

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 29th November 2009

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16. Psalm 24. 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2. Luke 21:25-28; 34-36. **on pages 26—27 of the pink Parish Mass Book.**

“Finally . . . We urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live” so says St Paul to the Thessalonians but perhaps a very pertinent thought for us too as we embark upon this season of Advent.

The beginning of Advent marks a new beginning—a new liturgical year—but also a time of preparation: for Christmas and also for that ultimate time when Christ will come in glory to bring our “liberation”.

What kind of life are we “meant to live”? Jesus tells us that we must beware of hearts becoming “coarsened”. We must keep awake “awake, praying at all times”. This is our theme and how we make progress.

THE LORD IS COMING GO OUT TO MEET HIM!

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.



Mass Times and Intentions 30th November—6th December 2009

Monday	08.30	Holy Souls
	12.00	Rose McCarthy Anniv.
Tuesday	08.30	Pauline Child Int.
	12.00	Sarah Gildea RIP
Wednesday	08.30	Francis Maguire RIP
	12.00	Philip McCreesh Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	Chris Leete Anniv.
	12.00	Margaret Murphy RIP
	18.30	Polish Mass
Friday	08.30	Tess Drea RIP
	12.00	Joe Plant RIP
Saturday	11.00	Paul Kibirige Anniv.
	19.00	For the Parishioners
Sunday	08.00	Bert Chater Anniv.
Second Sunday of Advent	09.30	Helen Larder RIP
Year C	11.00	Bobby Darroles Anniv.
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Mary Murphy Anniv.

Anniversaries:

Philip McCreesh
 Antony Antony
 Alice & William Carroll
 Paul Kilbirige
 Florence Addis
 Rose McCarthy
 Catherine Hunt
 Kath White
 Chris Leete

Confession: Saturday 11.30—12.30; 18.15—18.40.

Adoration & Benediction: Saturday 18.15—18.40.

Baptism by appointment.

Marriage—6 months notice required.

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 28th 19.00	C. Wildey	D. Kumar, L. Webb, I. McKenna, J. Morse, M. Gallagher	Cullen family
Sun 29th 08.00	B. McGovern P. Vidler	D. Cooper, N. Dyckhoff, E. Timmons, A. Hinton, L. Bassett	McGuigan family
09.30	L. Mayuga B. O’Riordan	M. Halpin, M. Carroll, D. Cunningham, G. Soertsz, J. Dempsey	O’Carroll/Wilkins family
11.00	M. Thurlow E. Pace	N. Ford, J. Smith, M. Ellwood, C. Williams, E. Madrazo, D. Murphy, N. Dyckhoff	Anna Mitchell and family
18.30	E. Turner	J. Garibaldi, N. Garibaldi, G. Lim, M. Cooper, C. Ramsey	Murray family

Cleaning: Team B. Tuesday 1st December. **Sunday Coffee:** Catherine Next week: Francis

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