

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 2nd 19.00	M. Dahl E. Akubue	<u>J. Morse</u> , N. Dyckhoff, B. Thomas, D. Kumar, I. McKenna	L. Joyce
Sun 3rd 08.00	P. Vidler B. McGovern	<u>J. Bogie</u> , M. Laws, D. Cooper, A. Smyth, U. Lankester	McGuigan family
09.30	B. O'Riordan L. Mayuga	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , M. Halpin, A. Williams, R. Zacharia, L. Attard-Montalto	O'Carroll/ Wilkins family
11.00	M. Hitchens A. Johnson	<u>J. Morgan</u> , N. Ford, <u>I. Douglas</u> , C. Maguire, <u>C. Williams</u> , K. Aldous, M. Ellwood	Antonietta & Marion
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi	<u>C. Ramsey</u> , N. Dyckhoff, G. Lim, M. Cooper, L. Moran	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team C. Italian. 5th January. **Sunday Coffee:** Tess. Next week: Vera

Mass Times & Intentions 4th—10th January 2010



Monday	8.30 12.00	For the Parish in 2010 Mick Whelan RIP	Anniversaries: Rey Darroles Carmine Mazzone Ned Ryall Patrick Lydon
Tuesday	8.30 12.00	Holy Souls Carmine Mazzone Anniv.	
Wednesday	8.30 12.00	Stuart Seaton & Family INT Eamonn O'Brien Anniv.	Bridget Moriarty Eamonn O'Brien
Thursday	8.30 12.00 18.30	Holy Rood & St. Anthony's Schools in 2010 INT Tom Walsh RIP <i>Polish Mass</i>	Recently Deceased: Kathleen Whitmore
Friday	8.30 12.00	For RCIA Candidates Ned Ryall Anniv.	Confession: Saturday 11.30—12.30; 18.15—18.40.
Saturday	11.00 19.00	Patrick Lydon Anniv. John Callan RIP	Adoration & Benediction: Saturday 18.15—18.40.
Sunday	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	Eric Bailey Anniv. Bridget Moriarty Anniv. Geo George RIP <i>Polish Mass</i> Bill Guiry Anniv.	Baptism by appointment. Marriage —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 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.

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday 3rd January 2010

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71, Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6,
Matthew 2:1-12 on pages 48—50 of the
Parish Mass Book.

“We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.”

The familiar carol calls them three kings, but the Christmas quiz books often remind us that Matthew neither called them kings or stated that there were three. Rather, he tells us, that “some wise men came . . . from the east”. And indeed, these men were wise. They saw the great star and they left their home country to follow it. We don't know how long they travelled. We do know that it led them to the politically dangerous area of Herod's court and then, ultimately, to the Christ child himself. In their coming lies our hope because, as St Paul puts it “it means that pagans now share the same inheritance”. The arrival of the wise men heralded the spread of the Good News to all people. But to claim that inheritance we must have eyes to see and hearts that are open to following the Light of the World. Are we wise? Are we willing to journey, through difficult times as well as good? If so, like those wise men, we will find God incarnate and our lives will be changed.



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.

