



## Holy Rood Catholic Church

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - Year A - First Sunday of Lent

#### 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</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	6.15pm	Richard Hartigan (RIP)	
		8.00am	Jose Velanko Pinto (Birthday)	
		9.30am	Francisco Pires (RIP)	
		11.00am	Maureen Fitzgerald (RIP)(Ann)	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Cheryl Mascarenhas (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Maria Martha De Sousa (RIP)(3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.45pm	Rita Natarajan (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am	Joe Caiado (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Cyril Monteiro (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
		5.45pm	Deceased members of Carvalho Family	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Francisco & Filomena Correia (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
		6.15pm	People of the Parish	

#### **Sunday Readings: Gn 2:7-9.3:1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Next Week's Readings: Gn 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2Tm 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9**

## NOTICES:

**COLLECTIONS:** Week ending 23/02/20

Main Collection **£3344.36**

Green Envelopes **£259.50**

**Second Collection CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY:** Next Friday 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day which was organised by members of the Catholic Women's League. There will be a second collection next weekend to help CAFOD support local people who work with the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this weekend. Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

**PASSPORT COUNTERSIGNING:** Unfortunately Canon John is no longer able to countersign parishioners passport applications.

**APF MISSIO:** After years of dedicated service Mr & Mrs Haines are stepping down from their voluntary roles as Secretary and Treasurer of APF Missio, if you would like to take on either of these positions please contact the parish office.

### 300 CLUB WINNERS

1st £50.00 Mrs Eva Potheary

2nd £20.00 Mr N Sturla

3rd £15.00 Mrs C Bennett

4th £10.00 Mrs Anne Johnstone

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

**GIFT AID:** The Diocese are currently changing the way they process Direct Debits and Green Envelopes. If you already have a gift aid/direct debit set up we need to contact you, so kindly advise us of your current address by emailing us at [Treasurer.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Treasurer.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com) before 31st of March 2020.

**PRAYER TOWER** at Holy Rood Church, this Sunday 1st March from 1:30-3:30 pm. All Welcome.

**HOLY ROOD EASTER VIGIL CHOIR** "Let's sing a joyful song to the Lord". Calling all Musicians and singers. If you are interested in joining the Easter choir the practice dates are: Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> in Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** Next Friday, all around the world there will be special services, organised this year by the women of Zimbabwe. We are part of the group of Old Town and Town Centre churches who will be praying together at Bath Road Methodist Church at 10.30am. Everyone welcome! See posters for details.

**BOOKSTALL:** Open this weekend, 29<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March. My Day By Day for Lent, Bibles and Lent books available.

## READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Please collect your new rotas.

**AFRICAN MASS:** Here at Holy Rood on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm followed by refreshments in the parish room. All welcome

**KONKANI MASS** 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm.

**PRINKNASH ABBEY RETREATS:** There are two Saturday retreat days in March on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. See notice board for more details.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**Confirmation 2020** programme is about to begin this coming week. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers over the next few months as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church.

## JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Collection this weekend for families and individuals in crisis. Please make sure that any donations have at least three months shelf - life.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Begin this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Alhelm's. See posters for details. Come to share lunch and conversation! Donations to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT:** In these two weeks look for the Fair Trade Logo in your local supermarket and buy something to show your support for those who are paid a fair wage for their work to produce our food!

## REFLECTION

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

In this beautiful season of Lent, we are invited to participate on a journey into the wilderness. It is not an outwardly physical journey, rather it is a journey into the depths of our heart and soul. For forty days and nights we are encouraged to reflect on who we are and how we are in our relationship with the Lord. Spending time in the wilderness brings its own trials, just as it did for Jesus. Reflecting on the journey Jesus himself made, we might consider the role of temptation in our own life. Temptations come in all guises. The result of giving into temptation is that it imprisons us in a way of being which leads us away from God. Lent is an opportunity, not to feel discouraged in the face of our weakness, but to rediscover the freedom which comes from seeking the loving mercy of God who is full of compassion and love. As we take on this journey let us pray for the grace we need to overcome the temptations life puts in our way and ask the Lord to show us the way to live our lives to the full in him.