
THE PARISHES OF
HOLY ROOD, BARNSELY
AND
OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH

(A branch of the Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)

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4th Sunday of Lent

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*Welcome to Mass either at Holy Rood or Our Lady and St James!
Welcome especially if you are a visitor or are worshipping with us for the first time.
Please introduce yourself to Fr Damian and Deacon Paul
and other members of our parish community.
Please take this newsletter away with you after Mass and accept our warm invitation
to join in any of the activities listed on it.*

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Cycle of Prayer - Lent

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

***Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.
Also pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace! Amen.***

***Mass Attendance last Sunday: Holy Rood - 314
Our Lady's - 39***

***Sunday Offering: Holy Rood - £931.73
Our Lady's - £249.34***

***Monthly Standing Orders (Feb): Holy Rood - £1807.50
Our Lady's - £720.00***

Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!

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Sunday Reflection

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself... We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God." What is it that finally moves the prodigal son to return home? His hunger. Experiencing his own poverty, he remembers where he can find "more than enough" - his father's house. At first, believing that his father will feed him merely as he feeds his household servants, the son sets out. He goes hoping for scraps of manna, yet he is received like the Israelites into the Promised Land and set before a feast. Dressed in the effects of the Father's own authority, we "become the righteousness of God." God's love for us is even greater than we imagine.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend to support "Life". Further information about the work of "Life" can be found on their website www.lifecharity.org.uk

Mass Changes

Fr Damian will be on annual leave from our Parishes from Monday, 31st March, until Friday 11th April inclusive. During this time only Sunday Masses will be celebrated (ie. Saturday evening Mass at Our Lady's and Sunday morning Masses at Holy Rood). There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses. Mass will be celebrated in Barnsley Hospital Chapel on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Should you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of

Reconciliation, please speak to Fr Andrew. While no weekday Masses will be celebrated, Stations of the Cross will continue as normal on Monday at Our Lady's, Wednesday and Friday at Holy Rood at 10am. Should you require a priest in a pastoral emergency please contact either Fr Declan (01226 752372) or Fr Stephen (01226 710320).

Readers

Booklets, with the new translation Scripture readings for the Easter Triduum, are available for collection by readers in both parishes from the sacristy. Please do pick up a copy so that you can prepare the readings in advance of the liturgies. Thank you!

Holy Rood U.C.M.

There will be a U.C.M. meeting on Wednesday, 9th April, in the church hall after Stations of the Cross.

Journey In Faith

A new Journey in Faith course will begin to meet after Easter. These will be held on Wednesday evenings in Holy Rood Presbytery at 6:30pm commencing on April 23rd. If you would like to take part in the meetings, please speak to Fr Damian for further information and to register your interest.

Safeguarding Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be providing safeguarding training sessions on the following dates. Both sessions will take place at Hallam Pastoral Centre, St. Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU. Saturday 26th April 2025 – 10.30am-12.30pm or Wednesday 30th April 2025 – 6.00-8.00pm

The sessions will cover the National Level 2 module which we also offer online via the Church's own learning portal. (For details on how to sign up to

the portal, please contact the safeguarding office). Please note you are not required to complete this training again if you have already completed the module online. While this training is available to anyone who may wish to attend, it is a mandatory requirement for all volunteers who carry out roles with children or adults who may be vulnerable.

The training will cover the following topics:

- What is safeguarding?
- Who can be vulnerable?
- Types of abuse in children and adults and how to spot the signs/symptoms
- Understanding legislation and when it applies
- What help is available?
- What should I do if I have a concern?
- Creating Safer Environments

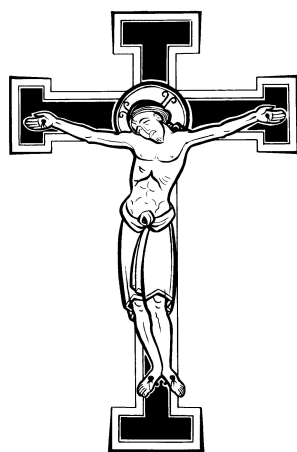
If you are an active volunteer in our parishes and prefer to do the training in person rather than online, then this training is for you!

The training will be valid for 3 years before a refresher module will become due.

To book a place on one of the sessions please contact Jo. Pearson on 0114 2566453 or by email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

Congratulations!

Bishop Ralph has recently appointed Fr Mark McManus as Vicar General to work alongside Mgr Desmond Sexton, both have Barnsley connections! Parishioners at Holy Rood will remember Fr McManus, now Mgr McManus(!), from his time as a curate in the parish. He will be responsible for Priestly Formation and Communication within the Diocese. We wish him well in his new ministry and support his with our prayers!



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45 6pm	Lenten Weekday Holy Rood (Peter Gillott) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Lent 4 (James & Margaret Corcoran)	29 March
Sun 9.30am 11am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT Holy Rood (Marguerite Humphries) Holy Rood (The Parish)	30 March
Mon 10am	Lenten Weekday OL & SJ - Stations of the Cross	31 March
Tues	Lenten Weekday	1 April
Wed 10am	Lenten Weekday Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	2 April
Thur 1.30pm	Lenten Weekday Barnsley Hospital Chapel	3 April
Fri 10am	Lenten Weekday Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	4 April
Sat 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	Lenten Weekday OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Lent 5 (The Parish)	5 April
Sun 9.30am 11am 3pm	5th SUNDAY OF LENT Holy Rood (Margaret & Bob Walley) Holy Rood (Fred & Ruby Wray) Holy Rood - Polish Mass	6 April