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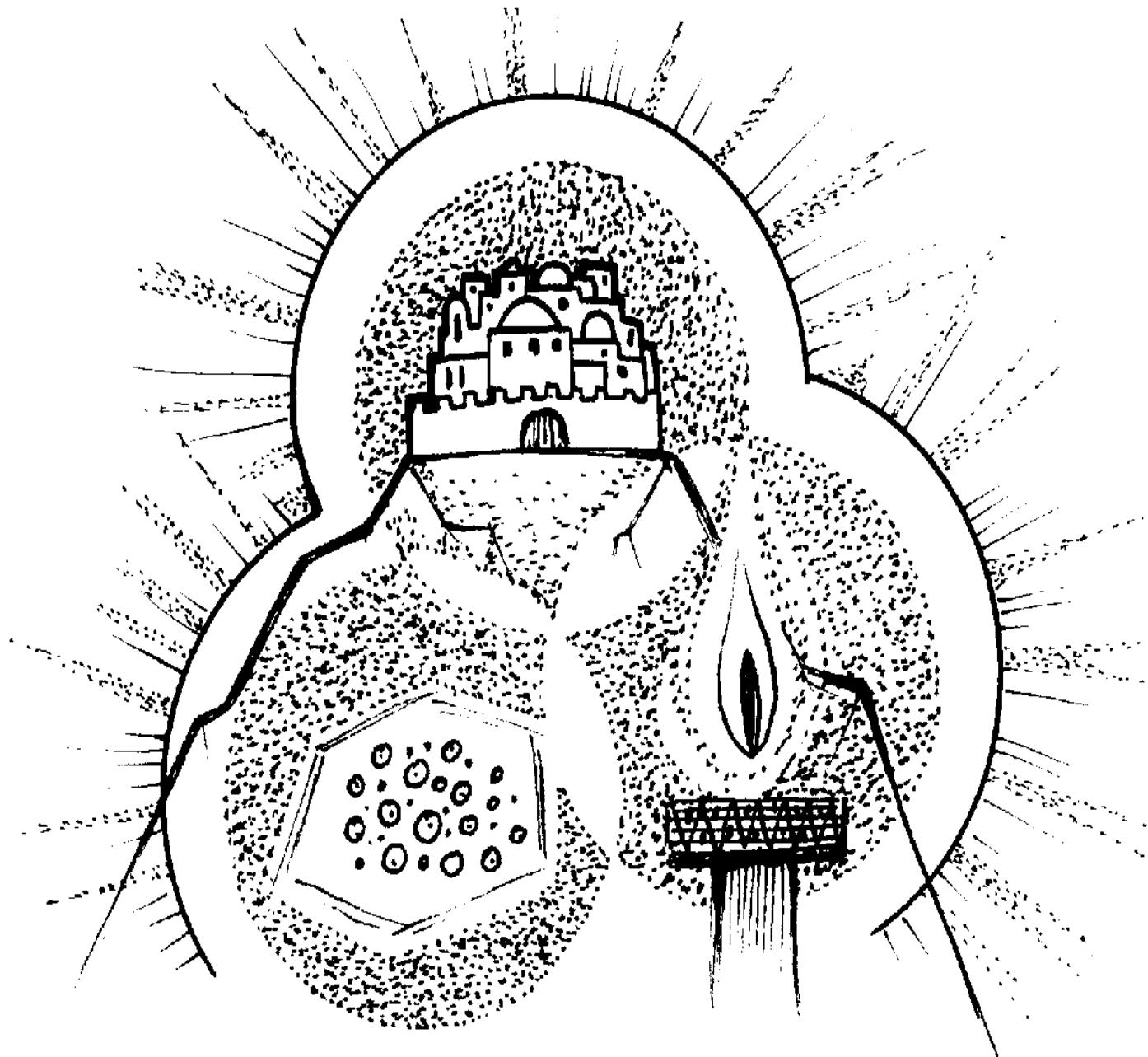
THE PARISHES OF  
**HOLY ROOD, BARNSLEY**  
AND  
**OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH**  
(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)

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

8 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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## **C**ycle 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.

**P**lease pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.  
Also pray for those who have died especially Margaret Fitzpatrick, Jane  
Bentley and Alan Wadge. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

### **Mass Attendance last Sunday**

**Holy Rood - 357**

**Our Lady's - 59**

### **Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - £888.36**

**Our Lady's - £217.14**

### **Monthly Standing Orders (Jan)**

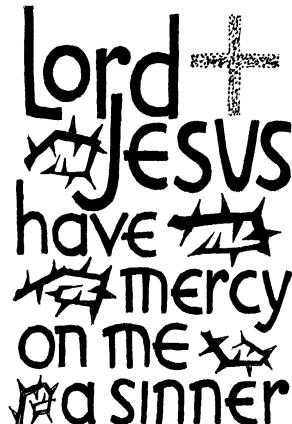
**Holy Rood - N/A**

**Our Lady's - £760.00**

*Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!*

### **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**

The Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish - those "in the darkness", stuck in the "gloom". "Share your bread with the hungry", he says, and "satisfy the desire of the afflicted". In other words, no matter how bleak your present state, "you are the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". By tending to the wounds of others, our "healing shall spring up speedily" and our light shall "break forth like the dawn". When we make our own Saint Paul's resolve "to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified", we "will never be moved". Our hearts will be firm, full of trust in the Lord.

## **St Carol Acutis**

**H**oly Trinity School (Carlton Road, Barnsley, S71 2LF) are hosting the relics of St Carlo Acutis this week. The invitation to venerate the relics and to pray before them has kindly been extended by the Staff and Governors to all parishioners in the Deanery. This will take place between 6-7pm on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. There will also be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should you so wish.

## **First Confessions**

**T**he First Confessions of children from our parish who are preparing to make their First Holy Communions later this year will take place in Holy Rood on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, at 6.30pm. Please remember to pray for our candidates, and for our Catechists who are preparing them, as they take this next step in their discipleship with the Lord!



## **Lent 2026**

**A**sh Wednesday, the start of Lent, is on the 18<sup>th</sup> February this year. There will be two Masses on that day, both with the distribution of ashes. At 10am in Holy Rood and 7pm in Our Lady and St James. This is a day of fasting and abstinence. Throughout Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed publicly on Monday mornings after Mass at Our Lady's and after Mass on Wednesday and Friday in Holy Rood. These commence on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. As in recent years the Friday

Stations will be led by our Syro Malabar community.

## **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. Please speak to Fr Damian if you would like to participate.

## **Red Boxes**

**P**lease could all Red Box holders at Holy Rood bring them in to church for emptying? Many thanks for continuing to support Missio in this way!

## **Cold Church!**

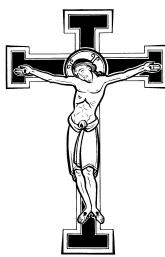
**W**hile this cold and damp weather persists, it is noticeable that the heating system in Holy Rood Church is struggling to keep up, despite being on for a very long time. Please wrap up warm when coming to Mass and if you bring a hot-water bottle nobody will object! Parishioners are guaranteed a 'warm welcome' at Our Lady's should it get too much for you!!

## **Fire Drills**

**F**ollowing the November fire drill at Holy Rood various learning outcomes were identified:

- Use either the Main Doors (back of church) or the Sacristy exit (front of church)
- Leave everything where it is, only taking personal belongings
- Follow the instructions of the Fire Marshals at all times
- Evacuate quickly and calmly without stopping or turning back
- Do not re-enter the church

Everyone is to be aware of the correct evacuation procedure to ensure the safety of all. Additional fire drills will take place in both churches throughout the year to ensure a full evacuation in under three minutes.



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

|             |  |               |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| <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                                  |               |
| <b>Mon</b>  | <b><i>feria</i></b>  | <b>9 Feb</b>  |
| 10am        | OL & SJ (Joseph)   |               |
| <b>Tues</b> | <b>St Scholastica, <i>mem</i></b>                              | <b>10 Feb</b> |
| <b>Wed</b>  | <b>Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>mem</i></b>                         | <b>11 Feb</b> |
| 10am        | Holy Rood (Denise Moody)                                       |               |
| <b>Thur</b> | <b><i>feria</i></b>  | <b>12 Feb</b> |
| 10am        | OL & SJ (Billy Fairham)  |               |
| 1.30pm      | Barnsley Hopsital Chapel                                       |               |
| <b>Fri</b>  | <b><i>feria</i></b>  | <b>13 Feb</b> |
| 10am        | Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving - J.S.)                             |               |
| <b>Sat</b>  | <b>SS CYRIL &amp; METHODIUS, <i>feast</i></b>                  | <b>14 Feb</b> |
| 10.30am     | Holy Rood (Ann-Marie & John Hamilton)                          |               |
| 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 6</b> (Jennie Pannuto)             |               |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>SUNDAY 6 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i></b>                   | <b>15 Feb</b> |
| 9.30am      | Holy Rood (Betty Wade)   |               |
| 11am        | Holy Rood (The Parish)   |               |
| 12.15pm     | Holy Rood - Baptism: Kaomasirichi Elora Ike                    |               |
| 3pm         | Holy Rood - Polish Mass  |               |