
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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The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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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. May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 335
Our Lady's - 49**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £970.45
Our Lady's - £213.68**

Monthly Standing Orders (July)

**Holy Rood - £876.00
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.

forgive
US OUR TRESPASSES
forgive
THOSE WHO TRESPASS
AGAINST US

Sunday Reflection

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually within all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God." She "knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us, and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother." Assumed into heaven, Mary reveals our own destiny. As Msgr. Ronald Knox said: "That transformation of our material bodies to which we look

forward one day has been accomplished - we know it now for certain - in her."

Welcome!

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Winter Nelly Wordsworth who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

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 Changes

Please note throughout August there will be no Thursday afternoon Mass at Barnsley Hospital.

Fr Marcin

We were sorry to hear the news that Fr Marcin will be leaving Sheffield Local Polish Catholic Mission for pastures new at the start of September. He is to take up a new appointment in London as Secretary of the Polish Catholic Mission in England and Wales. Parishioners at Holy Rood wish him all the best and assure him of our prayers and best wishes. We look forward to welcoming Fr Mariusz Urbanowski, a priest of the Society of Christ, to the parish and look forward to building on

the excellent working relationship that has been established over the past few years.

Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust

A fundraising charity Ball is being held in Sheffield on 14th November 2026. Please see the poster at the back of church for details. The charity asks if any parishioners would be willing to sell tickets for a raffle to be held at the event? If so, please see Fr Damian and he can let you have some. Thank you!

August in our Parishes

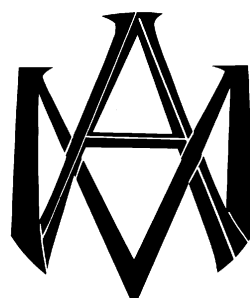
During this 'holiday' month there will be no hymn singing at Mass. The Mass ordinaries though will be sung.

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.

Altar Servers

Would you like to be an altar server? If you do, and have made your First Holy Communion, please have a word with either Fr Damian or Edward Hawley. Our parishes are very fortunate to have a brilliant team of altar servers. Any boys or girls interested in joining them on the altar will be made very welcome!





MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i>	15 Aug
10.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of The Assumption (Antoinette Evershed)	
Sun	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M., <i>sol</i>	16 Aug
9.30am	Holy Rood (In Thanksgiving - Kieran & Harper O'Hara)	
11am	Holy Rood (Rose & James Barnard)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Winter Nelly Wordsworth	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
Mon	<i>feria</i>	17 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (Hilary Green - Sick)	
Tues	<i>feria</i>	18 Aug
Wed	<i>feria</i>	19 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Roy Skitt)	
Thur	St Bernard, <i>mem</i>	20 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (Briege & Willie Ward Int)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - No Mass	
Fri	St Pius X, <i>mem</i>	21 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Florine Rodrigues)	
Sat	The Queenship of the B.V.M., <i>mem</i>	22 Aug
10.30am	Holy Rood (Fr Liam Lawton & Family Int)	
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 21 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 21 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	23 Aug
9.30am	Holy Rood (Bernard Ellis)	
11am	Holy Rood (Maria & Zygfryd Lewandowski/Anna & Julian Mazur)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Talia Rose Rypinska	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	