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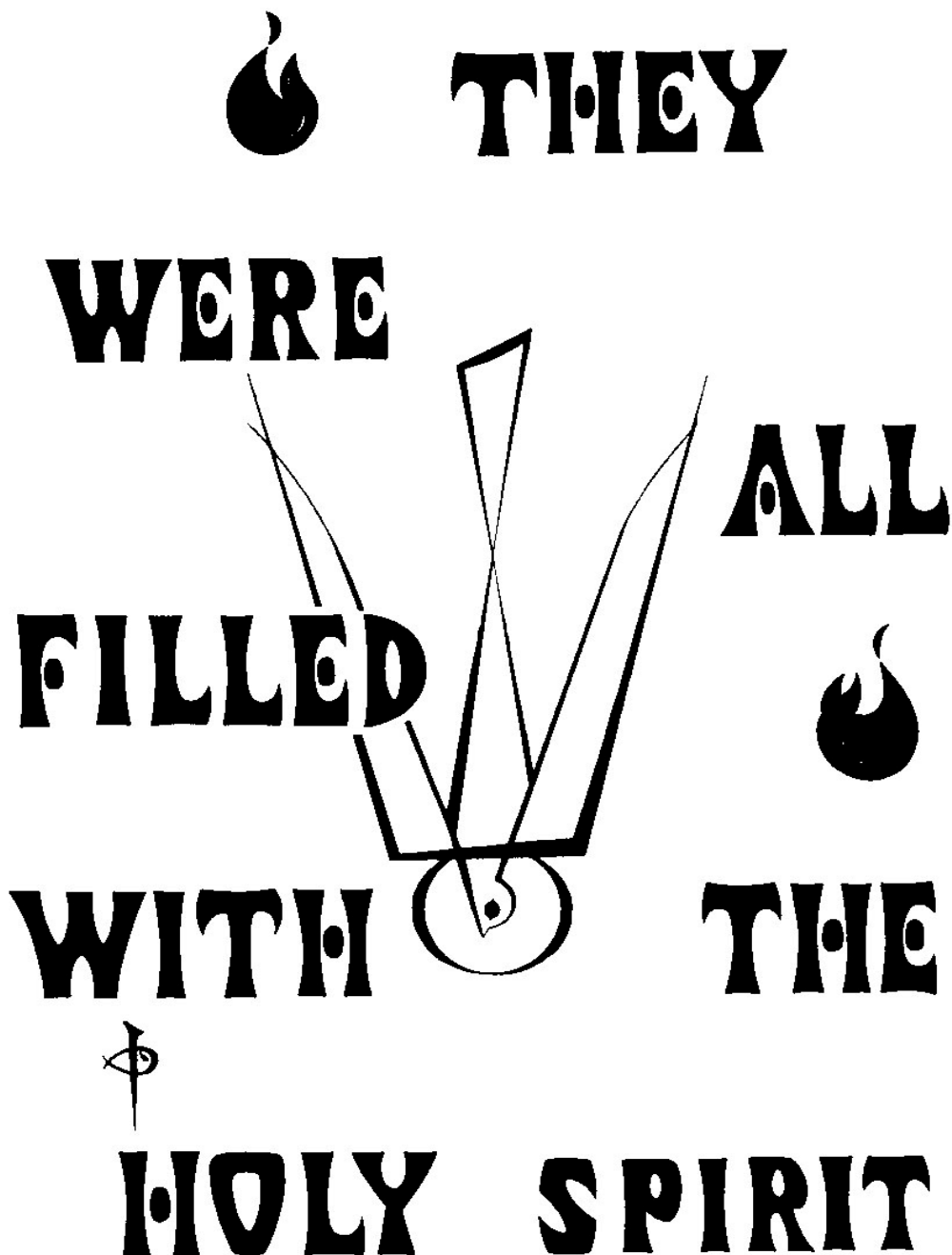
THE PARISHES OF  
**HOLY ROOD, BARNSELY**  
AND  
**OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH**  
*(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)*

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Pentecost Sunday

24 May 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 - Ordinary Time: Summer**

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:  
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life & Seafarers.

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

<b>Mass Attendance last Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Rood - 350 Our Lady's - 60</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>Holy Rood - £860.90 Our Lady's - £236.44</b>
<b>Monthly Standing Orders (April)</b>	<b>Holy Rood - £1918.00 Our Lady's - £760.00</b>

*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.



### **Sunday Reflection**

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Church remains in every age vivified and sanctified by Christ's presence. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. He reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. And he interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. When the Holy Spirit comes within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (St

Cyril of Alexandria).

### **Book Launch**

**T**here will be a coffee morning after both Sunday Masses at Holy Rood this weekend to launch a new book that a parishioner has written. After four years in the making Rona Hurst has published her autobiography 'A wish to Speak'. Born in Barnsley with cerebral palsy in 1967, Rona was going to have to prove herself. This is her journey, her challenges and how she has overcome them. Please do pop into the church hall to meet and support Rona. Her book is available for order at the coffee morning or to buy on Amazon (£12 paper back or £15 hardback).

### **Mass Time Change!**

**M**ass at Our Lady's on Thursday this week will be at the earlier time of 9.30am.

### **Congratulations!**

**P**lease keep in your prayers Natalia Dobbs and Luke Higgins who will be married on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, at Holy Rood. We wish them all the best as they begin their married lives together!

### **Our Lady's Cleaning**

**W**e will be cleaning Our Lady's Church on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 9am. We would be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us. We look forward to seeing you!

*holy spirit, come and shine  
On our souls with beams divine  
Issuing from your radiance bright.  
Come, O Father of the poor,  
Ever bounteous of your store,  
Come, our heart's unfailing light.*

### **Food Bank**

**C**ollection next week! Please leave any donations for the Barnsley Food Bank in the Baptistry at Holy Rood or the porch at Our Lady's. Thank you for supporting the Food Bank!

### **Last Sunday**

**T**hank you to all parishioners who spoke to and welcomed Sr Anne last Sunday. Your warmth and friendship was a credit to our parish community! We will be working with Sr Anne over the coming weeks to see how establishing the new convent in Holy Rood presbytery can be brought to fruition expeditiously.

### **Confirmation Preparation**

**T**he next session for our teenage Confirmation candidates will be after Half Term on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Thank you!**

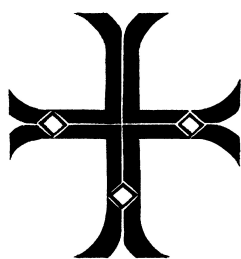
**T**hank you to all parishioners who supported Sophie, one of our Altar Servers, with her fundraising efforts for her trip to Poland. She raised £90. Your generosity and support is much appreciated!

### **Ampleforth Retreat Update**

**E**nquiries have been made regarding an autumn retreat to Ampleforth. Unfortunately, they are unable to accommodate us in September. Consequently, we have made a booking for twenty places, accommodated in single rooms with full board, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May 2027. Estimated cost c. £220. Bookings will be taken nearer the time.

### **Second Collection**

**T**hank you for supporting the second collection last weekend for World Communication Sunday so generously. £377.37 and £69.56 were donated at Holy Rood and Our Lady's respectively.



## MASS & SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Eastertide Weekday</b>	<b>23 May</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Mgr Len May Int)	
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 Pentecost</b> (The Parish)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>24 May</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (Albert Garman)	
11am	Holy Rood (Ruby & Fred Wray)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>25 May</b>
10am	OL & SJ (Amy Duggan Int)	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>St Philip Neri, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>26 May</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, <i>feast</i></b>	<b>27 May</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Una Skitt)	
<b>Thur</b>	<b>JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, <i>feast</i></b>	<b>28 May</b>
9.30am	OL & SJ (The Parish)	
1pm	Holy Rood - Wedding: Luke Higgins & Natalia Dobbs	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel	
<b>Fri</b>	<b><i>feria</i></b>	<b>29 May</b>
10am	Holy Rood (Private Int - Rijo)	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i></b>	<b>30 May</b>
10.30am	Holy Rood (Barbara Taylor - Sick)	
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 Trinity Sunday</b> (Ross, Frank & Joyce Green)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY, <i>sol</i></b>	<b>31 May</b>
9.30am	Holy Rood (David Burkinshaw)	
11am	Holy Rood (Rita & Rowland Hemsley)	