
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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 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 Niyen Noble. **May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 290
Our Lady's -**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £972.12
Our Lady's - £275.85**

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

What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find labourers, his constant willingness to hire the ones

who are still standing there, and his desire to pay them a full day's wage. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. God takes the initiative in seeking us out. God chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And God is lavish in his self-gift to us. To love the kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life by what we imagine we deserve. But in truth, God is always giving us far more than we deserve, even in calling us to labour in his kingdom! Let us "seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near", because, for us, "to live is Christ".

Welcome!

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Nikodem Krzysztof Pedziwilk 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, 19th-20th September, for Home Mission Sunday.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy at Holy Rood recommences this Sunday 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.

Mass Time Changes!

There will be no Mass on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th September due to various diary commitments Fr Damian is undertaking.

Welcome Back Mass

Mass at Holy Rood on Wednesday will be the Mass for the start of the new school year. So we welcome to church the staff, children and parents from our primary school. Parishioners are very welcome to attend too!

First Holy Communion 2027

There will be a meeting for all parents and children who have already registered and been accepted on Wednesday 23rd September at 4.30pm in Holy Rood Church. This is an important meeting so please make sure to attend!

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.

Our Lady's Cleaning

We will be cleaning Our Lady's church on Friday, 25th September, at 9am. We would be pleased to welcome anyone willing to wield a mop or push a vacuum cleaner! All welcome.

Food Bank

Collection next week! Please leave any donations in the Baptistry at Holy Rood or the porch at Our Lady's. Thank you for your generosity.

McMillan Coffee Morning

After 9.30am Mass on Sunday 4th October in the church hall. Cakes, coffee and tombola with all proceeds for McMillan. If you have any items for a tombola prize please leave them at the piety stall.

Diaconal Ministries Mass

Thank you to all parishioners who worked so hard last weekend to make the Diaconal Ministries Mass such a great success. We continue to support Lee, Sarah and Sabrina with our prayers as Lee begins his second year of studies for the Permanent Diaconate!

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.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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	Holy Rood, 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	
Mon	ST MATTHEW, <i>feast</i>	21 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Patrick Dillon)	
Tues	<i>feria</i>	22 Sept
Wed	St Pius of Pietrelcina, <i>mem</i>	23 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (Sheila Kennedy)	
Thur	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, <i>feast</i>	24 Sept
10am	OL & SJ (Sue Kerr-Delworth Int)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	
Fri	<i>feria</i>	25 Sept
10am	Holy Rood (Albert Rasquinta)	
Sat	Ss Cosmas & Damian, <i>mem</i>	26 Sept
10.30am	Holy Rood (Fr Damian 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 26 (The Parish)	
Sun	SUNDAY 26 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i>	27 Sept
9.30am	Holy Rood (Peter Gillott)	
11am	Holy Rood (Janine Liczak)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	