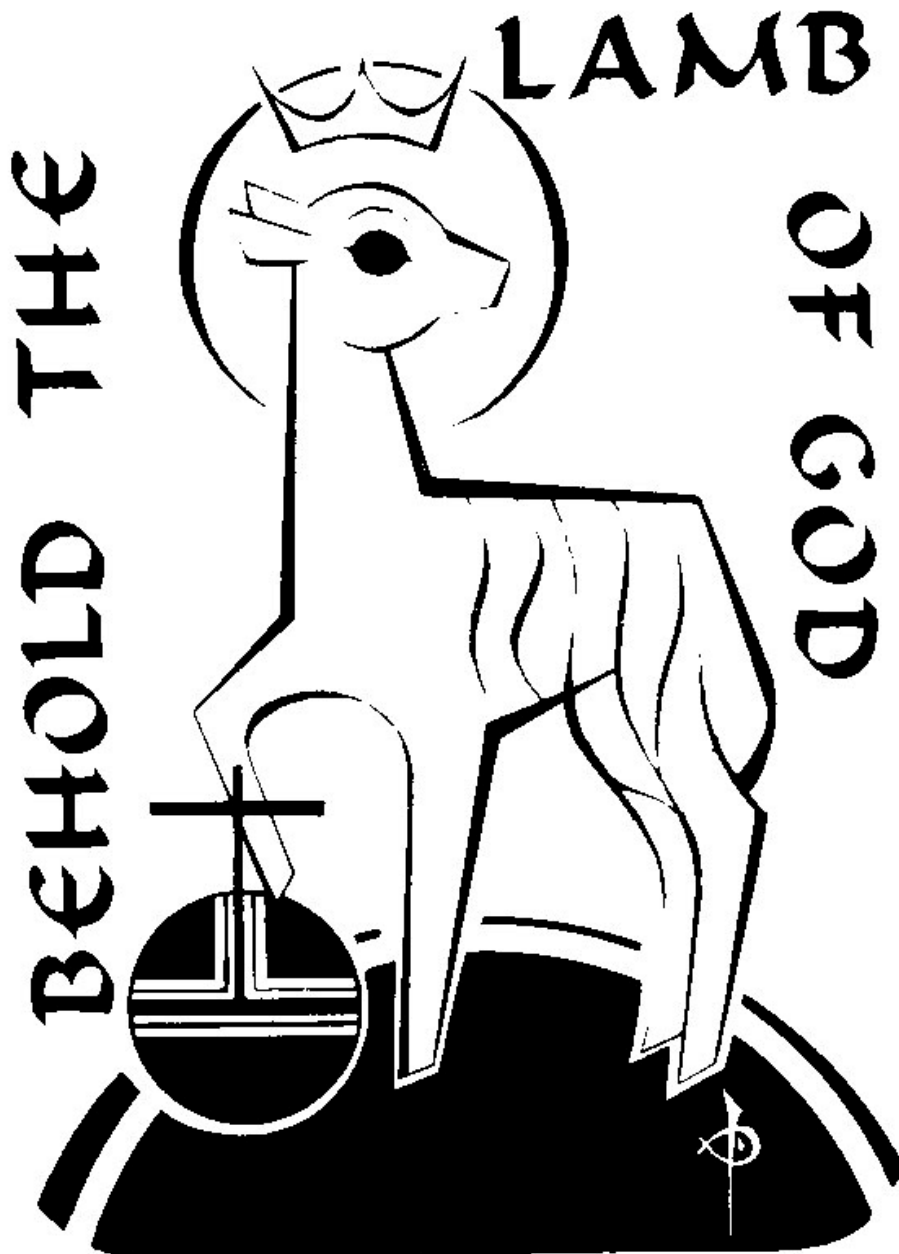

THE PARISHES OF
HOLY ROOD, BARNSELY
AND
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026



*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: Winter

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:
Peace in the World; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Racial Justice;
Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those who
Care for Them; The Unemployed.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.
Also pray for those who have died especially Terence Newsome and
Margaret Fitzpatrick. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 251
Our Lady's - 73**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £743.46
Our Lady's - £266.10**

Monthly Standing Orders (Dec)

**Holy Rood - £936.00
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

Lord +
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and Religious Life in our Diocese.

Sunday Reflection

Because God formed John the Baptist "from the womb to be his servant", John's whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John "saw Jesus coming towards him", he instantly cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God". John immediately recognises that Christ is the one the world has been waiting for. This leads John to bear "witness that this is the Son of God". The same grace has been given to us. By Baptism, we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". By professing the one "who takes away the

sins of the world”, we become a light to the nations, through whom God’s salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.

Welcome!

Holy Rood parish welcomes Frank-Marek Langridge who will be Baptised into Christ’s Body, the Church, this Sunday.

Mass Time Changes

There will be a number of Mass time changes coming up. On Thursday this week, 22nd January, Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am in Holy Rood. This will be a Requiem Mass for Terence Newsome, RIP. Also, as Fr Damian will be attending the Diocesan Trustees’ meeting on Wednesday 28th January, Mass on that day will be at the earlier time of 9.30am.

Joint Parish Life Meeting

The next Joint Parish Meeting will be held this Wednesday, 21st January, 7pm, in Holy Rood Presbytery. All parishioners welcome. In addition to the various parish reports, one agenda item will address the future use of Holy Rood Church for non-religious music concerts. Parishioners views on this would be much appreciated. So much so, that if your are unable to attend the meeting, please consider submitting your views in writing to Fr Damian (frdhumphries@btconnect.com) or speak to him directly. This is a very sensitive matter, on how we use what is essentially a sacred space, and we need to address it very carefully.

Food Bank Collection

The first revived collection for Barnsley Food Bank will take place next Sunday. As previously, please place your donated items in a carrier

bag and leave them in the Baptistry at Holy Rood or porch at Our Lady’s. To see what items the Food Bank would like donating, please consult the posters at the back of church. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Journey in Faith

A new Journey in Faith course will begin meeting from Wednesday 25th February until 1st 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.

Confirmation 2026

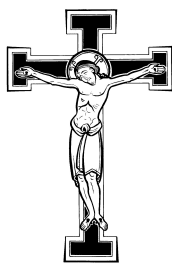
Last call for names! If you, or anyone you know, are secondary school age and would like to be Confirmed in the coming year, please have a word with Fr Damian after Mass. Alternatively, you can email him on frdhumphries@btconnect.com.

Many Thanks

To all parishioners who visited our cribs and left an offering over the Christmas season. The grand totals of £596.55 and £174.91 were donated to St Wilfrid’s Centre at Holy Rood and Our Lady’s respectively. Thank you!

Advanced Notice!

Holy Trinity School will be hosting the Relics of St Carlo Acutis in the week commencing 9th February. It is intended to invite visitors from surrounding parishes in to school to venerate and pray before the relics at the end of the school day. Further details to follow once these have been firmed up by the school.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Margaret Walley) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 2 (The Parish)	17 Jan
Sun 9.30am 11am 12.15pm 3pm	SUNDAY 2 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (S.Z., M.M. & S.M.) Holy Rood (Sheila Burden) Holy Rood - Baptism: Frank-Marek Langridge Holy Rood - Polish Mass	18 Jan
Mon 10am	<i>feria</i> OL & SJ (John & Christine O'Sullivan Int)	19 Jan
Tues	<i>feria</i>	20 Jan
Wed 10am 4pm	St Agnes, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (William Hall) Holy Rood - Vigil & Reception: Terence Newsome	21 Jan
Thur 11.30am	<i>feria</i> Holy Rood - Requiem Mass: Terence Newsome	22 Jan
Fri 10am	<i>feria</i> Holy Rood (Well Being)	23 Jan
Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	St Francis de Sales, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving - Cancer Recovery) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 3 (The Parish)	24 Jan
Sun 9.30am 11am 4pm	SUNDAY 3 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Alf & Mary Lunn) Holy Rood (Rose & James Barnard) Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	25 Jan