
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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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. May they rest in peace! Amen.**

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 378
Our Lady's - 62**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £841.58
Our Lady's - £386.72**

Monthly Standing Orders (Aug)

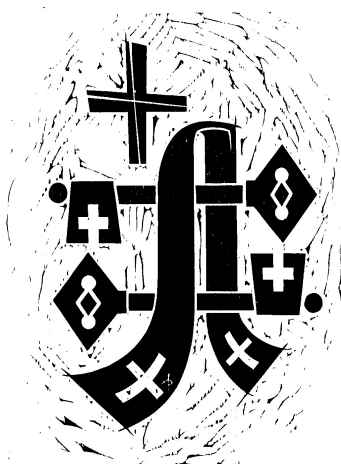
**Holy Rood - £3015.00
Our Lady's - £760.00**

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

Tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God". Why? Because when they encountered Jesus Christ, who "did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped", they found in him everything they needed to be happy. And that is what made it easy for them to leave behind their grasping ways and obey the one who himself became "obedient to the point of death". If someone "turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life" - because that person has found Jesus Christ, who is infinitely more attractive than the

false delights of wickedness.

Welcome

In Fr Damian's absence Our Lady's Parish welcomes Fr Patrick Harrigan to celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass this weekend. Fr Patrick is currently the Parochial Vicar at St Marie's Cathedral.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy at Holy Rood continues 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.

Food Bank

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The Family Fast Day takes place on Friday 2nd October this year. To support this collection in our parishes, the CAFOD envelopes will be distributed as you enter church this weekend. Please put your donations to CAFOD in them! These can be returned via the collecting baskets at Mass next Sunday. Thank you for supporting CAFOD!

Enrolment

The enrolment for children preparing to make their First Confessions and Holy Communions next year will take place at 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 4th October. Please keep them and their catechists in your prayers!

McMillan Coffee Morning

After both the 9.30am and 11am 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.

Holy Rood Primary School

On Wednesday 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary, we will be welcoming children from our primary school to church. They will be joining us for the Rosary before Mass, staying for Mass and enjoying refreshments afterwards. All parishioners very welcome to join in the celebrations that day!

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.

Second Collection

Thank you for supporting the second collection so generously last weekend. £468.95 and £83.36 were donated at Holy Rood and Our Lady's respectively for Home Mission Sunday.

Conference

All are welcome to attend the SVP National Prisons Meeting! Come and see how the SVP are taking the Gospel message to prisoners and their families. St Michael and All Angels RC Church, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0HQ. 10th October 2026, 10am-4pm, packed lunch needed but tea and coffee are provided.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	Ss Cosmas & Damian, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Fr Damian Int) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation Holy Rood, Vigil of Sunday 26 (The Parish)	26 Sept
Sun 9.30am 11am 4pm	SUNDAY 26 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (Peter Gillott) Holy Rood (Janine Liczak) Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	27 Sept
Mon 10am	<i>feria</i> OL & SJ - No Mass	28 Sept
Tues	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, <i>feast</i>	29 Sept
Wed 10am	St Jerome, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood - No Mass	30 Sept
Thur 10am 1.30pm	St Therese of the Child Jesus, <i>mem</i> OL & SJ (Nicholas Sovis) Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass	1 Oct
Fri 10am 10.30am	The Holy Guardian Angels, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Canon John Galvin) Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick	2 Oct
Sat 10.30am 11-11.30am 5.15-5.45pm 6pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>mem</i> Holy Rood (Heather Sinclair) Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation OL & SJ, Vigil of Sunday 27 (Lee, Sarah & Sabrina Int)	3 Oct
Sun 9.30am 11am 12.15pm 3pm	SUNDAY 27 IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>sol</i> Holy Rood (David Ashworth) Holy Rood (The Parish) Holy Rood - Baptism: Theodore Peter Higgins Holy Rood - Polish Mass	4 Oct