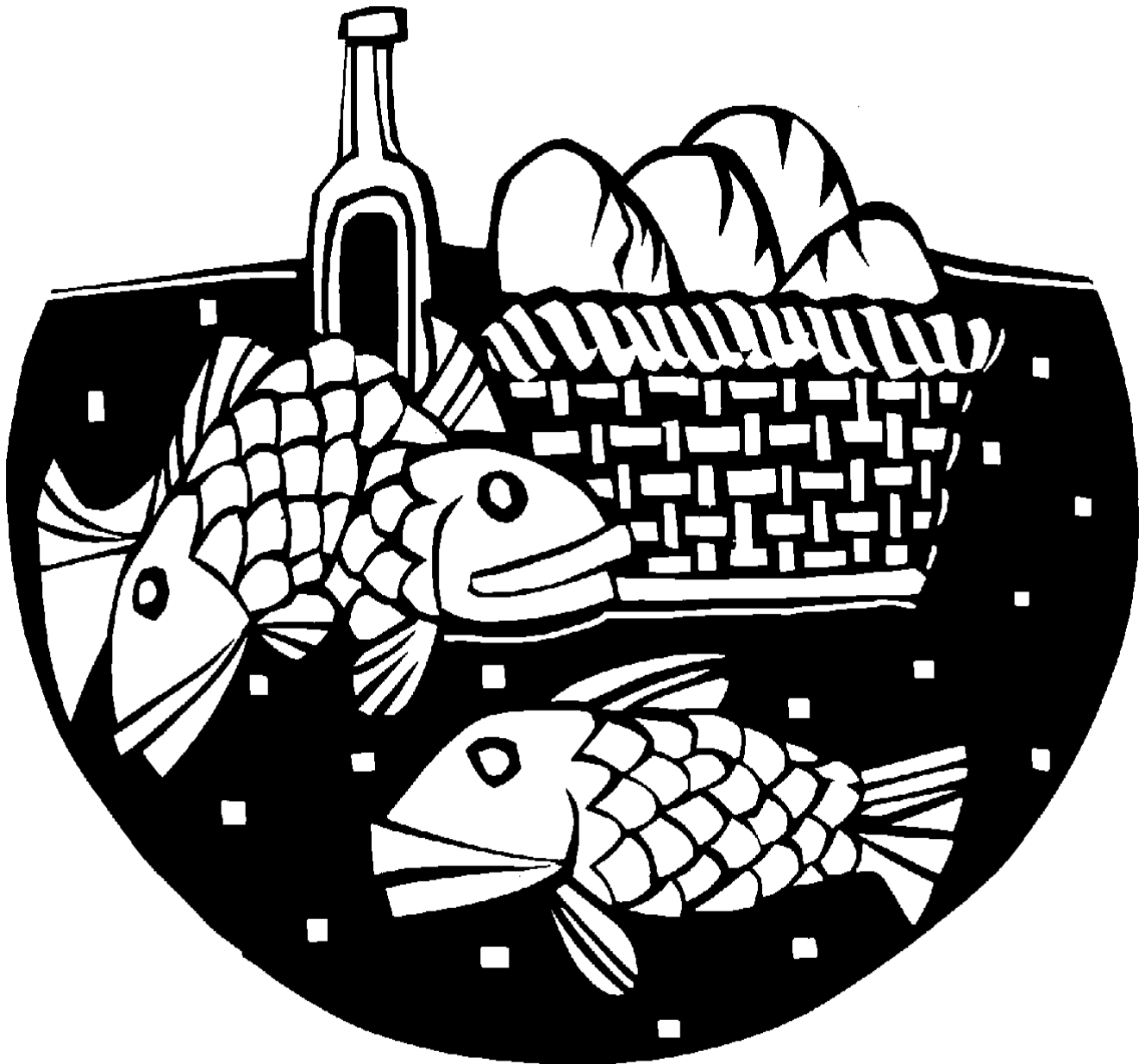

THE PARISHES OF
HOLY ROOD, BARNSELEY
AND
OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 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 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 - 295
Our Lady's - 72**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £901.25
Our Lady's - £265.60**

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

The pity of Jesus Christ is the cause of a life-transforming abundance. Christ is not scandalised by human need and want. Rather, the Lord regards every experience of human lack as a prime opportunity to manifest God's lavishness. From our earliest days, God has beckoned us: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come!" Our sickness, our exhaustion, our insufficiency - Jesus tells us, "Bring them here to me." Then, what was formerly "a desolate place" becomes a place of satisfaction. Trial, distress, hunger, and danger do not separate us from the love of Christ. Rather, they

draw him close to us with a love that conquers all.

Annual Mission Appeal

This weekend our parishes welcome Fr Patrick Duffy sx, a priest from the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, the Xaverian Missionaries, who will be present to preach the annual Mission Appeal and celebrate all Sunday Masses. The second collection will help support their work at home and in the wider Xaverian world.

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.

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.

Teddy Bears' Picnic!

A free fun-filled afternoon for children aged 3-8 (and their favourite cuddly friends!) will take place in Holy Rood Church Hall on Saturday 15th August, 11am-1pm. What's in store? Fun party games, prizes to be won, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and drinks! All funds raised will go to

support our Catholic Primary School. All very welcome!

Parking at Our Lady's

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. Please ignore any flyers left on car windscreens. Our Diocesan solicitors are currently dealing with this issue.

Mass Changes

Please note a few Mass changes coming up! On Thursday 13th August there will be no Mass at Our Lady's. Fr Damian will be celebrating a memorial Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Also, advance notice that on Saturday 12th September, again there will be no Mass at Our Lady's. Instead Mass will be celebrated in Holy Rood by Bishop Marcus. During this Mass he will confer ministries on those preparing for ordination as Permanent Deacons.

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.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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	
Mon	<i>feria</i>	3 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (Dorothy Holden)	
Tues	St John Mary Vianney, <i>mem</i>	4 Aug
Wed	<i>feria</i>	5 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Canon John Galvin)	
Thur	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, <i>feast</i>	6 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (Marriage - J.S.)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel	
Fri	<i>feria</i>	7 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Marjorie Phillips)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick	
Sat	St Dominic, <i>mem</i>	8 Aug
10.30am	Holy Rood (Bob Walley)	
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 19 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 19 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	9 Aug
9.30am	Holy Rood (Maria, Kazimierz Włodarczyk & Mary Walker)	
11am	Holy Rood (Novazio Mok de Jesus Victor & Rafael)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: George Arthur Johnson	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	