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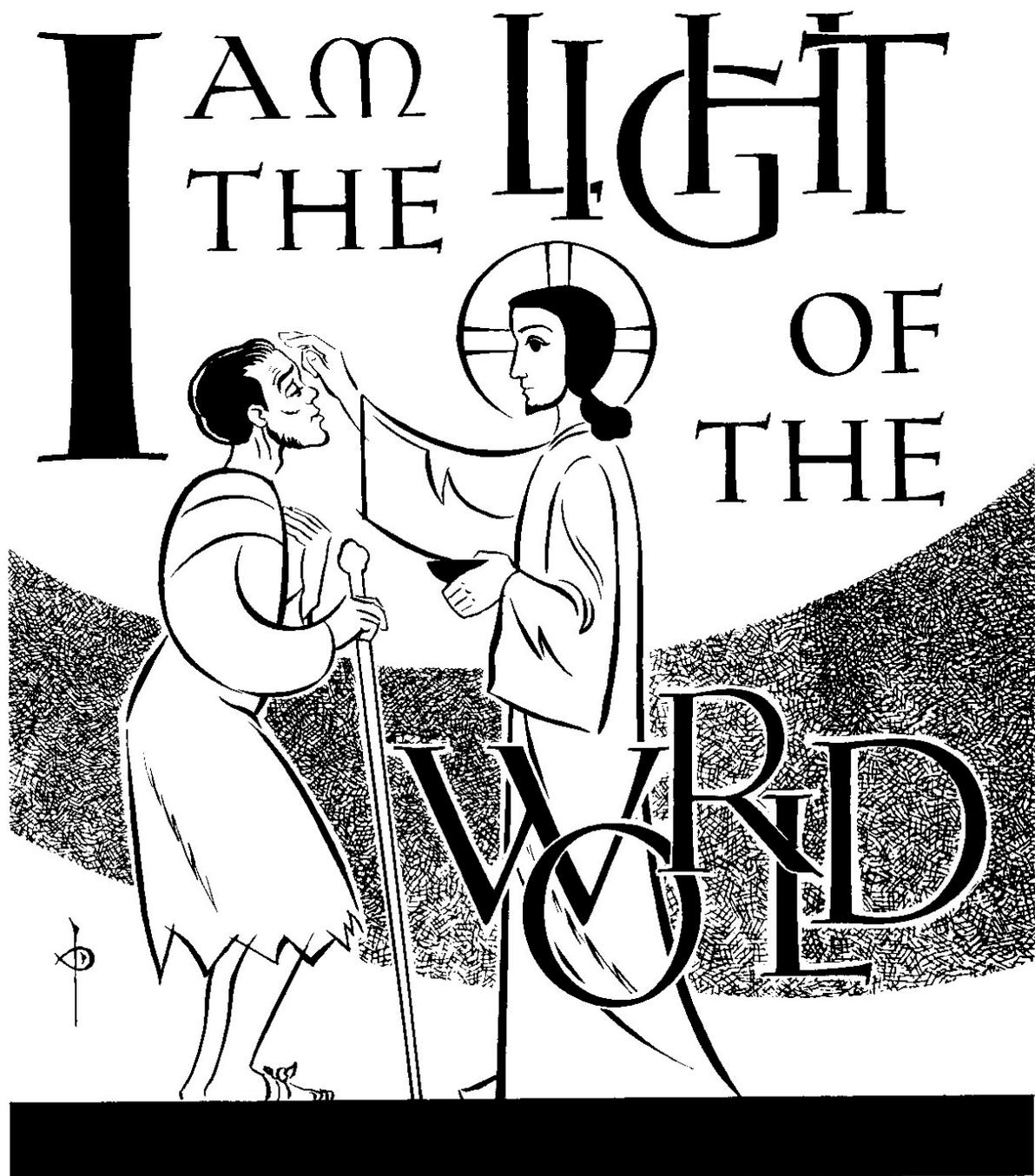
THE PARISHES OF  
**HOLY ROOD, BARNSELY**  
AND  
**OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH**  
*(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)*

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

15 March 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 a any of the activities listed on it.*

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### **C**ycle 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.

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

**Mass Attendance last Sunday**

**Holy Rood - 343**

**Our Lady's - 61**

**Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - £1026.28**

**Our Lady's - £320.76**

**Monthly Standing Orders (Jan)**

**Holy Rood - £1878.00**

**Our Lady's - £760.00**

*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.

FORGIVE  
US OUR TRESPASSES  
+ AS WE  
FORGIVE  
THOSE WHO TRESPASS  
AGAINST US

### **Sunday Reflection**

When Jesus sees the blind man, he says, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Once the blind man is healed, the people ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" They betray their own blindness: "man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." The blind man answers using words that Christ uses of himself; he says, "I am." Is this a coincidence? The man was born blind "that the works of God might be displayed in him". "For the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true." The Light who is Christ produces a goodness in us by which we come to resemble Christ himself. We beg for the ability to look into the heart of each person we meet and to see

reality the way God does.

### **Second Collection**

**T**here will be a Second collection at all Masses this weekend to support Life. For more information visit: [www.lifecharity.org.uk](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk) or 0808 8025433.

### **Gift Aid Scheme**

**T**he new envelopes, for those who are tax payers and have signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, are available from the back of church. If you pay tax and would like to become a member of the scheme, please speak to Sue Kerr-Delworth.

### **Journey in Faith**

**T**he Journey in Faith course continues on Wednesday this week at 6.30pm in Holy Rood Presbytery.

### **Holy Rood Church Cleaning**

**T**he cleaning at Holy Rood in preparation for Easter will take place after Stations of the Cross on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you have a little time to spare, please come along and help. Everyone welcome!

### **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

**T**he Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place in Holy Rood on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. For the first time there will be various priests hearing confessions in both English and Polish. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Confessions. If you haven't celebrated the Sacrament for a while this is a good opportunity to come back to the Lord, to enter His peace and prepare our hearts for the "joys of Holy Easter"!

### **Prayer Partners**

**I**f you would like to support in prayer one of our First Holy Communion candidates, there will be a list of the

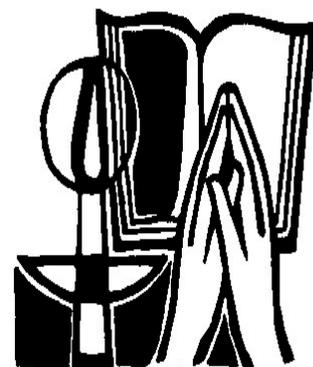
children in the narthex at Holy Rood. Please sign your name next to the name of the child you would like to partner in prayer!

### **Teddy Bears!**

**D**o you have any 'unloved' teddy bears that you could donate for an Easter fund raising stall at church? The teddies **MUST** be in good condition and clean. All funds raised will be going to support our primary school - a very worthwhile cause!

### **Magnificat**

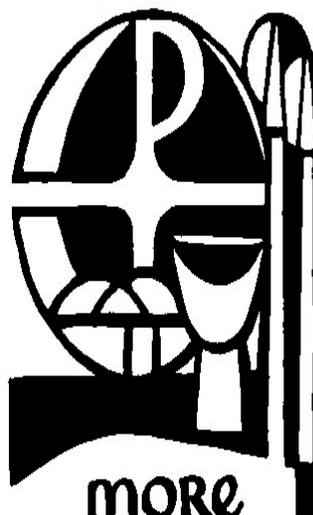
**F**r Damian is currently reviewing the order for this excellent monthly magazine. If you are not already a subscriber and would like to receive a copy, please pass on your details to Sue Kerr-Delworth. The cost is £6.75 per month. If you would like to view a sample copy before committing yourself please speak to Sue.



**MORE  
fervent in  
PRAYER**



**MORE  
generous  
in WORKS of  
CHARITY**



**MORE  
eager in cele  
brating the  
MYSTERIES  
by which we  
are reborn**



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>14 March</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Derryl Dsa)	
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 Lent 4</b> (Kunal Banerjee)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>15 March</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11am	Holy Rood (John & John Ashton)	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>16 March</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Phil Harrison - Sick)	
10.30am	OL & SJ - Stations of the Cross	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>ST PATRICK, <i>feast</i></b>	<b>17 March</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>18 March</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Mary Rawlinson)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thur</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, <i>sol</i></b>	<b>19 March</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Adrian - Sick)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>20 March</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Roy Clarke)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>21 March</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Lissamma Joseph)	
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 Lent 5</b> (Alan & Marguerite Humphries)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>22 March</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (Pauline Jordon)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	