



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Year C Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (Psalter 3)

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6.15pm	Regina Suchecka (RIP)	
	8.00am	Sebastiao & Piedade D'Souza (RIP)	
	9.30am	Bryne & Cheryl Mascarenhas (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	People of the Parish	
	5.30pm	Paddy Reape (RIP)	
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Thanksgiving to St Anthony	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Deceased Miele & Fiore Families	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5.45pm	Paul Elson (RIP)(4 <sup>th</sup> Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Jose Xavier Rebelo (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom Requiem Mass</i>
	12noon	William Murray (RIP)	
	5.45pm	Rosaria Afonso (RIP)	
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Kimberly (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Antonina John Magun (RIP)	

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Next Week's Readings: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 77; Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

### REFLECTION

At his last supper Jesus gave us a meal to remind us of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The breaking of Christ's body and the spilling of his blood brought wholeness and healing to a broken world. The food that we eat at this eucharistic banquet is the nourishment we need to go out and continue that great saving work. The love that Christ showed through his life, death and resurrection is the paschal mystery into which all Christians are called to participate. This is what it means to do this in memory of me. This is what it means to let go and take up the cross. Let us in the week ahead have the courage to go out to the whole world and serve it with love, compassion and dedication.

## NOTICES:

### COLLECTIONS

Week ending **01/09/19**

Main Collection **£4064.44**

Green Envelopes **£272.20**

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** There will be a photographer visiting Holy Rood Church at the 9.30am & 11am Masses this weekend taking photographs of the parish for our website. Should you have any concerns please contact the parish office.

**A KIND DONATION** of £283 was received by Holy Rood Care Group in memory of the late Mieczyslaw (Richard) Turewicz (RIP). The family are very grateful for all the support & kind messages they have received.

**NEW ORGAN CONCERT** In celebration of the new organ there will be an Inaugural Organ Concert this Thursday 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 next weekend. The second collection will be in aid of our church and replacing old candle stands. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch.

### 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@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:treasurer.swindon.holyrood@cliftdiocese.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

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

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

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

**BOOKSTALL:** This Saturday and Sunday. Prayer books, candles and Catholic Diaries for 2020 will be on sale in the main entrance to the church.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Meeting this Wednesday, 11th September, from 1 - 2.30pm. Gather in the main entrance to the Church.

**PRINKNASH ABBEY STUDY DAY:** Next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. See posters and the Prinknash Abbey website for details.

**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 Pillar, 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 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.

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection last weekend.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** During the second week of the "Season of Creation" maybe we could each respond to the Pope's call to care for our world by reducing plastic pollution: Refuse, Re-use and Re-cycle plastic packaging!

### 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@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftdiocese.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.