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

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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.*

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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 especially Stephen Hodgson. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 354
Our Lady's - 55**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £980.37
Our Lady's - £**

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

The two sections of the Gospel reading this Sunday appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit

together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. Our work is valueless; only our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's power can save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing

and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be worthless slaves, but this gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.

Enrolment

At the 9.30am Mass in Holy Rood we will be enrolling our children who are preparing to make their First Confessions and Holy Communions next summer. We welcome them and their families to Mass, assuring them of our prayers in the year ahead.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

After the 9.30am Mass there will be the annual fund-raiser for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Music at Mass

At the 11am Mass this Sunday we welcome The Schola Cantorum of Mens Voices, under the direction of Oliver Bullock, to lead the music. They will be singing a combination of plainchant and polyphony.

Welcome!

Holy Rood parish welcomes Reign Marie Coldwell who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

Family Fast Day

Please return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes via the collecting baskets at Mass. Thank you!

Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith course continues on Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Presbytery at Holy Rood. If you haven't signed up already but would like to attend please have a word with Fr Damian.

Mass Time Changes!

There will be no Masses in our parishes on Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October due to various diary commitments Fr Damian is undertaking.

Fire Marshalls

Due to the numbers attending Sunday Mass at Holy Rood, it is imperative that we have volunteer Fire Marshalls at each Mass to help evacuate the building in an emergency. If you are willing to help with this, or to continue in role if doing it already, please sign the list at the back of church or send an email to Angela Bamforth at holyroodbarnsley@gmail.com. A training session/refresher will be arranged in the near future. Thank you!

TSA Sponsored Run - Everton 10K

Angela Bamforth writes 'Thank you so much for all the sponsorship given and pledged so far. The date's fast approaching - Oct 11th - it's been brought forward a day! All donations are greatly appreciated and can be given via the online link, or the sponsor form at the back of church. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tsa-oct-10k> Thank you!

November - Month of the Holy Souls

A Novena of nine Masses will be said across our two parishes for the Holy Souls, commencing on All Soul's Day, Monday 3rd November. Mass on that day will be celebrated at 10am in Our Lady's. If you would like to contribute towards these Novena Masses for your deceased loved ones please use a 'Month of the Holy Souls' envelope available from the back of church. The envelopes remain in front of the altar and they are remembered at all Masses during November.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	St Francis of Assisi, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Pietro Gueli) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 27 (Anne Agnew)	4 Oct
Sun 9.30am 11am 12.15pm 3pm	SUNDAY 27 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Tom Shaw) Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Baptism: Reign Marie Coldwell Holy Rood - Polish Mass	5 Oct
Mon 10am	<i>feria</i> OL & SJ (Nicholas Sovis)	6 Oct
Tues	Our Lady of the Rosary, <i>mem</i>	7 Oct
Wed 10am	<i>feria</i> Holy Rood (Margaret Greveson)	8 Oct
Thur 10am 1.30pm	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, <i>feria</i> OL & SJ (Muriel Crookes Int) Barnsley Hospital Chapel - No Mass	9 Oct
Fri 10am	<i>feria</i> Holy Rood (Margaret/Peter O'Dowd & Stephen Mirfin)	10 Oct
Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Danguole Aksamitauskiene) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 28 (Jennie Pannuto)	11 Oct
Sun 9.30am 11am 12.15pm 4pm	SUNDAY 28 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Patrick Logan Int) Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Baptism: Eric & Oliver Devesa-Cemeska Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	12 Oct