



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Year C

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Psalter 4)

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6.15pm	Antonina John Magun (RIP)	
	8.00am	Geraldina Rodrigues (RIP)	
	9.30am	Darryl Vas (Birthday)	
	11.00am	Pylon Pires (Birthday)	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Rosie Gonsalves (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Cornelius &amp; St Cyprian</i>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Patricia Wiltshire (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Edith</i>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5.45pm	Dominic & Emerciana Dias (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.00am	Antonio F Camelo (3 Ann)(RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Rita Cabral & Xavier Desouza (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon,</i>
	5.45pm	Francisco Dourado (RIP)(3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann)	<i>St Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; Companions</i>
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Ana Conceicao Valles (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Matthew</i>
	6.15pm	Joao Minguel De Souza (RIP)(2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)	

#### Sunday Readings: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 77; Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

#### Next Week's Readings: Am 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1Tm 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

#### Reflection

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – a love stronger than death – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

## NOTICES:

### COLLECTIONS

Week ending **08/09/19**

Main Collection **£4290.72**

Green Envelopes **£299**

Gift Aid for July **£2650.25**

**Second Collection** this weekend is for Holy Rood Feast day.

**Second Collection** next weekend is for Catholic Education.

**DEACON DENNIS SUTTON** passed away on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We keep him & his family in our prayers during this sad time.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES:** We can confirm that parish pilgrimages to Lourdes in May 2020 & Rome in September 2020 will be taking place. We are currently waiting for final details regarding dates and costs & hope to print these in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

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

### READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Please collect your new rotas.

**BOOKSTALL:** Next bookstall on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> September

**ON SATURDAY** 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of our live saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### ELDERLY, HOUSEBOUND & SICK MASS

A special Mass will be held for sick and housebound parishioners at 2.30pm on Saturday 12th 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.

**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

**CELEBRATE BRISTOL** All are welcome to the weekend conference at St Bede's Catholic College in Bristol on the 26th and 27th October that is sure to be great fun and faith filled. We have great speakers, worship and fellowship, dedicated streams for the children and young people specifically designed for each age group. Why not come along and see for yourselves! For more information and to book see our website [www.celebrateconference.org/bristol](http://www.celebrateconference.org/bristol)

### THREE-DAY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

**RETREAT**, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser, Rina Bird, at [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com)

### FINDING THE VOICE TO GIVE GOD PRAISE:

A course in serving the liturgy through music please see the notice board for more information.

### DAY ON PRAYER & MEDITATION WITH ICONS:

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/>

### EU (European Union) CITIZENS:

All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK and those married to UK citizens ) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK. For more information please follow the link [www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status](http://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status)

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**SEASON OF CREATION:** Pope Francis has asked us all to show our care for Creation. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September you can join people around the world in a Global Day of Action against Climate change by supporting our local demonstration at 12.30pm outside Morrison's at Regent Circus. You are invited to come to watch the Global Healing film in the Church on Saturday evening 21<sup>st</sup> September after the 6.15pm Mass.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** meeting for parents of children who have enrolled for the 2020 programme will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 4pm in the church.

We are in need of more helpers to assist with the programme, please contact:

[fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com) if you are able to help. Full training will be given.

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