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

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*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.*

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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 especially Very Rev Canon John Galvin and Agatha Nwaobi (Fr Callistus' mother). **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 359
Our Lady's - 52**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £981.88
Our Lady's - £400.07**

Monthly Standing Orders (June)

**Holy Rood - £1943.00
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.



Sunday Reflection

God said to Solomon, "Ask what I shall give you." "It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked" for an understanding heart instead of for long life or riches - for health and wealth can easily be lost, whereas "for those who love God all things work together for good". The desire of Solomon is what characterises the heart of the man who sells all he has to buy the treasure-bearing field. The desire of Solomon is what sets apart the merchant who risks his whole livelihood to buy what he judges to be the "pearl of great value". They can make these sacrifices with certainty because that treasure, that pearl corresponds to the very call and

purpose of God in their lives. And what is that purpose? To be conformed to the image of his Son - in all his glory.

Welcome!

Our Lady's Parish welcomes Thomas Warren who will be Baptised into Christ's body, the Church, this Sunday.

Congratulations!

Holy Rood Parish extends its warmest congratulations to Robert Rowland who was Received into the Church on Saturday, 25th July.

August in our Parishes

As in recent years, the month of August will see our parishes adopt 'holiday' mode! All those who volunteer so generously deserve a break from music making and serving post Sunday Mass refreshments. Thank you to them! Throughout August we will continue to sing certain parts of the Mass, as we do at weekday Masses, but it will be unaccompanied and there will be no hymns. Similarly, should you be in desperate need of refreshment after Sunday Mass, Morrisons' cafe is just round the corner! Take this as an opportunity to 'have a break', rest your voices and get ready for renewed socialising and singing in September!

Annual Mission Appeal

Next weekend a priest from the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, the Xaverian Missionaries, will be present to celebrate all Sunday Masses. Mission Appeals are not simply an occasion for taking a collection but also give parishioners opportunity to hear about the work of the Xaverian Missionaries and to give an insight into the missionary life of the Church. The second collection will help support their work at home and in the wider Xaverian world.

Mass Time Change!

Please note that Mass at Holy Rood on Wednesday this week, 29th July, will be at 9.30am. Fr Damian has a Diocesan Trustee Meeting that day.

Canon John Galvin, RIP

With sadness we learnt of Canon John's death on 11th July. A short biography of Canon John is posted on the Diocese of Leeds website (www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Holy Rood by Bishop Marcus on Tuesday 11th August at 11.30am with Reception and Mass at 6pm the evening before. All welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Registration for First Holy Communion preparation in our parishes is now open! Your child must be in year 4 or above (born on/after 01/09/2017). Please look at the parish website (www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk), under 'Sacramental Life', for further information and eligibility criteria. Due to being oversubscribed each year, sadly it is necessary to strictly enforce these so do look at them carefully. If your child meets the requirements and you wish them to be prepared for the sacraments, please complete the online form on the website or access it via the QR code which is available at the back of church.

Gift Aid Donations

Thank you to all those parishioners who contribute to parish finances by participating in the Gift Aid Scheme. Continued efforts are being made to reduce administrative costs. Consequently, if you require acknowledgment of your annual Gift Aided donations, please contact Louise Ward directly. Her email address is (louise.ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	ST JAMES, <i>feast</i>	25 July
10.30am	Holy Rood (Nilanjan Basu)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 17 (Lisa Gallagher)	
Sun	SUNDAY 17 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	26 July
9.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11am	Holy Rood (Novazio Mok de Jesus Victor & Rafael)	
12.30pm	OL & SJ - Baptism: Thomas Warren	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
Mon	<i>feria</i>	27 July
10am	OL & SJ (Margaret Holden Int)	
Tues	<i>feria</i>	28 July
Wed	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, <i>mem</i>	29 July
9.30am	Holy Rood (Marguerite Humphries)	
Thur	<i>feria</i>	30 July
10am	OL & SJ (David Nicholson Int)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel	
Fri	St Ignatius Loyola, <i>mem</i>	31 July
10am	Holy Rood (Visa Application)	
Sat	St Alphonsus Liguori, <i>mem</i>	1 Aug
10.30am	Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving - Bibin)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 18 (Violet & John Conway)	
Sun	SUNDAY 18 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	2 Aug
9.30am	Holy Rood (Pauline Rowland Int)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	