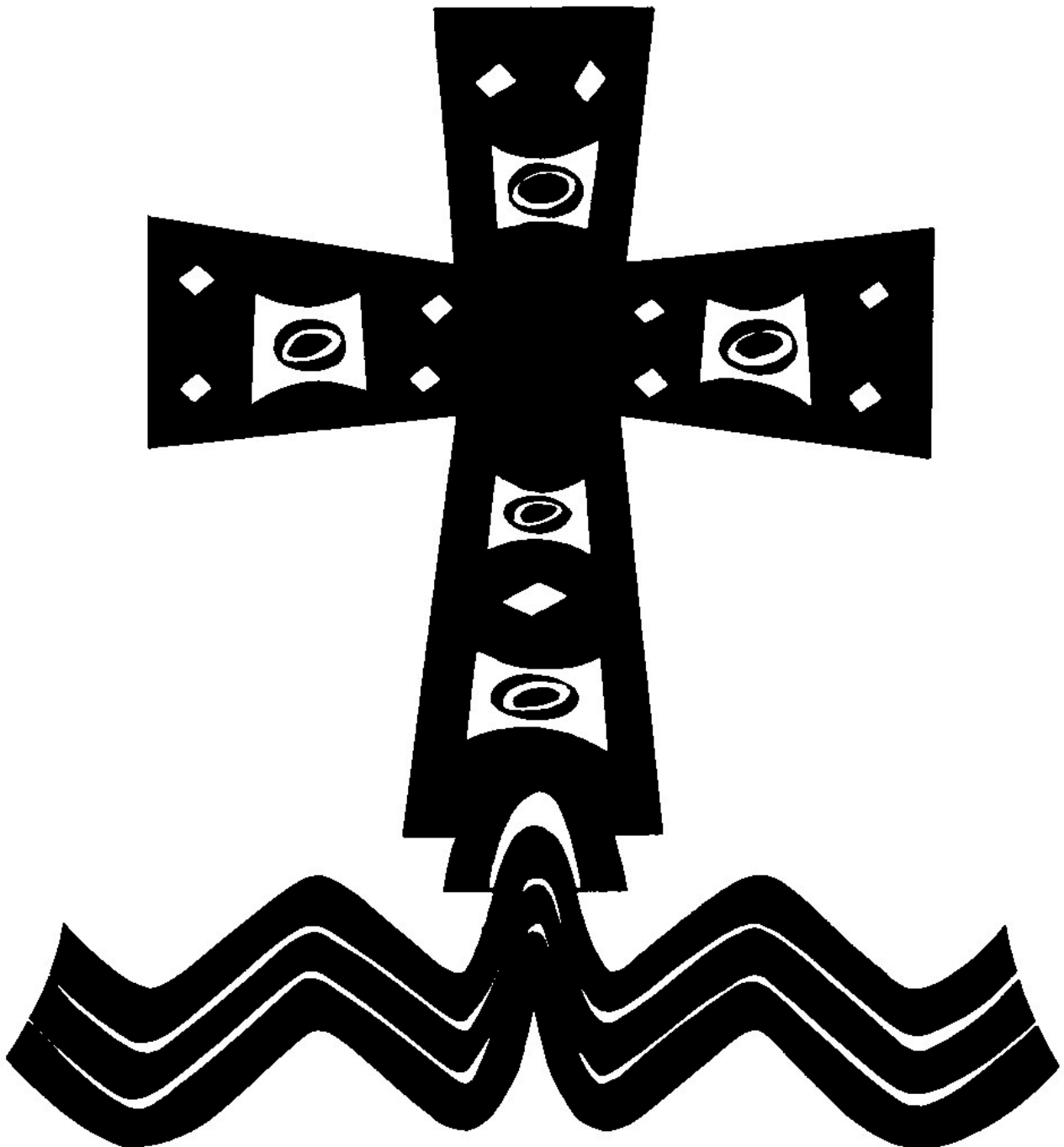

THE PARISHES OF
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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2025



*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.*

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Cycle of Prayer - Ordinary Time: Autumn

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:
The Spread of the Gospel; Students and Teachers; The Harvest, The Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent Use of Creation; Prisoners and their families; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War & Young People.

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 - 330
Our Lady's - 68**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £940.13
Our Lady's - £192.01**

Monthly Standing Orders (August)

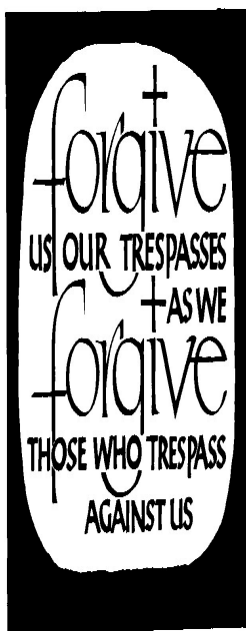
**Holy Rood - £1740.00
Our Lady's - £740.00**

Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!

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Confessions

Fr 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 the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Please use this opportunity to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in our Diocese.



Sunday Reflection

We celebrate the cross - an instrument of death - because by it we pass from death to life. Jesus shows this by comparing his crucifixion to the bronze serpent. After Israel had sinned in the desert, God punished the people with deadly serpents. Yet when they repented and he showed them mercy, he did not take away the serpents. Instead, he erected an image of that punishment. If a bitten Israelite looked upon a bronze serpent, he would live. Similarly, Adam's sin and our personal sins merit death. But we fix our eyes on the crucified Lord who was "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". For "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so

must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life”.

Mass Change!

Please note Mass at Holy Rood on Wednesday will be at the earlier time of 9.30am due to there being a Diocesan Trustees' meeting.

Jubilee Mass for Altar Servers

Takes place in Holy Rood next Saturday, 20th September at 10.30am. All Altar servers, past and present, and parishioners are very welcome to attend. Please note that there will be no Confessions at Holy Rood next Saturday morning.

Second collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend, 20th and 21st September. The collection is the annual collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

First Holy Communion 2026

There will be a meeting for all parents and children who have already registered and been accepted on Wednesday 24th September at 4.30pm in Holy Rood Church. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate with you to the meeting. This is an important meeting so please make sure to attend!

Journey in Faith

A new Journey in Faith course will begin meeting from 1st October until 5th November. The course is comprised of a series of talks on a range of topics relevant to the Catholic Faith. It is aimed at adults keen to know more about Catholicism, who may be considering joining the church or who are returning to the practise of their faith after time away. Please speak to Fr

Damian if you would like to participate.

Barnsley Church History Tour

There will be a guided heritage walk visiting Holy Rood and other churches in the town centre on 25th September. All welcome to attend! Meet outside the Gateway Church at Mottram Hall at 10am.

Portable Appliance Testing

The above mandatory testing will take place in both parishes on Friday, 26th September. Please could ALL electrical items that are used on parish property (church, hall and house) be brought in and made available for testing before this date? Thank you!

Marriage Support

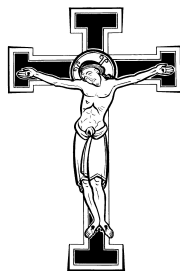
Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk - tel +44 7887 296 983.

School Governors

A pastoral letter from Bishop Ralph is being read at all Masses this weekend. He is entreating parishioners to consider becoming Foundation Governors in our schools, as there are currently over 80 vacancies across the diocese. You do not have to be an expert in education, just a willing volunteer! If anyone is interested in this important ministry, please look at the diocesan website for more information (<https://hallam-diocese.com/schools-home/information-for-governors/>) or phone the schools department on 0114 256 6440.

Thank you

For supporting the second collection last weekend. £273.21 and £85.62 were donated at Holy Rood and Our Lady's respectively.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	St John Chrysostom, <i>mem</i>	13 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (Joan Burkinshaw)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of The Exaltation (Paddy McNicholas & Fam Int)	
Sun	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, <i>feast</i>	14 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Mercies - J.O.)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
Mon	Our Lady of Sorrows, <i>mem</i>	15 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Mary Kitching Int)	
Tues	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, <i>mem</i>	16 Sept
Wed	<i>feria</i>	17 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (William Cosgrave - Sick)	
Thur	<i>feria</i>	18 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (In Thanksgiving - Bibin)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	
Fri	<i>feria</i>	19 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (Lynn Int)	
Sat	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Comp., <i>mem</i>	20 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (James Fairbanks)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 25 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 25 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	21 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Crocifissa Gueli)	
11am	Holy Rood (Fred & Ruby Wray)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Grace Elizabeth Haigh	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	