
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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13 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 - 345
Our Lady's - 63**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £950.00
Our Lady's - £206.00**

Monthly Standing Orders (Aug)

**Holy Rood - £3015.00
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 and for those currently in formation.

Sunday Reflection

Even with his newfound wealth, the forgiven servant says to his fellow servant, "Pay what you owe." In doing so he refuses "mercy towards someone

like himself". However, "the one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded." The logic of mercy is very simple: "Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray." Thus, "None of us lives to himself"; rather, "we live to the Lord" and by the Lord. The "Lord both of the dead and of the living" will endow us with the power to forgive others as he himself does. The desire to forgive others - even when painful wounds remain - is already the indication that God's mercy is present in our hearts. United to Jesus, we dare to "seek for the healing from the Lord".

Diaconal Ministries Mass

We welcome Bishop Marcus, visiting Priests, Deacons and Seminarians to Holy Rood for the Vigil Mass this Saturday. We extend our warmest congratulations to our own parishioner, Lee Redhead, and Michael Watkins, from St Marie's Cathedral, who will receive Candidacy for Holy Orders during this Mass. All attendees are cordially invited to the buffet reception in the church hall afterwards. Please keep Lee, Michael, their families, and all who are in formation for the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate in your prayers. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry please speak with Fr Damian or contact either Deacon Tony Strike (astrike@hallam-diocese.com) or Fr Lee Marshall (lmarshall@hallam-diocese.com).

Welcome!

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Luna Bui Truong who will be Baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, this Sunday.

Second Collection

Thank you for supporting the second collection last weekend for the Needy Parishes Fund. £390.03 and £78.84 were donated at Holy Rood and Our Lady's respectively. The next second collection is on the weekend 19th-20th September, Home Mission Sunday. Thank you!

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. 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 at the back of church.

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.

Joint Parish Life Group Meeting

The Autumn meeting of the Joint Parish Life Group, our parish pastoral council which is open to all parishioners from both parishes, is on Wednesday 23rd September, at 7pm in Holy Rood Presbytery. If you have an item, pertaining to our parish life in either parish, for the Agenda or would like discussing, please let Fr Damian know before Friday 18th September.

Volunteers

Holy Rood Parish are looking for additional volunteers to make up teams counting the Sunday collection. If this is something you could assist with in our parish then please speak with either Angela Bamforth or Fr Damian. Some flexibility is available as to when counting is undertaken and increased volunteers means it shouldn't be either too frequent or onerous.

Marriage Help

Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. Bookings close 18th September. www.Retrouvaille.org.uk.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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 - No 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 But Truong	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
Mon	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, <i>feast</i>	14 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (In Thanksgiving - Blessings Received)	
Tues	Our Lady of Sorrows, <i>mem</i>	15 Sept
Wed	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, <i>mem</i>	16 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (David Ashworth)	
2.50pm	Ardsley Crem - Funeral Service: David Ashworth	
Thur	<i>feria</i>	17 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Winnie Nicholson)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	
Fri	<i>feria</i>	18 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (Harald)	
Sat	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i>	19 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (Mary Bird 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 25 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 25 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	20 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Mary Smith)	
11am	Holy Rood (Fred & Ruby Wray)	
12.15pm	Holy Rood - Baptism: Nikodem Krzysztof Pedziwilk	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	