

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.

Clergy: Fr. Paul McAleenan, Fr. John Elliott, Deacon Rev. Neville Dyckhoff
 Student for the priesthood: Stuart Seaton
 Holy Rood House, Exchange Road, Watford WD18 0PJ. (01923) 224085
 e-mail: church@holyroodrc.com webpage: www.holyroodrc.com
 Italian Chaplain: Fr. Alberto Vico - 0208 207 5713

Your Kingdom Come

Sunday 25th October 2009

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9. Psalm 125.
 Hebrews 5:1-6. Mark 10:46-52.
 on pages 85 - 86 of the Parish Mass Book.

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year



Thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven . . .

Although we may often pray the words 'thy will be done', do we really want God's will to shape our lives? Wouldn't it be easier to be a reticent member of the crowd or maintain the silence that gives tacit assent to the victimisation of others?

Perhaps our full attention is focussed on our own temporal needs to the point that we don't even seek God's help or notice the needs of others around us. When have we been told to keep quiet by the crowd?

How can we be more like Bartimaeus - listening to God's voice echoing in our depths, trusting his mercy and will? When have we resisted the voice of conscience and gone along with the crowd?

Where, like Bartimaeus, have we resisted the pressure of the crowd and cried out?

(Your Kingdom Come - Group session 3)

In these days of mobile phones and internet, it is tempting to think that ours is the age of communication. But God's call and our response, is as old as salvation history itself.

Today we hear of God's call to the remnant of Israel, leading them back to the promised land. A call especially to the vulnerable, the blind and the lame. We hear of God's call to the ministry of high priest - "No one takes this honour on himself". We hear Jesus call Bartimaeus out from the crowd. Of course, Bartimaeus has first called out to him.

Whoever we are, whatever our status, our lives can be a communication with God. Undoubtedly, he calls to us. We can choose to listen and respond. Bartimaeus gives us the courage and example to sometimes have the first word.

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.*



Almighty and most merciful God,
 we remember before you all the poor and neglected who it would be easy for us to forget:
 The homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick,
 and all who have no-one to care for them.
 Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit,
 and turn their sorrow into joy.
 Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 our Lord, who became poor for our sake.
 Amen

(Your Kingdom Come p. 40)

24th & 25th October 2009			
Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	J. Harris B. Lincoln	<u>E. Cornish</u> , C. Stamp, B. Thomas, L. Webb, P. Child	L. Joyce
8.00 am	P. Vidler B. McGovern	<u>J. Bogie</u> , M. Mulkerrins, M. Laws, U. Lankester, N. Dyckhoff	McGuigan family
9.30 am	B. O'Riordan L. Mayuga	<u>D. Cunningham</u> , T. Sherry, G. Soertsz, A. Mulligan, R. Zacharia	O'Carroll/ Wilkins family
11.00 am	E. Pace M. Thurlow	<u>I. Douglas</u> , N. Dyckhoff, <u>J. Morgan</u> , K. Aldous, <u>C. Williams</u> , D. Murphy, R. D'Souza	Antonietta & Marion
6.30 pm	C. Johnson	<u>M. Cooper</u> , C. Ramsey, G. Lim, J. Garibaldi, N. Garibaldi	Garibaldi family
Cleaning Team: Team A. Saturday 31st October			
Sunday Coffee: Vera Next week: Hannah			
Next week we celebrate the feast of All Saints			