

# 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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## Your Kingdom Come

Sunday 8th November 2009

Thirty-second Sunday of the Year

In the world we are encouraged to maximise our income, to work for security, to amass wealth. In the kingdom of God we are encouraged to give whatever we have away, to live in trust, to amass only eternal treasures.

Today we hear Jesus contrast the widow, who has nothing but gives all, with the wealthy scribes.

Today we hear of the prophet Elijah begging food and drink from the widow who was preparing her last meal.

Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 145. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.  
 on pages 89 - 91 of the Parish Mass Book.

What trust it takes to give so much, the last dregs of all we have. And yet the scriptures tell us that this trust will be rewarded. Elijah's widow shared all she had and still had some left. Jesus shared his very life with us and then rose again. He had to offer himself "only once".

What can we offer in return? It takes courage to give our all. To not hold back for our own security. If we can, like Elijah's widow we will not be left wanting.



The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, It is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work . . .

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, Knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

*Attributed to Oscar Romero (1917 - 1980)*

### 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 me love you,  
 My Lord and my God,  
 And see myself as I really am:  
 A pilgrim in this world,  
 A Christian called to respect  
 and love all whose lives I touch . . .  
 Help me to forget myself  
 And reach out towards others.  
 Amen



*Taken from 'The Universal Prayer', attributed to Pope Clement XI (1649 - 1721)*

7th & 8th November 2009

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
<b>Sat 7.00pm</b>	M. Dahl E. Akubue	<u>R. Defriez</u> , D. Kumar, M. Defriez, I. McKenna, C. Stamp	L. Joyce
<b>8.00 am</b>	M. Mulkerrins C. Mort	<u>U. Lankester</u> , J. Bogie, M. Mulkerrins, G. Hinton, A. Smyth	Hinton family
<b>9.30 am</b>	M. Clarke-Gonsalves S. Varghese	<u>G. Soertsz</u> , N. Dyckhoff, J. Delaney, J. Dempsey, M. Halpin	M. Griffin
<b>11.00 am</b>	M. Jordan P. Ellwood	<u>M. Ellwood</u> , D. Murphy, <u>C. Williams</u> , I. Douglas, <u>J. Morgan</u> , R. D'Souza, K. Aldous	Maestas family
<b>6.30 pm</b>	A. Fusi A. Fusi	<u>N. Dyckhoff</u> , G. Lim, M. Cooper, C. Ramsey, L. Moran	Garibaldi family

**Cleaning Team:** Team C. Italian. 10th November

**Sunday Coffee:** Julie Next week: Alice

Next week we celebrate the 33rd Sunday of the Year