
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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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 - Lent

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:
Candidates for the Sacraments; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Women;
Penitents and Wanderers.

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

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 312
Our Lady's - 67

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £786.79
Our Lady's - £245.03

Monthly Standing Orders (Jan)

Holy Rood - £1878.00
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

Through Sirach, the Lord says: "If you desire you will keep the commandments... He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish." God's grace enables us to keep his law "and observe it wholeheartedly". We stretch forth our hand to the fire of the Holy Spirit, to the water of our baptism, letting our Yes mean Yes. Those who refuse to let lust master them, who are quick to reconcile with their brother or sister, and who obey and teach the commandments will enter the kingdom of heaven. God prepares those who love him to be willing to sacrifice their own comfort and pleasure for the sake of perfection. This is the righteousness

that “exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees”.

Welcome!

Holy Rood parish welcomes Kaomasirichi Elora Ike who will be Baptised into Christ’s Body, the Church, this Sunday.

Children’s Liturgy

Please note that due to the half-term holiday children’s liturgy, which normally takes place at the 11am Sunday Mass in Holy Rood, will be taking a break until Sunday 1st March.

Lent 2026

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is on Wednesday this week. 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.*

Mass Time Changes

Mass on Wednesday 25th February will be at the earlier time of 8.30am. Fr Damian has a meeting of the Historic Churches Committee at 10am that morning in the Pastoral Centre. Apologies for the early start! On Thursday 26th February Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Holy Rood. This will be a Requiem Mass. On Thursday 5th March, Mass at Our Lady’s will be at 9.30am to accommodate a Council of Priests meeting. Finally, for the time being, on 11th March, Mass will be at 9.30am as the Diocesan Trustees will be meeting.

Journey in Faith

Anew Journey in Faith course will begin meeting from Wednesday 25th February until 1st April 2026. Please speak to Fr Damian if you would like to participate.

Fire Drills

Following 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.

Diocesan Youth Events 2025

Youth Ministry in the Diocese have a number of events planned for the forthcoming year. These are suitable for various age groups, from 11 to 24! Please have a look at the posters at the back of church if you, or anyone you know, are interested. Financial hardship should not preclude participation. Some financial assistance will be available. If you would like to attend any of the activities please have a word with Fr Damian.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th June to 2nd July. The cost is £1010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights accommodation, full board and insurance. For bookings see www.tangney-tours.com/hallam, or call 01732 886666. For further information call 01302 247910 or 0 7 7 2 4 6 5 0 0 6 6 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	SS CYRIL & METHODIUS, feast	14 Feb
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, Vigil of Sunday 6 (Jennie Pannuto)	
Sun	SUNDAY 6 IN ORDINARY TIME, sol	15 Feb
9.30am	Holy Rood (Betty Wade)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Kaomasirichi Elora Ike	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
Mon	feria	16 Feb
10am	OL & SJ (Fr Damian Int)	
Tues	BL WILLIAM RICHARDSON, feast	17 Feb
Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY	18 Feb
10am	Holy Rood (Una Skitt)	
7pm	OL & SJ (The Parish)	
Thur	Lenten Weekday	19 Feb
10am	OL & SJ (In Thanksgiving - Bibin)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
Fri	Lenten Weekday	20 Feb
10am	Holy Rood (Aleykutty George)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Lenten Weekday	21 Feb
10.30am	Holy Rood (Joan Burkinshaw)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Lent 1 (Private Int - L.V.)	
Sun	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	22 Feb
9.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11am	Holy Rood (Marguerite Humphries)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	