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

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 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 Margaret Fitzpatrick. May they**  
**rest in peace! Amen.**

**Mass Attendance last Sunday**

**Holy Rood - 320  
Our Lady's - 59**

**Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - £917.26  
Our Lady's - £343.53**

**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 and Religious Life in our Diocese.

Lord +  
JESUS  
have  
mercy  
on me  
a sinner

### **Sunday Reflection**

Pope Benedict XVI once noted that each Beatitude is the fruit of Christ looking upon his disciples: "The Beatitudes express the meaning of discipleship. What the Beatitudes mean cannot be expressed in purely theoretical terms; it is proclaimed in the life and suffering, and in the mysterious joy, of the disciple who gives himself completely to the following of the Lord." The Beatitudes demonstrate conclusively how God, in choosing the weak of the world, will "shame the strong". Therefore, with great certainty and conviction we, the "humble of the land", from the stance of our utter nothingness, "seek the Lord". For it is

due to him that we are in Christ Jesus - through his gaze on the mountain we become like him.

### **Welcome**

**H**oly Rood Parish welcomes Roja Zavienne Ragadio Ropuesto who will be Baptised in to Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

### **Mass Time Change**

**O**n Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Mass will be at 9am, to enable Fr Damian, as Episcopal Vicar for Religious, to celebrate Mass in St Marie's with Bishop Ralph and the Religious.

### **Food Bank Collection**

**T**hank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting the collection last Sunday! The date of the next collection will be posted on the bulletin in advance.

### **Thank you!**

**J**eremy, Harry and Helen Andrews recently completed the Hyrox Challenge, raising just under £2000 for MacMillan Cancer Support. They would like to extend their thanks to all who donated money to the cause! Your generosity is really appreciated!

### **Parish Consultation!**

**I**would like to thank all parishioners who engaged with the recent consultation in our parishes. I received written submissions, and others spoke to me privately, about using our churches by choirs performing non-religious, secular music. The overwhelming consensus of opinion was that this shouldn't be permitted. While it may indeed open our churches to those outside the Catholic community, however positive an ideal this is, it was felt that the sanctity of this space for Catholics was far more

important and should be preserved at all costs. As Parish Priest, and seeking to uphold the best interests of our community, there will therefore be no performances of secular music in our churches.

### **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.

### **Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**

**T**he Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2026 (Lourdes - a place where heaven meets Earth) will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The cost is £1010 flying from Leeds (includes flight, hotel, catering and insurance). The booking forms aren't ready yet but you can pre-register your interest at [www.tangey-tours.com/hallam](http://www.tangey-tours.com/hallam).

### **Permanent Diaconate**

**W**e pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a baptised and confirmed man, between 30 and 55 years, prayerful, and with the desire to serve God's people, and you are visible and involved within your parish and community, you might be being called to be a Permanent Deacon? Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and if you require more information speak to your Parish Priest, and then contact Deacon Tony Strike via e-mail: [astrike@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:astrike@hallam-diocese.com)



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sat</b>	<b>St John Bosco, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>31 Jan</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Eucharistic Ministers Int)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Sunday 4</b> (Malcolm Hague)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>SUNDAY 4 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i></b>	<b>1 Feb</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (Alison Andrews)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Roja Zavienne Ragadio Ropuesto	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, <i>feast</i></b>	<b>2 Feb</b>
9am	OL & SJ (Margaret Horbury)	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>St Blaise, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>3 Feb</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>St Gilbert of Sempringham, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>4 Feb</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Sr Mary of the Resurrection, OCD - 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	
<b>Thur</b>	<b>St Agatha, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>5 Feb</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Sheila Brayford)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Comp., <i>mem</i></b>	<b>6 Feb</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Ann Mappin)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>7 Feb</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Terence Newsome)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Sunday 5</b> (Margaret & James Corcoran)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>SUNDAY 5 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i></b>	<b>8 Feb</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (Dec <sup>d</sup> of White, Exley & Newsam Families)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	