



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 - Year C Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time (Psalter 2)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.15pm Saturday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, & 5.30pm

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11.00am-11.30am & 5.15pm-6.00pm - Wednesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	6.15pm	Stanislaw Chojnacki (RIP)(Ann)	
	8.00am	Agostinho & Saritha (Thanksgiving)	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Lenin Fernandes (Birthday)	
	5.30pm	Linda (Nonna) Hughes (RIP)(Ann)	
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Cherry Bryant (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Declan D'Silva (Thanks)	<i>Feast of St Gregory the Great</i>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5.45pm	Edwin & Janine Cordo (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Thur 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.00am	James Hickey (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Priests Intentions	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	John Desouza (RIP)	
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Baltazar Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Regina Suchecka (RIP)	

### Sunday Readings: Ecclus 3:17-20,28-29; Ps 67; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### Next Week's Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Ps 89; Phlm 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33

### REFLECTION

There is a simple message in today's Gospel and it is this – be humble and be inclusive. Jesus reminds us that in the Kingdom there is a place for everyone. When we come to celebrate Eucharist we each come as wounded people, with our faults and our weaknesses, yet Jesus still loves us and welcomes us as friends to join him at the table. Having shared in the meal of Christ we are sent out to share what we have received. Who do we choose to share this good news with? This week we are challenged to rethink our priorities and beliefs. In God's eyes the people who are pushed to the margins, the poor, those addicted to alcohol or drugs, the homeless, the refugee or asylum seeker, prisoners. All are loved and precious and worthy of a place in the Kingdom of God. A question we might reflect on: if I found myself in any of these categories – how would I like people to treat me?

## NOTICES:

### COLLECTIONS

Week ending **25/08/19**

Main Collection **£3456.35**

Green Envelopes **£227.30**

**NEW ORGAN CONCERT** In celebration of the new organ there will be an Inaugural Organ Concert on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm by international organ recitalist Paul Hale. A suggested donation of £5 can be paid on the door. Please come along and show your support.

**PARISH FEAST:** We will be celebrating our Parish Feast, The Exaltation of the Cross, on Saturday evening 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm and on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at all Masses.

### CURRENT STANDING ORDER DONATIONS

We are changing the way we process standing order donations due to our new online parish accounting system. We will be sending out letters to each of our current Standing Order Donors with a new form to be completed, signed and returned in the pre-paid envelope supplied. Your donation is extremely valuable and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. Please contact Cheryl Mascarenhas on [treasurer.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:treasurer.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com) if any new parishioners are interested in setting up standing orders.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES:** If you are interested in going on a parish pilgrimage led by Canon John to Lourdes in May 2020 or Rome in September 2020 could you please contact the parish office.

**RCIA:** Interested in becoming a Catholic? If so please contact Anna in the parish office.

### 300 CLUB WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 Mr S Lake

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20 Mr & Mrs J&D Ager

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 Miss M Eldridge

4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 Miss J Arkell

Please collect your winnings from the parish office during office hours.

**BOOKSTALL:** This Saturday and Sunday and next weekend. My Day By Day for September and Catholic Diaries for 2020 will be on sale in the main entrance to the church.

**PEREGRINE PRAYERS:** For those with cancer and other serious illness will take place this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, at 12 noon. We will gather in the main entrance to the church.

**HOLY HOUR PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:** This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2 -3pm.

**KONKANI MASSES** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm, - Taleigoa village feast and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm, Feast of Valankanni.

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE (LMS)** to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine Church of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September beginning with High Mass at 11.30am. Please see the notice board or <https://lms.org.uk/ciicrm/event/info%3Fid%3D139%26reset%3D1> for more information.

**2019 YEAR of PRAYER** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Retreat Day of praying for the healing of memories and relationships, which begins with Mass at 9.30 in Prinknash Abbey Chapel, and moves to the Meeting Room at 10.15. Then at 3pm to 4pm in the Abbey Chapel, Abbot Martin will lead Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers, ending with Benediction.

**VADOLLANT ROMBLA NANGOR** (Anchored in the Storms) - A Tiatr (Drama) by Fr. Lucas Rodrigues will be staged at the Wyvern Theatre on 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm and 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm, September 2019. A significant message for our families and youth. A must see for every family. Kindly book your tickets. Produced by the Goan Chaplaincy and the Pilar, for the support of the Missions in India

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA'S** annual sponsored walk at Coate Water Park, Swindon on Sunday 22/09/19 at 2pm. Sponsor forms are available at all churches or by contacting Jim Donovan on 01793 723016.

### ELDERLEY, HOUSEBOUND & SICK MASS

A special Mass will be held for sick and housebound parishioners at 2.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This will be followed by refreshments and sandwiches at the Holy Rood Primary School Hall. For catering purposes could you confirm your attendance by using the clipboard at the newspaper table please.

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Collection this weekend (31<sup>st</sup> August/ 1<sup>st</sup> September) for families and individuals in crisis. Please make sure that any donations have at least three months shelf - life.

**SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>:** Pope Francis has asked us to keep 1<sup>st</sup> September as a Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. During the first week of the "Season of Creation" maybe we could each respond to the Pope's call to care for our world and its people by choosing to buy an item of food that has been produced organically or one that has the Fair Trade logo.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**CONFIRMATION:** Post confirmation sessions commence for Group A (Wednesday) on 18<sup>th</sup> September until 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm to 8.30pm and Group B (Sunday) from 22<sup>nd</sup> September until 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm to 4pm. Both will be held at Holy Cross school. Looking forward to seeing you all after the Summer break.