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THE PARISHES OF  
**HOLY ROD, BARNSELY**  
AND  
**OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH**  
(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)

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1st Sunday in Advent

29 November 2020



**ADVENT**

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## **Cycle of Prayer - Advent/Christmas**

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Migrants and Refugees; Openness to the Word of God & Expectant Mothers.

**Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends. Also pray for those who have died, James Ferguson, Anne Bamforth and all who have died through Coronavirus. May they rest in peace! Amen.**

**Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - N/A  
Our Lady's - N/A**

**Monthly Standing Orders (Oct)**

**Holy Rood - £950.00  
Our Lady's - £459.00**

*Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated at this time!*

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## **Resumption of Public Worship**

The Government have announced the resumption of public worship from 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is irrespective of whichever tier our area is placed in.

### **Masses**

- ❖ The celebration of Sunday Mass takes place in both our parishes. A Sunday Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evenings at 6pm in Our Lady's and on Sunday morning at 10am in Holy Rood.
- ❖ Places must be booked in advance to attend either of these Sunday Masses. The booking portal is accessed via the parish website ([www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk)). For those without internet access places can book by phone by calling 01226 205589 or 07981867933. Please let us know if you can't attend a Mass once you've booked.
- ❖ Mass is usually said on Wednesday in Holy Rood at 12 noon. There is no need to book a place to attend this Mass. Your contact details will be taken on entry for 'track and trace' purposes.
- ❖ Mass on Sunday and Wednesday will be live-streamed and can be viewed via the Parish website. All

other Masses at this time will be celebrated privately.

- ❖ Please follow the stewards' instructions at all times!

### **Confessions**

- ❖ Should you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Fr Damian (01226 284961).
- ❖ Confessions will be heard at Holy Rood in the Lady Chapel before Sunday Mass. Please speak to a Steward to facilitate this. We are unable to offer Confessions before Mass at Our Lady's.
- ❖ The Faithful are currently dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.

### **Holy Rood Gift Aid Envelopes**

New Gift Aid envelopes, commencing from 6 December, are now available. Distribution has to be done in a COVID secure manner. Consequently, envelopes can only be collected when you 'sign in' prior to attending Mass at Holy Rood. Please inform the stewards and they will hand over your envelopes. Only accept the box with your name and Gift Aid number on it. For parishioners who

don't claim Gift Aid but still have envelopes, please ask for a box with no name on it. If you have used all your envelopes prior to collecting your new ones, please place your collection in a plain envelope with your name and Gift Aid number clearly marked on it. For anyone wishing either to join the Gift Aid scheme or donate by standing order, details are on the parish website under the 'giving' tab. Thank you!

### **COVID Vaccine**

The Bishop's of England and Wales have issued helpful and informative guidance for Catholics regarding the various forthcoming COVID vaccines. This is available on our parish website.

### **Christmas Mass Times & Booking**

The booking portal for Christmas Masses is now 'live' on the parish website. Some Masses will require you to book in advance, others will require your contact details on the day. An insert, with all times and booking requirements will be included in next week's parish bulletin. All Masses over Christmas and the Octave will be celebrated in Holy Rood to maximise numbers able to attend. Places will be assigned on a 'first come, first served' basis. As numbers are restricted, please be considerate and flexible with which Mass you attend. It would be lovely to see as many as possible during this special time!

### **Journey in Faith**

It is anticipated, if restrictions allow, that the Journey in Faith talks will commence in January 2021. The talks will take place in a COVID-19 safe environment within Holy Rood parish and, given current restrictions due to COVID, will be restricted to a maximum of 4 participants, who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and are

considering being received into the faith, and 2 catechists. The numbers will be continually reviewed in line with government/diocesan guidelines. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Damian before 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

### **First Holy Communion**

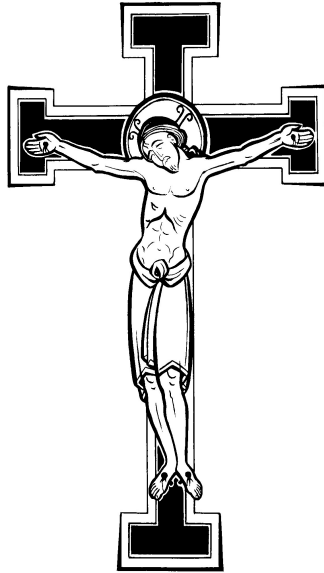
Due to COVID-19 preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion in Holy Rood Parish is postponed until further notice. When it is safe to do so preparations for First Confession, for those currently in Year 3, will begin first. Once completed preparation for First Holy Communion will follow for those currently in Year 3 and Year 4. Please watch this space or contact Josie Green ([greenjosephine1@googlemail.com](mailto:greenjosephine1@googlemail.com)) should you require further information.

### **Confirmation 2021**

Have you been Confirmed? Are you in Year 8 or above? Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, to empower, guide and strengthen you. If you are ready to mark this milestone in your faith journey, then please email Fr Damian with your name and date of birth to [damian1935@sky.com](mailto:damian1935@sky.com) by 31 December 2020. You will then receive an application form for completion to join the 2021 Confirmation Programme. If you are a parent, relative or friend of a potential candidate, then please do pass on this information.

### **Barnsley Hospital**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in force at the hospital if you need the Catholic Chaplain, in an emergency or for 'end of life' care, please ask the ward staff to contact Fr Jude. Thank you.



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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| <b>Sat</b><br>10am [ <i>Live</i> ]<br>6pm [ <i>Live</i> ] | <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i></b><br>OL & SJ (Dec <sup>d</sup> Lyons Family)<br>OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Advent 1</b> (Freddie Thomas Griffiths - Birth) | <b>28 Nov</b> |
| <b>Sun</b><br>10am [ <i>Live</i> ]                        | <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i></b><br>OL & SJ (The Parish)  | <b>29 Nov</b> |
| <b>Mon</b><br>10am [ <i>Live</i> ]                        | <b>ST ANDREW, <i>feast</i></b><br>OL&SJ (Fr Damian Int)   | <b>30 Nov</b> |
| <b>Tues</b>   | <b>Advent Weekday</b>   | <b>1 Dec</b>  |
| <b>Wed</b><br>12noon [ <i>Live</i> ]                      | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br>Holy Rood (Mary & Alf Lunn)  | <b>2 Dec</b>  |
| <b>Thur</b><br>10am                                       | <b>St Francis Xavier, <i>mem</i></b><br>OL & SJ (Sr Evelyn)   | <b>3 Dec</b>  |
| <b>Fri</b><br>10am  | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br>OL & SJ (Helen Corker)   | <b>4 Dec</b>  |
| <b>Sat</b><br>10am<br>6pm                                 | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br>OL & SJ (Hazel Gorman)<br>OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Advent 2</b> (The Parish)   | <b>5 Dec</b>  |
| <b>Sun</b><br>10am [ <i>Live</i> ]                        | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i></b><br>Holy Rood (Martin Ashworth)   | <b>6 Dec</b>  |