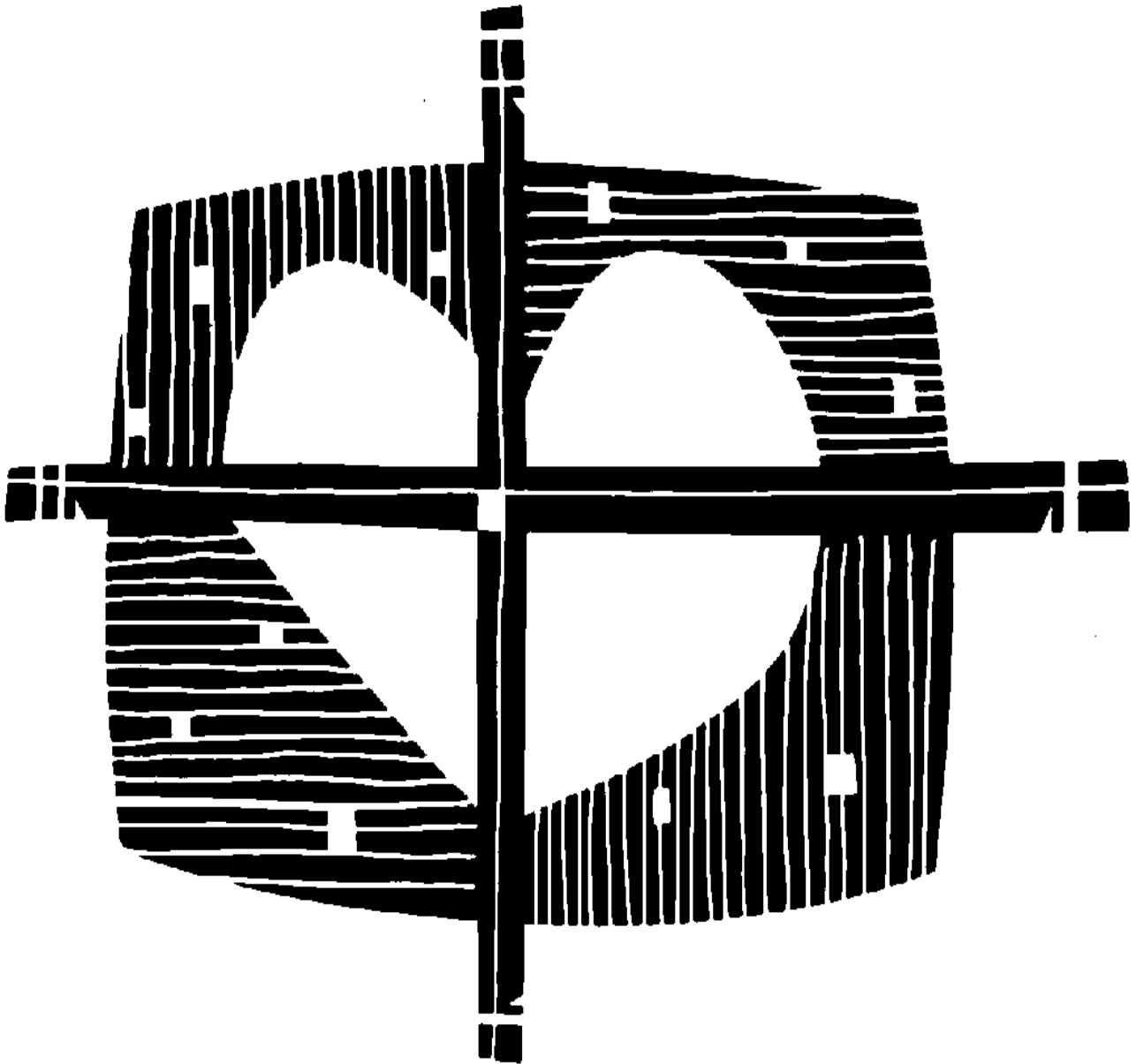

THE PARISHES OF
HOLY ROOD, BARNSELEY
AND
OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 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: Autumn

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions:
The spread of the Gospel; Students and teachers; The harvest, the fruits of human labour, and the reverent use of creation; Prisoners and their families; Justice and peace in the world; All Victims of War; Young People.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends.
Also pray for those who have died especially David Ashworth and Judith Ainslie (Fr Christopher Ainslie's mother). **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 350
Our Lady's - 51**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £942.04
Our Lady's - £245.28**

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

When Saint Paul says that we are to "owe no one anything, except to love each other", he is not referring to something sentimental. The love that the apostle enjoins on us is summed up by the Lord's words through Ezekiel: "If... you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand." Our love must extend to those attitudes and actions that would prevent our neighbours from truly loving and embracing their own call to holiness. "If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." The salvation of a soul is the greatest victory imaginable.

Welcome!

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Harry Ziggy Lewandowski-Bostock who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Needy Parishes Fund. Please support this collection as best you can. Apologies for the late notice of this collection!

Sunday Coffee Mornings

Sunday coffee mornings restart this Sunday, September 6th, in the church hall after the 9.30am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Mass Time Change!

Mass on Wednesday, 9th September, at Holy Rood will be at the earlier time of 9.30am. Fr Damian will be attending the Diocesan Trustees' meeting that day.

Diaconal Ministries Mass

Please note that the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on 12th September at 6pm will be in Holy Rood not Our Lady's. On that evening Bishop Marcus will preside at Mass and formally confer Candidacy for Holy Orders on Lee Redhead and Michael Watkins who are currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. All parishioners from Our Lady's and Holy Rood are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.

Missa de Angelis

To re-acquaint ourselves with, and to practice this Mass setting, we will be singing it during Mass for the next few Sundays. Cards with words and music are in the back of hymn books.

Please join in!

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy at Holy Rood will recommence on Sunday, 20th September at the 9.30am Mass. This is open to all children between the years of 4 and 8, prior to their first Holy Communion preparation.

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.

Parking at Our Lady's

The private road at the side of the Presbytery is church property. Responsible parking, by pulling on to the pavement, is permitted here. There should be enough room for 4 or 5 cars. Please ignore any flyers that may be left on car windscreens.

Assisted Suicide Bill

As you know the Assisted Suicide Bill is being brought back before Parliament. In addition to opposing the reintroduction of this Bill, it is important too to advocate support for greater provision of palliative care. More information can be found at <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/> and <https://righttolife.org.uk/>



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	St Teresa of Calcutta, <i>mem</i>	5 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (Canon John Galvin)	
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 23 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 23 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	6 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Nora White)	
11am	Holy Rood (Taraszka Family Health)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Harry Ziggy Lewandowski-Bostock	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	
Mon	<i>feria</i>	7 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Mary Dillon)	
Tues	THE NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M., <i>feast</i>	8 Sept
Wed	<i>feria</i>	9 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Helen McHugh Int)	
Thur	<i>feria</i>	10 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Percy Nicholson)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	
Fri	<i>feria</i>	11 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (Private Int - J.B.)	
Sat	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i>	12 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (Anne-Marie Hamilton)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	Holy Rood, Vigil of Sunday 24 (Cand ^s for Diaconal Ministry)	
Sun	SUNDAY 24 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	13 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Fr Liam Lawton - Sick)	
11am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Luna Bui Truong	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	