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

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2nd Sunday of Easter

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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 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.

ycle of Prayer - Easter

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church and Human Work

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends. Also pray for those who have died especially His Holiness Pope Francis and Fr Terry Boyle. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday:

Holy Rood - 669 Our Lady's - 40

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £1698.56 Our Lady's - £338.41

Monthly Standing Orders (March):

Holy Rood - £2407.00 Our Lady's - £740.00

Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!

Confessions

r Damian will be available to anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday mornings, 11-11.30am at Holy Rood and 5.15-5.45pm on Saturday evenings at Our Lady's. During these times Blessed the Sacrament will be



exposed. Please use this opportunity to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Sunday Reflection

" rcy is heartfelt sympathy for **IVI** another's distress, impelling us to succour him if we can. For mercy takes its name - misericordia - from denoting a person's compassionate heart for another's unhappiness" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Divine mercy is God's refusal to leave us in our fallen condition: Jesus enters the "locked" doors of our hearts, banishing fear and sin and saying, "Peace be with you." "He showed them his hands and his side": Jesus shows us his wounds so that we will not be afraid to show him ours. Finally, Jesus gave the disciples the Holy Spirit so they could be his agents of mercy in the sacrament of penance: "If you forgive the sins of any,

they are forgiven them." Thousands of years later, we continue to receive Christ's mercy in confession.

Fr Terry Boyle

t was with great sadness that we received the news on Wednesday of Fr Boyle's death at 10pm on Tuesday evening. May he rest in peace and rise in glory! Further details of his funeral arrangements will be circulated once they have been confirmed. Please remember Fr Boyle in your prayers during this Eastertide.

Mass Time Change

Please note Mass on Monday, 28th April, will be at 9.30am in Our Lady's. Fr Damian has a Council of Priest's meeting that day.

Journey In Faith

Journey in Faith continues this week, meeting on Wednesday at the earlier time of 6pm in Holy Rood Presbytery.

Pope Francis

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of Pope Francis' soul by Priests of Barnsley Deanery at 7pm in Holy Rood on Wednesday 30th April. Everyone very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the Mass.

Welcome!

On Thursday Fr Damian will be taking the best wishes of parishioners at Our Lady's to the Licensing and Installation of Rev David Dean-Revill as Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas'. We wish him well and assure him of our prayers!

Sunday 4th May

This is a very special day in the life of our parish, the annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady! It also coincides this year with the national celebrations surrounding V.E. Day. Consequently we will be celebrating both! On Sunday 4th May there will be only one Mass at Holy Rood. This will be at 10am, with the May Procession preceding it. After Mass our parishes will be celebrating V.E. day by rolling the clock back to 1945 in the church hall. Come and join us for a 'sing song' round the piano, underneath the bunting, enjoying some lovely 'street party' food and a good old cuppa! Everyone welcome to what promises to be a lovely celebration for our parishes!

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy at the 11am Mass in Holy Rood will be taking a short break for Easter. Children's liturgy will resume on Sunday 11th May. Happy Easter to all the children and volunteers involved!

Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust

7 in 10 cancer patients in Bethlehem are diagnosed too late for treatment, facing immense pain without specialist care. BC&HT is the only licensed palliative care service in the region, but we rely entirely on donations. Help us bring comfort and dignity this Easter. To d o n a t e please visit www.bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org

Health & Safety - Votive Candles

Please can parishioners only use votive candles provided by the parish and place then only on the candle stands? Please refrain from using your own candles and putting them anywhere else in the church than on the stands provided. This is a serious health and safety issue, and should an accident arise, we would not be covered by our insurers. Thank you for your cooperation!

| | Mass & Service Times | |
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| | WASS & SERVICE TIMES | |
| Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45 6pm | EASTER SATURDAY Holy Rood (Vinu & Deena Int) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Easter 2 (Mary Ryan) | 26 April |
| Sun 9.30am 11am 4pm | SUNDAY 2 OF EASTER Holy Rood (Joan & David Burkinshaw) Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass | 27 April |
| Mon 9.30am | ST GEORGE, sol OL & SJ (Annette Woodward Int) | 28 April |
| Tues | ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, feast | 29 April |
| Wed 10am 7pm | Eastertide Weekday Holy Rood (Derek Skitt Int) | 30 April |
| <i>r</i> pm | Holy Rood (His Holiness Pope Francis) | |
| Thur 10am | , | 1 May |
| Thur | Holy Rood (His Holiness Pope Francis) Eastertide Weekday | |
| Thur 10am Fri 10am | Holy Rood (His Holiness Pope Francis) Eastertide Weekday OL & SJ (Theres Nonis) St Athanasius, mem Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving - Anupriya) | 1 May 2 May 3 May |