
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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Out of the depths
I cry to you,
LORD
LORD, HEAR MY VOICE!
LET YOUR EARS BE ATTEN-
TIVE TO THE PRAYER OF
YOUR SERVANT

*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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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. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 386

Our Lady's - 68

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £943.76

Our Lady's - £272.64

Monthly Standing Orders (Feb)

Holy Rood - £1793.00

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.

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

Sunday Reflection

From time immemorial God has promised, "you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and

raise you from your graves, O my people." But this will not happen before Jesus weeps. He weeps in front of discouragement: "are you going there again?" He weeps in front of bitterness: "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" He weeps in front of despair: "Lord, by this time there will be a smell". This is the best moment for God to raise Lazarus from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus' love for us. If you are "dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies."

Palm Sunday Arrangements

Weather permitting the 9.30am Palm Sunday Mass at Holy Rood will commence with a procession from the Church Hall so do join in if you can! Please gather in the church hall with a palm cross. If you are unable to process, please remain in your seat and your palm will be blessed as the procession enters church. There will be no procession at the Vigil Mass in Our Lady's or at the 11am Holy Rood Mass. At these Masses collect a palm and remain in your seat for either the Solemn or Simple Entrance.

Holy Week Service Times

A separate leaflet is available at the back of church outlining all the Holy Week service times. Please pick one up on your way out after Mass if you didn't get one on the way in! Also consider taking one for a friend or neighbour. Times are also available on the parish website (www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk).

Gift Aid Scheme

The new envelopes, for those who are tax payers and have signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, are available from the back of church.

Barnsley Food Bank

Please bring in to church next weekend any donations for the Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support!

Journey in Faith

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service

The Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place in Holy Rood on Wednesday, 25th March at 7pm. There will be various priests hearing

confessions in both English and Polish.

Prayer Partners

If 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!

Do you have any clean 'unloved' teddy bears? If so, please bring them in to church.

Deanery Confirmation Classes 2026

We are pleased to announce that we will be starting the Confirmation classes for this year on Tuesday evenings from 5.45pm until 7pm, starting on 14th April, in Holy Rood Church Hall. Our catechists, James and Lee, look forward to welcoming our candidates and supporting them on their journey. If you have not signed up yet, but would like to do so, please email Fr Damian (frdhumphries@btconnect.com) to enrol. There is still time!

Parking at Our Lady's

As numbers attending Saturday night Vigil Mass at Our Lady's continue to rise, parking is getting more difficult. For clarification, the Private Road at the side of the Presbytery is church property. Responsible parking, by pulling on to the pavement, is permitted here should you not wish to park on the main road. There should be enough room for 4 or 5 cars.

Second Collection

Thank you for supporting the collection for Life. £526.03 and £87.17 were donated at Holy Rood and Our Lady's respectively.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	Lenten Weekday	21 March
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, Vigil of Lent 5 (Alan & Marguerite Humphries)	
Sun	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	22 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (Pauline Jordan)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
Mon	Lenten Weekday	23 March
10am	OL & SJ (Fr Damian Int)	
10.30am	OL & SJ - Stations of the Cross	
Tues	Lenten Weekday	24 March
Wed	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, <i>sol</i>	25 March
10am	Holy Rood (Derek Skitt - Birthday)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Holy Rood - Deanery Reconciliation Service	
Thur	Lenten Weekday	26 March
10am	OL & SJ (The Parish)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
Fri	Lenten Weekday	27 March
10am	Holy Rood (Fermani & Son)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Lenten Weekday	28 March
10.30am	Holy Rood (Regina Cichosz - Birthday)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Palm Sunday (John Durkin)	
Sun	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	29 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (Dec ^d Members Keating Family)	
11am	Holy Rood (Allan Garrett)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	