
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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1st Sunday of Advent

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ADVENT

*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 - Advent/Christmas

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

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.
Also pray for those who have died especially Maggie Welford, Elaine Barron,
Armando Menezes, Theresa Graham and Susan Scott. **May they rest in peace!**
Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 386

Our Lady's - 59

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £874.61

Our Lady's - £260.66

Monthly Standing Orders (Oct)

Holy Rood - £963.50

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, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese.



Sunday Reflection

As the first word of Advent, Christ tells us, "Stay Awake! You must be ready." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. In what does Advent preparation consist? Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith. "Encountering Christ, letting [ourselves] be caught up in and guided by his love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love... Faith is a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the

journey” (Lumen Fidei, 53). “Let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

Fire Drills

It's that time of year when we test our response to a fire alarm in church. To make the drills as realistic as possible they will be unannounced. It's imperative that ALL parishioners acquaint themselves with the location of the fire exits in our churches. In the event of a fire alarm please leave the church **immediately by the nearest fire exit and take your personal belongings with you** as you will not be allowed to re-enter the building.

Mass Time Change!

Please note that Mass on both Wednesday and Thursday this week will be at the earlier time of 9.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Holy Rood U.C.M.

There will be a U.C.M. meeting on Wednesday, 3rd December, after the daily Mass. Thank you to all those who recently supported the U.C.M. Grand Christmas Raffle. The winning numbers are: 956 green; 617 green; 698 orange and 500 green. The grand total of £410 was raised for local charities!

Carol Concert

On Wednesday, 2pm-3pm, Holy Rood church will be hosting a short carol concert by the children of our primary school. There will be refreshments in the church hall after all the singing to 'wet your whistle'! What a lovely way to kick off Advent? Do come along to support them if you can.

Next Sunday

Our parishes welcome Fr Gus O'Reilly to celebrate all Sunday Masses next weekend. Fr Gus will use

this opportunity to appraise parishioners of the work of the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust of which he is a Trustee. You will be able to make a donation towards their work at Masses or via their website, <https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org>

Our Lady's Church Cleaning

There will be no November clean as our annual clean for Christmas will be held on 19th December at 9am. Please do come along in December to help out if you can, you will be made very welcome!

Confirmation 2026

If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year, please have a word with Fr Damian after Mass. Alternatively, you can email him on frdhumphries@btconnect.com to express your interest in participating in any future preparation. Thank you!

Macmillan Fundraiser

Jeremy and Harry Andrews will be taking part in a HYROX competition in January to support Macmillan Cancer Support. Their JustGiving page can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeremy-andrews-1?newPage=true> Please support them if you can!

Thank you!

A big thank you to those who prepared, ordered and ate bacon butties last Sunday! Through your efforts £90 was raised for BIADS. This total, along with all the foreign coinage coming in via the collection which has now been converted to pound sterling, amounting to £125.53, will be sent on to them in the near future. BIADS are a local charity providing support for those who have any form of dementia and their families and friends.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Fr Damian Int) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Advent 1 (Pat Bentley)	29 Nov
Sun 9.30am 11am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Clementine Moran) Holy Rood (The Parish)	30 Nov
Mon 10am	Advent Weekday OL & SJ (Marguerite Humphries)	1 Dec
Tues 11am	Advent Weekday Holy Rood - Funeral Service: Armando Menezes	2 Dec
Wed 9.30am 2pm	St Francis Xavier, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Dec'd Members Skitt Family) Holy Rood - Holy Rood Primary School Carol Concert	3 Dec
Thur 9.30am 1.30pm	Advent Weekday OL & SJ (Nicholas Sovis) Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	4 Dec
Fri 10am 10.30am	Advent Weekday Holy Rood (Dec'd Members McHugh Family) Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick	5 Dec
Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	Advent Weekday Holy Rood (Martin Ashworth) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Advent 2 (The Parish)	6 Dec
Sun 9.30am 11am 12.15pm 3pm	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Rose & James Barnard) Holy Rood (Wieslaw Taraszka) Holy Rood - Baptism: Amber Juozapaviciute Holy Rood - Polish Mass	7 Dec