
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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**PRE
PARE
THE
WAY
FOR
THE
LORD,**

**SMOOTHEN
THE PATH
FOR OUR GOD**

*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 Elaine Barron, Theresa Graham
and Susan Scott. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 386

Our Lady's - 45

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £1020.91

Our Lady's - £247.31

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.



One who heals and perfects our own humanity. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And "the Kingdom of God means Christ himself" (CCC 2816). Thus, John preaches that "we might have hope" in the One who will come "with the Holy Spirit and fire," who will tame what is savage in wild beasts, who will put a halt to harm and ruin, who will decide aright for the land's afflicted. With the sure hope of all this, there is nothing more reasonable than repentance - that is, desiring to be freed from whatever keeps us from saying yes to the love of God.

Sunday Reflection

John's preaching of repentance is not just a fire-and-brimstone ultimatum frightening us into obedience. He preaches to prepare us to recognise the

Welcome!

Holy Rood parish welcomes Amber Juozapaviciute who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this

Sunday.

This Sunday

Our parishes welcome Fr Gus O'Reilly to celebrate all Sunday Masses. 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 Mass or via their website, <http://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org>

Christmas Mass Times

The times and venues of Masses over the Christmas festive period are now on the parish website - www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk. Cards have also been produced and are available from the back of church. Please do circulate them, especially to those without a computer or unable to access the internet. It would be lovely to see as many as possible at Mass during this special time!

Next Sunday

Sophie, one of our Altar Servers, has been selected as one of 32 to represent South Yorkshire at the Scout Jamboree Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk in Poland in 2027. She is doing her best to earn her way there, and with her friend has knitted and sewn some Christmas decorations which she will sell in the church hall after Mass at Holy Rood next week. Do pop over and support her if you can!

Mass Time Changes!

Please note that Mass on Thursday, 11th December, will be at the earlier time of 9am. This will be the Requiem Mass for Theresa Graham, RIP. Also Mass on the 19th December at Holy Rood will be at 9.30am to

accommodate the Funeral Service for Susan Scott, RIP, at 10.30am that morning.

Advent Deanery Reconciliation Service

This will take place on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm in St Michael and All Angels, Wombwell. During the service various Priests will be available for individual confession.

Christmas Church Cleaning & Prep

The annual clean for Christmas at Our Lady's will be held on 19th December at 9am. The Christmas decorations will also be put up at this time. At Holy Rood it will be on the same day, 19th December, at 12 noon. Please do come along and 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!

Fire Drills

Thank you to parishioners attending the 11am Mass at Holy Rood last Sunday. We exited the church building within the requisite three minutes! Thank you for your cooperation.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	Advent Weekday	6 Dec
10.30am	Holy Rood (Martin Ashworth)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Advent 2 (The Parish)	
Sun	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i>	7 Dec
9.30am	Holy Rood (Rose & James Barnard)	
11am	Holy Rood (Wieslaw Taraszka)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Amber Juozapaviciute	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
Mon	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M., <i>sol</i>	8 Dec
10am	OL & SJ (Sr Juliana)	
Tues	Advent Weekday	9 Dec
Wed	Advent Weekday	10 Dec
10am	Holy Rood (John & Elizabeth Barraclough)	
11.30am	Holy Rood - Funeral Service: Elaine Barron	
Thur	Advent Weekday	11 Dec
9am	OL & SJ - Requiem Mass: Theresa Graham	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	
Fri	Advent Weekday	12 Dec
10am	Holy Rood (Rev Mr Richard Booker)	
Sat	St Lucy, <i>mem</i>	13 Dec
10.30am	Holy Rood (Keep Family Together - A)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Advent 3 (The Parish)	
Sun	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, <i>sol</i>	14 Dec
9.30am	Holy Rood (Dec ^d Members Gregson Family)	
11am	Holy Rood (Wieslaw Taraszka)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	