THE PARISHES OF

# HOLY ROOD, BARNSLEY

AND

# OUR LADY & ST JAMES, WORSBROUGH

*(Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam - Registered Charity No 512021)*


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**1st Sunday of Advent** **29 November 2026**



# ADVENT

*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 - Advent/Christmas***
During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Migrants and Refugees & Expectant Mothers.

***Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends. Also pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace! Amen.***

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| ***Mass Attendance last Sunday*** | ***Holy Rood - 338*** |
| | ***Our Lady's - 54*** |
| ***Sunday Offering:*** | ***Holy Rood - £846.16*** |
| | ***Our Lady's - £230.70*** |
| ***Monthly Standing Orders (Oct)*** | ***Holy Rood - £956.00*** |
| | ***Our Lady's - £760.00*** |

*Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!*

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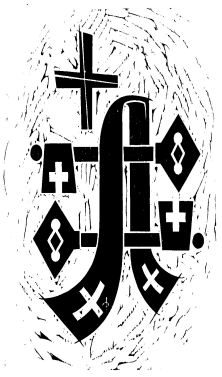
***Confessions***



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***

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." The deepest cry of the human heart is for union with God, that all the distance and separation from him would be overcome. In Advent, the Church recognises that God answers that prayer: first, in the Incarnation of his Son, and second at the end of time when he returns in majesty. Both comings of Christ reveal that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus christ our Lord." We spend our lives watching therefore, because we desire to be found irreproachable, and to persevere in ardent hope for the full revelation of our Lord, when we will see his face and be saved.

***Welcome!***

Holy Rood Parish welcomes Blake Robert and Finn George Bestall who will be Baptised into Christ's Body,

the Church, this Sunday.

***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. Please encourage your children to come forward at the start of Mass. Parents are very welcome to accompany to the liturgy any child who's slightly hesitant or anxious!

***Journey in Faith Course***

The Journey in Faith course continues on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in Holy Rood Presbytery.

***Christmas Carol Service***

We are delighted to announce that our Parish Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm in Holy Rood Church. The school choir, together with children from our parish, will lead us in carols and readings that tell the story of God's promise and the birth of Christ. We will also be raising money for the Barnsley Christmas Toy Appeal, which supports local families through local charities and community services. Please join us as we prepare for Christmas and support this wonderful cause.

***Food Bank Collection***

Please leave any donated items in the Baptistry at Holy Rood or the porch at Our Lady's. Thank you for your support!

***Holy Rood Primary School***

Are holding an EYFS Open Afternoon on Thursday, 10th December at 1.30pm. You are invited to go and have a look around the EYFS setting and meet the amazing staff in our Catholic Primary School!

***Job Vacancy***

Holy Rood Primary School are currently looking for a new school office manager. 37 hours per week. Please see the school website for further details and job specification. Required to start ASAP. Visit www.holyroodschool.co.uk -> About Us -> Vacancies.

***Unclaimed Raffle Prizes***

There are still a number of unclaimed raffle prizes from the fundraising coffee morning held last month at Holy Rood, including the first prize of a food and drink hamper. Winning numbers are posted at the back of church. Please check your tickets as this is your last opportunity to claim them! See Sharon Clarke or Angela Bamforth if you have won.

***CSSA call for Information***

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency regularly carries out 'public calls for information'. These are opportunities for anybody with information to share with them. They will assess whatever Information about safeguarding comes in to them, and it may directly contribute to their audits and inspections of dioceses and religious life groups. The public calls for information are for anybody with information to share which may help improve safeguarding and prevent harm. You may be a survivor, a lay employee, a parishioner, or a volunteer, or have a different role. If you have information to share about safeguarding in the Diocese of Hallam, you can access our form https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DAb9kH8aPc

***Christmas Mass Times***

The times and venues of Masses over the Christmas period will be available next Sunday!



# Mass & Service Times

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| **Sat** | **The Blessed Virgin Mary, *mem*** | **28 Nov** |
| 10.30am | Holy Rood (Stephen & Joseph Luka) | |
| 11-11.30am | Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| 5.15-5.45pm | OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| 6pm | OL & SJ, **Vigil of Advent 1** (The Parish) | |
| **Sun** | **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *sol*** | **29 Nov** |
| 9.30am | Holy Rood (John Hawley) | |
| 11am | Holy Rood (Raymond Bows) | |
| 12.15pm | Holy Rood - Baptism: Blake Robert & Finn George Bestall | |
| **Mon** | **ST ANDREW, *feast*** | **30 Nov** |
| 10am | OL & SJ (Fr Damian Int) | |
| **Tues** | **Advent Weekday** | **1 Dec** |
| **Wed** | **Advent Weekday** | **2 Dec** |
| 10am | Holy Rood (Patrick Logan - Birthday) | |
| **Thur** | **St Francis Xavier, *mem*** | **3 Dec** |
| 10am | OL & SJ (Katie's Health) | |
| 1.30pm | Barnsley Hospital Chapel - Mass | |
| **Fri** | **Advent Weekday** | **4 Dec** |
| 10am | Holy Rood (Barry Murphy) | |
| 10.30am | Holy Rood - Anointing of the Sick | |
| **Sat** | **Advent Weekday** | **5 Dec** |
| 10.30am | Holy Rood (Trevor & John Wilson) | |
| 11-11.30am | Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| 5.15-5.45pm | OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| 6pm | OL & SJ, **Vigil of Advent 2** (The Parish) | |
| **Sun** | **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *sol*** | **6 Dec** |
| 9.30am | Holy Rood (David Bailey - Sick) | |
| 11am | Holy Rood (Kathryn Semp) | |
| 12.15pm | Holy Rood - Baptism: Kathleen Delilah Maughan | |
| 3pm | Holy Rood - Polish Mass | |