

Mass	Readers	Wel-come Team	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7th 7.00	J. Harris B. Lincoln		<u>D. Tees</u> , R. Tees, M. Defriez, D. Kumar, L. Webb	L. Joyce
Sun 8th 08.00	P. Vidler B. McGovern		<u>A. Smyth</u> , M. Mulkerrins, A. Hinton, N. Dyckhoff, M. Laws	Coleman family
09.30	S. Varghese M. Clarke-Gonslaves		<u>T. Sherry</u> , A. Mulligan, C. Ramsey, J. Dempsey, L. Attard-Montalto	Di Maria family
11.00	E. Pace M. Thurlow	D	<u>N. Ford</u> , C. Maguire, <u>M. Ellwood</u> , J. Smith, <u>E. Madrazo</u> , N. Dyckhoff, R. D'Souza	Elliott family
18.30	A. Fusi A. Fusi	C	<u>L. Moran</u> , A. Hooper, G. Lim, W. Dopson, M. Cooper	Garibaldi family

Cleaning: Team E. 14th January.
Sunday Coffee: Sue & Tony Next week: Alice & Co.
Saturday Coffee Shop (after 11.00 Mass) 14th January: Ethne & Dot.



Holy Rood is a Fairtrade parish

Mass Times & Intentions 9th - 15th January 2012

Monday	08.30	Michael Kenny
	12.00	Funeral of Paul Lenas
Tuesday	08.30	Sean Gilligan RIP
	12.00	Paul Cleary Anniv. & Joseph Zacharia Anniv. & Tessa's Intention
Wednesday	08.30	The sick of the parish
	12.00	The Cann family Mary McKenzie Whiteman RIP
Thursday	08.30	O'Connor family Special Intention
	12.00	Ann Soosaipillai, Lucas Soosaipillai & families
Friday	08.30	Breege Shaw RIP
	12.00	Bob Cummings RIP
Saturday	11.00	Leslie Hart RIP
	19.00	Pat Parslow RIP
Second Sunday of the Year	08.00	Peter Cunningham RIP
	09.30	Dudley Skinner Anniv.
I Sam. 3:3-	11.00	Jim Harvey RIP
10,19. Ps. 39,	14.15	Polish Mass
I Cor. 6:13-15,	18.30	Ann Marie Moloney Anniv. & Giuseppe Alcorano Anniv
17-20, Jn. 1:35-42.		



Confession: Saturday
11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40
Baptism by appointment.
Marriage - 6 months notice

Hospital: Please indicate on admission to hospital that your details may be passed to the RC Chaplain.
West Herts Hospitals contact: Colette Lennon 01923 217994.
Mass: Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients and staff.
Peace Hospice & Mount Vernon contact Lynn Bassett 07803 986716

Anniversaries: Jonathan James, Patrick Lydon, Ned Ryall, Paul Cleary, Manny Akubue, Joseph Zacharia, Ann Marie Moloney, Rosa di Mauro.

Recently Deceased:
Paul Lenas, Eunice Mazzone

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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 Italian Chaplain: Fr Alberto Vico—0208 207 5713

Sunday 8th January 2012

Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12. **on pages 115 - 118 of the Parish Mass Book**

*May the splendours of your majesty,
 O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts,
 that we may pass through the shadows of this world
 and reach the brightness of our eternal home.
 Collect for Epiphany*



Like the wise men from the east, our life is a journey; a journey we can choose to take, or a journey we can choose to decline, remaining in the safety of our own home ground. If we do not embark upon the journey, if we choose to ignore the rising star, we may not have to face the risks of meeting the King Herod's of this world, the challenge of interpreting his devious questions. But if we do not follow the guiding lights, the stars, that God sends, we will also not find the holy house, the mother and the child. We will not have the opportunity to fall to our knees and adore. We will not have the opportunity to present our gifts to him who is our Lord. If we do not undertake the journey and reach this destination what will be the point and purpose of our lives?

In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul speak of being "entrusted" with "grace", a "revelation" that was designed for all people. The meaning of the feast of the Epiphany is that this "inheritance" is available to all. The vision of the prophet Isaiah becomes a reality. As we begin this new year, we begin a new phase of our life journey. Like the wise men we can step out in faith, following the lights that God sends, focussed on the search for his Son and his truth.