, compassion made visible in good works. God's wisdom is "something pure" - so St James tells us.

Jesus demonstrates the simplicity and purity of God's love by setting a little child before the disciples.

Faith does not need to be powerful or or clever or complex - least of all ambitious. Rather true faith is found in the willingness to serve, the humility to recognise and welcome Christ himself in the small, the vulnerable, the least members of society.

Prayer, not ambition, obtains all - not everything that we think we might want, but everything that the Lord knows we truly need.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." Today's readings call to mind those verses from the prophet Isaiah (55: 6-9).

How often it is the human way to "lie in wait for the virtuous man" because of his annoying ways. How often is our world driven by "jealousy and ambition"?

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.*

*Let nothing trouble you.
Let nothing frighten you.
Everything passes away.
God never changes.
Patience obtains all.
Whoever has God
lacks nothing.
God alone is enough.*



St. Teresa of Avila

19th & 20th September 2009			
Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	R. Kent	N. Dyckhoff	Cullen family
8.00 am	B. McGovern P. Vidler	A. Smyth	McGuigan family
9.30 am	B. O'Riordan L. Mayuga	N. Dyckhoff	O'Carroll/ Wilkins family
11.00 am	C. Slevin D. Callaghan	N. Ford, M. Ellwood, E. Madrazo	Anna Mitchell & family
6.30 pm	A. Fusi A. Fusi	N. Dyckhoff	Murray family
Cleaning Team: Team D. Saturday 26th September			
Sunday Coffee: Francis Next week: Siobhan & Nick			
Next week we celebrate the <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year</i>			