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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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

28 December 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 - 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 Denise Moody, Elizabeth Dobinson and Terrence Newsome. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

### **Mass Attendance last Sunday**

**Holy Rood - 325**

**Our Lady's - 62**

### **Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - £970.35**

**Our Lady's - £502.52**

### **Monthly Standing Orders (Nov)**

**Holy Rood - £2715.00**

**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, Diaconate and Religious

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a sinner

Life in our Diocese.

## **Sunday Reflection**

The feast of the Holy Family inspires us to have confidence that God himself takes an interest in the generation of human life, and blesses the loving union of man and woman. "The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life... The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honour God, and make good use of freedom (CCC 2207). The grace of the Incarnate Word sanctifies and protects family life, making it a true path to holiness. "The family of Nazareth is holy because it

was centred on Jesus" (Pope Francis).

### ***Thank you!***

**F**r Damian would like to thank all our parishioners for their cards, gifts and good wishes received during the Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thanks to all those who have helped in many ways to make our liturgies so prayerful, our musicians, readers and servers. Our liturgies this Christmas have been enjoyed by a great many, those attending for the first time and those returning to visit families. A word of thanks also to those who have cleaned and decorated our churches so beautifully. The floral displays in both our churches this year have been absolutely lovely! Thank you one and all!!

### ***Crib Donations***

**P**lease do try and make a visit to the lovely cribs erected in our churches during the Christmas Season. All 'crib offerings' this year will be donated to support the work of the St Wilfrid's Centre in Sheffield. St Wilfrid's is a community where isolated, vulnerable, socially excluded and homeless adults can find understanding, practical assistance, a sense of belonging and the support to regain self-esteem. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause!



### ***Children's Liturgy***

**T**here will be no children's liturgy until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. We wish all the children a blessed Christmas and a

happy New Year!

### ***Food Bank Donations***

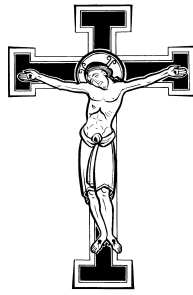
**A**fter Christmas our parishes will resume collecting food stuffs and toiletries to assist the Barnsley Food Bank! This is a charity our parishes have supported generously over the years, at Holy Rood under the direction of Anne and Graham Marlow and Peter and Gillian Griffiths at Our Lady's. Unfortunately the collections came to end with the pandemic in 2020. At the last Parish Life Group meeting, however, it was decided our parishes would like to resurrect them, trying to do our bit helping those locals struggling with 'food poverty'. Chris Harvey and Lee Redhead have kindly agreed to coordinate the monthly collections, which will commence at the end of January 2026. More information to follow. In the meantime, please have a look at the posters indicating what items they would like donating.

### ***Journey in Faith***

**A** new Journey in Faith course will begin meeting from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. 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.

### ***Colds, Flu & Covid***

**A**ll these unfortunately are on the rise at the moment. Face masks are available at the back of church, along with hand sanitising gel, in order to protect yourselves and others. If you are ill with any of these, please do avoid coming to church until you are well!



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sat</b> 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	<b>ST JOHN, <i>feast</i></b> Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of The Holy Family</b> (Malcolm Hague)	<b>27 Dec</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30am 11am 4pm	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY, <i>feast</i></b> Holy Rood (James & Annie Barlow) Holy Rood (Rose & James Barnard) Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	<b>28 Dec</b>
<b>Mon</b> 10am	<b>ST THOMAS BECKET, <i>feast</i></b> OL & SJ (Marguerite Humphries)	<b>29 Dec</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>SIXTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>30 Dec</b>
<b>Wed</b> 10am	<b>SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b> Holy Rood - Requiem Mass: Denise Moody	<b>31 Dec</b>
<b>Thur</b> 10am	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, <i>sol</i></b> OL & SJ (The Parish)	<b>1 Jan</b>
<b>Fri</b> 10am 10.30am	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, <i>mem</i></b> Holy Rood (Flora James Int) Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick	<b>2 Jan</b>
<b>Sat</b> 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	<b>Christmastide Weekday</b> Holy Rood (Marie Keileher - Well Being) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Christmas 2</b> (Armando Menezes)	<b>3 Jan</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30am 11am 3pm	<b>SUNDAY 2 AFTER CHRISTMAS, <i>sol</i></b> Holy Rood (John Kelleher) Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Polish Mass	<b>4 Jan</b>