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Sunday 23rd February 2020 - Year A - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 NO CONFESSIONS

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun	23rd February	6.15pm	Michael Magun (RIP)(25 th Ann)	
		8.00am	People of the Parish	
		9.30am	Pedro & Ana Barretto (Thanksgiving)	
		11.00am	Redmond Welch (RIP)(Ann)	
		5.30pm	Carmine Vitale (RIP)	
Mon	24th February	8.00am	Souls of 35 Salisbury Street	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tue	25th February	8.00am	Souls of 15 Portsmouth Street	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed	26th February	8.00am	Holy Souls	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
		12.45pm	Holy Souls	<i>Day of Fast & Abstinence</i>
		7.00pm	Nester Ribeiro (Thanksgiving)	
Thur	27th February	9.00am	Nesha Pires (Thanksgiving)	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>
		11.00am	Luigi Gemoli (RIP)	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
Fri	28th February	8.00am	Guiseppe & Serafina Zaccaro (RIP)	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>
		5.45pm	Holy Souls	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	29th February	8.00am	Souls of 3 Lincoln Street	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>
		6.15pm	Richard Hartigan (RIP)	

Sunday Readings: Lv 19:1-2,17-18; Ps 102; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is compassion & love.

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: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Week's Readings: Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

NOTICES:

COLLECTIONS: Week ending 16/02/20

Main Collection **£3092.78**

Green Envelopes **£233.20**

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.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Many thanks to those who have applied for the position. Due to the high volume of applicants we are no longer accepting applications.

6.15pm & 8am SUNDAY MASSES: If you regularly attend either of these Masses and would be willing to help with the distribution of Communion, please speak personally to Canon John.

BOOKSTALL: Open this weekend, 22nd/23rd February. My Day By Day for Lent, Bibles and Lent books available.

PEREGRINE PRAYERS: Prayers on Wednesday 26th February for those with cancer and other serious illness. We will meet earlier than usual at **11.45am** in the Parish Room because of the lunchtime Mass for Ash Wednesday.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: This Thursday, 27th February, 2-3pm.

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

LENT RETREAT: The Divine retreat team will be conducting a retreat at Holy Family Church on Sunday the 1st of March at 1pm to 6.30 pm.

PRINKNASH ABBEY

Come to the Abbey Chapel on Saturday 7th MARCH 3-4pm and join us for DIVINE MERCY prayers and the ROSARY led by Abbot Martin McLaughlin. Everyone Welcome.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 10-18 March 2020. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send your petitions & request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB: All are welcome to Broadgreen Lounge on Saturday 29th February from 4pm-6pm. Come along and meet our amazing seniors who always walk in with a smile. Make new friends, share stories and chat over cups of tea. We look forward to meeting you!

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS of England and Wales commemorate the anniversaries of Verbum Domini and St. Jerome by dedicating the year 2020 to the Bible under the title "The God Who Speaks". We should all take time to reflect on how we personally use scripture to listen to God and meditate on His Word. To access the daily readings please follow this link <https://www.holyroodswindon.co.uk/todays-readings>, or go to the home page of Holy Rood RC Church website and click on the 'Todays Readings' icon. Reading scripture is a great way to nourish your soul and prepare yourself for the beautiful celebration of the Mass.

GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT FOR HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY, SWINDON:

Holy Cross Catholic Primary school is a popular primary academy near Swindon town centre. We are currently looking for more governors to join our Governing board. The main role of the governing board is to operate at a strategic level, leaving the senior leaders responsible and accountable to the governing board for the operational day-to-day running of the school. Please see the notice board or click on the document below (found on the website) for more information.

JUSTICE & PEACE

FAIR TRADE STALL: This weekend, 22nd/23rd February, in the Parish Room. Buying fairly traded goods helps people around the world to work their way out of poverty.

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

REFLECTION

Jesus calls us to love without exception and that includes our enemies but oh, how hard that can be. When outrage happens, when someone we love betrays us, when innocent people are killed by terrorists or bombs, the natural desire within us is to seek retribution. Following the bombings of Paris in 2015, while many were calling for revenge, the husband of one of the victims, Antoine Leiris, wrote an open letter to the killers of his wife. In it he said: "On Friday evening you stole the life of an exceptional person, the love of my life, the mother of my son, but you will not have my hatred. I will not give you the satisfaction of hating you. You obviously want it, but to respond to hatred with anger would be to give in to the same ignorance that made you what you are." There is nothing to say that this has been easy for Antonine but it is how we, as followers of Christ, are called to respond when we face any level of unkindness, persecution or dishonesty from our families, our neighbours or the wider world.