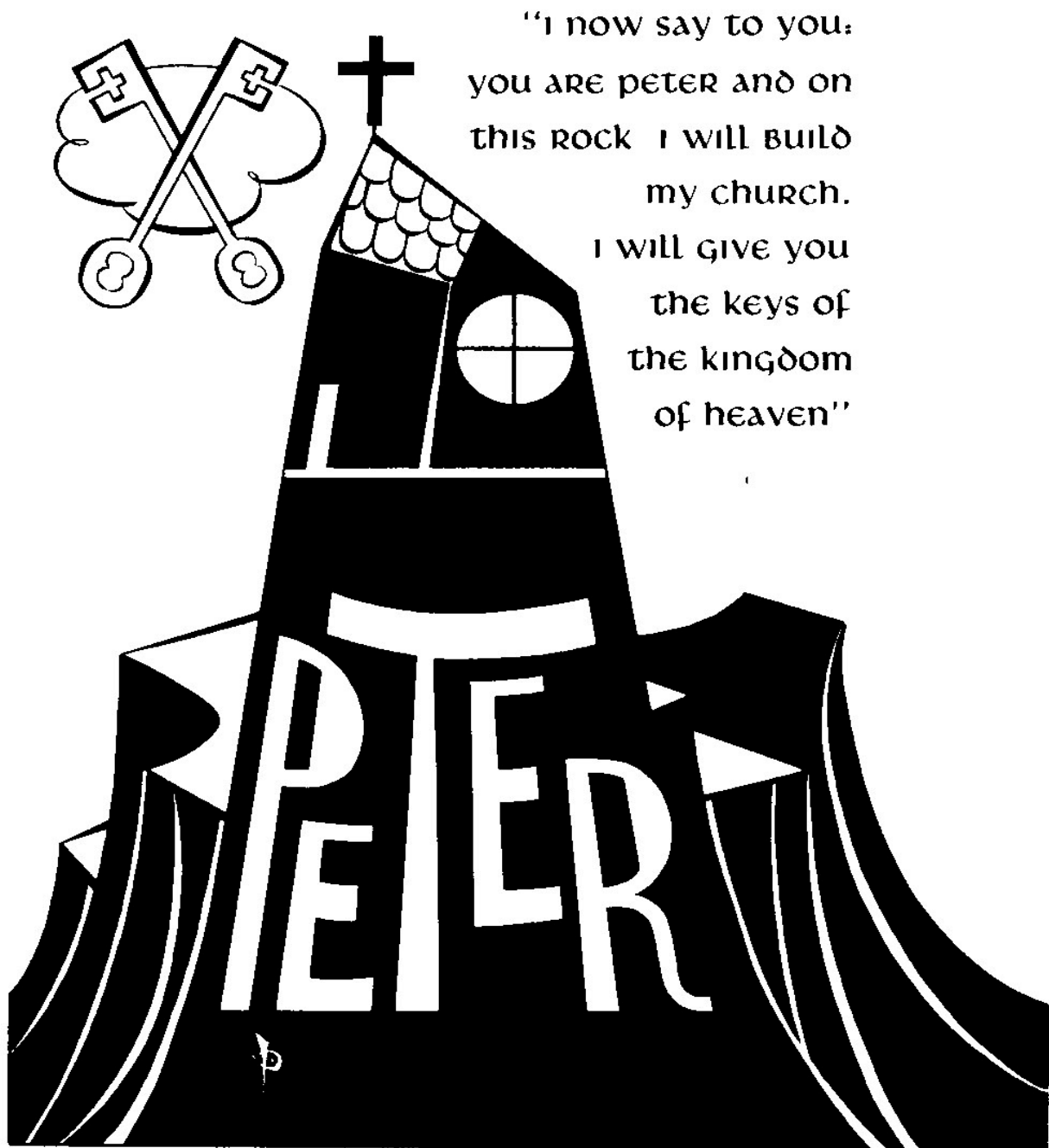

THE PARISHES OF
HOLY ROOD, BARNSELEY
AND
OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH
(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 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 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 especially Saul Soares Cabral May they rest in peace! Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday

Holy Rood - 315

Our Lady's - 65

Sunday Offering:

Holy Rood - £894.91

Our Lady's - £239.32

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.

Sunday Reflection

Peter can declare with certainty that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, because God himself had chosen Peter and prepared him for a new and unique vocation. Only God, with his "inscrutable" ways, could bestow on Peter such clarity in the midst of the many false claims about the identity of Christ. Christ begins to use Peter as an instrument - a Vicar - by which the Lord will open heaven to the world: "He shall open, and none shall shut". All that Peter is and does is

from Christ, “For from him and through him and to him are all things.”

Welcome!

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Talia Rose Rypinska 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.

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!

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.

Mass Changes

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

August in our Parishes

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

Day of Prayer

St Peter in Chains is hosting a ‘Day of Prayer’ on 24th October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster. The day begins with Adoration and Benediction at 10am, during which confession will be available, followed by Mass. Reflections will be given during the afternoon and the day ends with Rosary led by the Irish singer Dana, departures by 3pm. Booking required to participate. To book email hailfulofgrace2026@gmail.com

Celebration of Married Life

There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at St Marie’s Cathedral at 12.30pm on Saturday 19th September for couples and their families celebrating significant wedding anniversary jubilees this calendar year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. For further information please see the poster at the back of church.

Adoramus 2026

The National Eucharistic Congress, Adoramus 2026, “I am the Bread of Life”, takes place on Saturday 10th October 2026 in London. If you are interested in attending please register your interest by emailing contact@hallam-diocese.com before 31st August. Further information about the Congress can be found on the Bishop’s Conference website (www.cbcew.org.uk).



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother & Queen, <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	
Mon	ST BARTHOLOMEW, <i>feast</i>	24 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (In Thanksgiving - Jeffin)	
Tues	<i>feria</i>	25 Aug
Wed	<i>feria</i>	26 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Scholastica Perera)	
Thur	St Monica, <i>mem</i>	27 Aug
10am	OL & SJ (Marguerite Humphries)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - No Mass	
Fri	St Augustine of Hippo, <i>mem</i>	28 Aug
10am	Holy Rood (Theresa Graham)	
Sat	The Passion of St John the Baptist, <i>mem</i>	29 Aug
10.30am	Holy Rood (Gary Firth)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
12.30pm	Holy Rood - Requiem Mass: Saul Soares Cabral	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 22 (Marjorie Phillips)	
Sun	SUNDAY 22 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	30 Aug
9.30am	Holy Rood (Alison Andrews)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	