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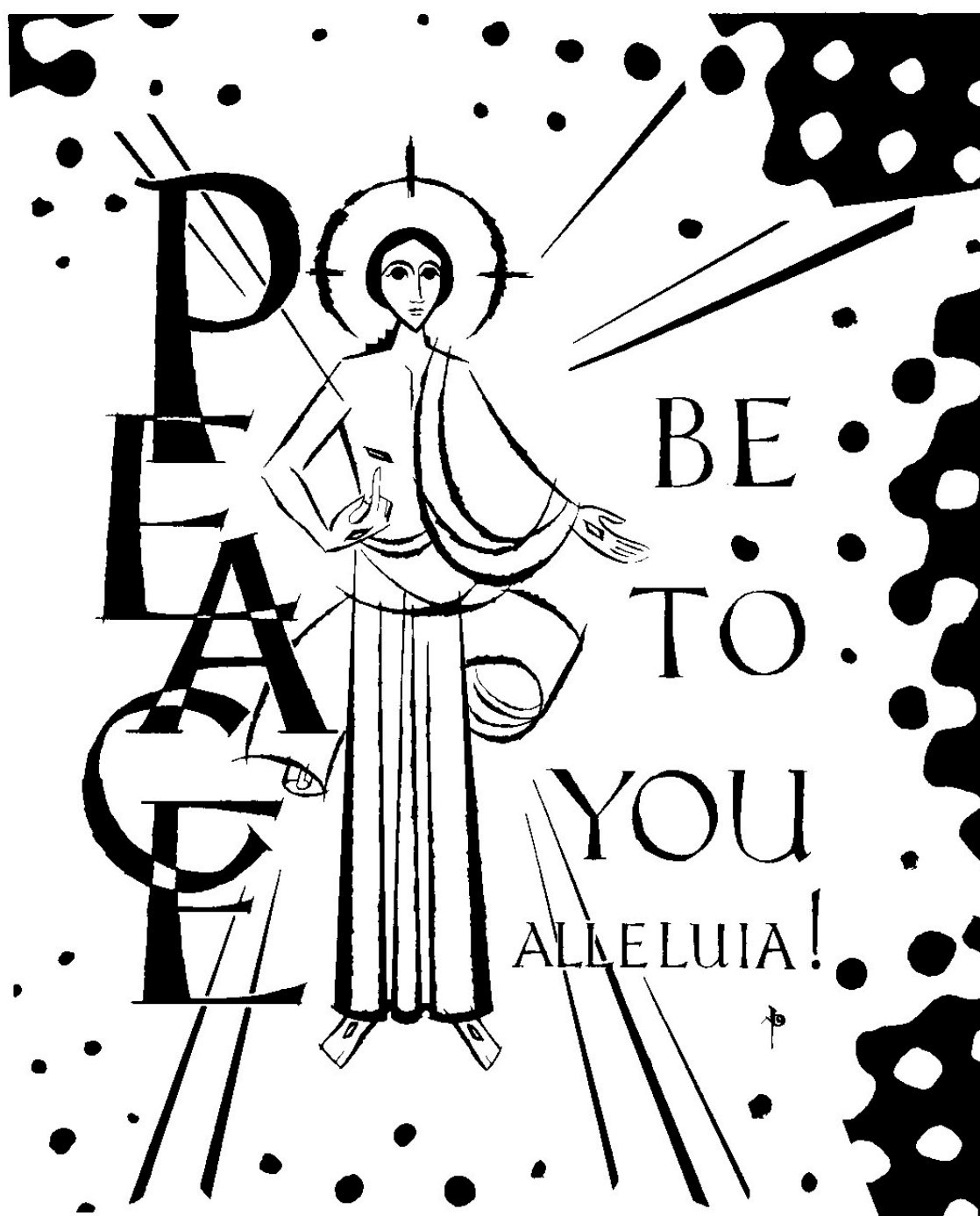
THE PARISHES OF  
**HOLY ROOD, BARNSELY**  
AND  
**OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH**  
(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

12 April 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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### **Cycle of Prayer - Easter**

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:  
New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church;  
Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Human Work.

**P**lease pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.  
Also pray for those who have died especially Patrick Keane, Anne Fitton and  
Rev Freda Marshall. *May they rest in peace! Amen.*

**Mass Attendance last Sunday**

**Holy Rood - 665**

**Our Lady's - 35**

**Sunday Offering:**

**Holy Rood - £1935.68**

**Our Lady's - £310.77**

**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**

**F**r 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**

**O**n this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being." We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The believers

"devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers". They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they lived for the good of the other; they were selfless and generous; they overflowed with "glad and generous hearts". God in "his great mercy" caused them - and us - "to be born again to a living hope" through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side.

### **Welcome!**

**H**oly Rood Parish welcomes Sophia Rose Sheridan who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

### ***Confirmation Preparation***

**T**his begins on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, at 5.45pm in the Church Hall. If you have not signed up already but would like to participate contact Fr Damian as soon as possible!

### ***U.C.M. Meeting***

**T**here will be a meeting of the Holy Rood U.C.M. in the church hall after Mass on Wednesday this week.

### ***Mass Change!***

**P**lease note that Mass on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April will be a Requiem Mass.

### ***Parish Life Meeting***

**T**here will be a joint meeting, open to all parishioners from both our parishes, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, at 7pm in Holy Rood presbytery. On the Agenda, in addition to the usual updates and reports on standing items, there will be some important items for both parishes. If you would like to know what's going on in your parishes do come along!

### ***Thank you!***

**A** big thank you to all who came to support our Easter Sunday Family Fun, and to all who took part in the scavenger hunt. It was wonderful to see so many of you come along and support both the school and our parish. The Teddy Tombola also raised £54 for our school, which is fantastic and greatly appreciated.

### ***Fr Dominic Jenkinson***

**B**ishop Marcus has appointed Fr Dominic Jenkinson to be Assistant Priest in the parishes of Blessed Sacrament; St Mary Magdalene, and St Teresa. Please keep Fr Dominic in your prayers as he begins his ministry in these parishes and as we welcome him to Holy Rood Deanery!

### ***Diocesan Consultation***

**B**ishop Marcus writes:

“The Holy Father has invited the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in close collaboration with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation, either individually or as a parish group, by completing the online questionnaire.

I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before offering a response, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment.

To assist in this, prayer resources and a presentation have been made available below to help ensure that this period of reflection is fruitful.

I kindly ask that responses be submitted through the online questionnaire no later than Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

The link to the questionnaire can be found on the Leeds Diocesan website ([www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk))

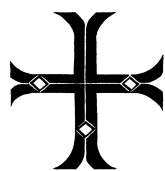
You will also find there:

Consultation Presentation

Format for Prayers

Consultation Participant Notes. Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain, Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ, +Marcus”



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sat</b>	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	<b>11 April</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Private Int - Sick)	
10.30-11am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
12.30pm	Holy Rood - Wedding: Thomas Perrin & Scarlet Buckland	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, <b>Vigil of Easter 2</b> (The Parish)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>SUNDAY 2 OF EASTER</b>	<b>12 April</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (Margaret & Bob Walley)	
11am	Holy Rood (Lesley & Peter Brannan - Wedding Anniv)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Sophia Rose Sheridan	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>13 April</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Antoinette Evershed)	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>14 April</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>15 April</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Fr Damian Int)	
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>16 April</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Mary Kitching Int)	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>17 April</b>
10am	Holy Rood - Requiem Mass: Patrick Keane	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>18 April</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Betty Wade)	
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 Easter 3</b> (Malcolm Hague)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>SUNDAY 3 OF EASTER</b>	<b>19 April</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11am	Holy Rood (Christine O'Connor)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Chibusomma Valeria Nwobodo	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	