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

Parish Priest: *Fr Damian Humphries, E.V., V.F.*
Tel: 01226 284961 or 07791554214
frdhumphries@btconnect.com
Parish website: www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk

1st Sunday of Lent

22 February 2026

**AWAY WITH
YOU SATAN !**



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.

++++++

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 and Patrick Burke.
May they rest in peace! Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 363

Our Lady's - 69

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £964.37

Our Lady's - £330.55

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

Pope Benedict XVI called the temptation of Jesus in the desert "a descent into the perils besetting mankind". This happened so that we may be counted among those "who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness [and] reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ". The "one act of righteousness" that Saint Paul speaks about in the Letter to the Romans is Jesus' unfailing fidelity to the Father's will. As the serpent comes close, we will not be duped by the suggestion that somehow God is jealous at the prospect that we "will be

like God". For God himself planted that hope in our hearts. The Lord's greatest joy and glory is that we share his image and likeness, not through self-seeking but through the obedience by which "many will be made righteous."

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.

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

The Journey in Faith course begins on Wednesday this week, 25th February. All sessions will take place in Holy Rood Presbytery, commencing at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast

The Family Fast Day for Lent is on Friday 27th February. For those wishing to support CAFOD, there are envelopes at the back of our churches. There will also be a 'Lenten lunch', with soup (of various flavours!) and bread rolls, after Mass on 27th February in the church hall at Holy Rood. Donation £3 with all proceeds going to CAFOD.

Parishioners of both parishes are very welcome to attend!

Our Lady's Cleaning

We will be cleaning Our Lady's Church on Friday 27th February at 9am. Please do come along and join us if you can, we would love to see you!

Thank you!

To all parishioners for supporting the monthly collection for Barnsley Food Bank.

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.

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	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	
Mon	Lenten Weekday	23 Feb
10am	OL & SJ (James Egan)	
10.30am	OL & SJ - Stations of the Cross	
Tues	Lenten Weekday	24 Feb
Wed	Lenten Weekday	25 Feb
8.30am	Holy Rood (Lesley Brannan Int)	
9am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Thur	Lenten Weekday	26 Feb
10am	Holy Rood - Requiem Mass: Alan Wadge	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
Fri	Lenten Weekday	27 Feb
10am	Holy Rood (Protection & Family Int)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Lenten Weekday	28 Feb
10.30am	Holy Rood (Woodcock Family)	
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 2 (Chris Bentley Int)	
Sun	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	1 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (Margaret Webster)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	