



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - Year C Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time (Psalter 1)

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	6.15pm	Ella Grace Nowicka (RIP)(1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)	
	8.00am	Alexio & Maria Dias (RIP)	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Mary Farncombe (RIP)(Ann)	
	5.30pm	Paddy Reape (RIP)	
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10.00am	Ewa Douglas (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.00am	Joe De Souza (Birthday)	<i>Memorial of St Monica</i>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	12.30pm	Mieczyslaw (Richard) Turewicz (RIP)	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
	5.45pm	Vincent D'Souza (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Augustine</i>
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.00am	Sharmila Rebelo (RIP)	<i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.00am	Deann Martins (4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Deceased Lawer & Llauderer Families	
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	8.00am	Tanya (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Stanislaw Chojnacki (RIP)(Ann)	

### Sunday Readings: Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news.

**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:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### Next Week's Readings: Eccclus 3:17-20,28-29; Ps 67; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

In today's gospel we hear a paradox. Jesus urges his followers to 'enter by the narrow door'. This is a constricted path and Jesus warns that there will be those who will be disappointed. Simply being alongside him, eating and drinking with him, does not guarantee entry to God's house. What does this mean for us? Are we confident that we will not be disappointed? Jesus points to the 'narrow door' that leads to the Kingdom, a place of abundant hospitality where all are welcome, not because of race, gender, ability or lineage but because of lives lived in genuine love and peace. Perhaps the door is narrow because of all the things which could stop us from entering like pride, fear or an assumption that we are guaranteed a place. If the narrow door leads to a Kingdom where all are welcome are we ready for that? A thought for this week: It is one thing to go to Mass every Sunday and observe the sacraments but does the whole of our life reflect this relationship with Jesus, leading us outwards in care and concern for the world far and wide, welcoming above all the stranger and the outsider?

## NOTICES:

### COLLECTIONS

Week ending **18/08/19**

Main Collection **£3521.74**

Green Envelopes **£153.50**

Gift Aid Standing Orders **£2122**

**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 Anna in the parish office.

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

**BOOKSTALL:** The next Bookstall is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. My Day By Day for September and Catholic Diaries for 2020 will be on sale.

**PEREGRINE PRAYERS:** Postponed until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** Will now be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, not this week.

**MASS RESPONSE CARDS:** If you bring visitors to church who are not sure of the prayers and responses of the Mass, please borrow a card from the box in the main porch and return it after Mass. If you would like to have one to keep, they cost 60p for the large size & 25p for the small size. See Julia

**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.

**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** are holding their annual sponsored walk at Coate Water Park, Swindon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept starting at 2pm. It is in aid of the Knights disadvantaged and disabled fund. If you have a worthy cause of your own, you may donate 50% of the funds you raise. So why not walk or sponsor someone to walk on what we hope will be a good day. Sponsor forms are available at all churches or by contacting Jim Donovan on 01793 723016.

**PREPARATION FOR THE COMING YEAR OF PRAYER** at St Brendan's College, Brislington, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 9.15am-2.30pm.

with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*. All are welcome

**DAY ON PRAYER & MEDITATION:** Clifton Cathedral 26<sup>th</sup> October. Entrance by ticket only. For more information please see the noticeboard or follow the link.  
<https://cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter/>

**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE** are holding a Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 2 October 2019, starting at 6.00pm for prospective parents and Year 6 students. We hope to see you there.

**STARTING SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of *Swindon Borough Council*. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2020.

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Collection next 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 "Season of Creation" until October 4<sup>th</sup> watch and listen for ways in which we can each respond to the Pope's call to care for our world.

### 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 see you all after summer break.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please contact the parish office 6 months prior to your marriage.  
To book yourself onto a marriage course please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)  
email: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk)  
tel: 08003893801 or 01159934255.