



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Year A - Third 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 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.15pm	Filomena Fernandes (RIP)	
	8.00am	Alberinda Carolla & Nicola Fiore (RIP)	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Andrew Wood (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Raimundo Fernandes (RIP)	
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Xaverina Pires (Ann)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Ann-Louise Holden (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Patrick</i>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.45pm	Philophina D'Costa (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am	Swizel Barreto (Birthday)	<i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Romaldo Pires (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
	5.45pm	Amelia Rodrigues (Birthday)	
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Pearl Fernandes (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
	6.15pm	Edward Pereira (RIP)	

### Sunday Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O that today you would listen to His voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!** Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Next Week's Readings: 1Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

## NOTICES:

**COLLECTIONS:** Week ending 08/03/20

Main Collection **£2687.44**

Green Envelopes **£299.90**

**CAFOD** collection **£2515.52.**

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**GROUP MEETINGS** Due to the issues we are facing regarding the coronavirus, all group meetings in the parish room/church are to be suspended until further notice.

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

**COACH FOR CHRISM MASS:** Please sign the form in the porch if you would like to reserve a seat on the coach to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The coach will be departing Holy Rood at 8.25am, and departing the Cathedral straight after Mass. The cost is £8 per person. There will be no Mass at Holy Rood Church on this day.

**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) or dropping your details off to the parish office, during office hours, before 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020.

**GREEN ENVELOPES:** Please could the parishioners who have signed up for green envelopes collect them this weekend from the church foyer.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> in Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome!

**READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Please return your replies by 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**BOOKSTALL:** The next Bookstall will be on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March.

**PRINKNASH ABBEY RETREATS:** The next retreat day is 28<sup>th</sup> March. See notice board for more details.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT HOLY ROOD:** Bishop Declan is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with the priests of the Deanery on Thursday 26 March at 7.00pm. A wonderful opportunity to go to Confession in preparation for Easter, all are welcome.

**COME, CELEBRATE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST OSCAR ROMERO'S MARTYRDOM** at St Nicolas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 0RE on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Mass will be followed by Latin American refreshments.

**YOUTH RETREAT** at St Peters Church, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 11am-4pm. Led by Fr Joseph and the team from the Divine Retreat Centre.

**EXPLORING ST MATTHEW** - Wednesday 25 March - Emmaus House, Whitchurch, Bristol. John Huntriss leads an evening talk on deepening our understanding of the Jesus we encounter in Matthew's Gospel. John will focus on [St Matthew's Passion and Resurrection narratives](#).

**CLIFTON DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** from 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Please see the notice board or email [Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) for more information.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN SPAIN** - 'In the footsteps of St Ignatius' led by Bishop Declan, from 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please follow the link <https://cliftondiocese.com/spain/> or see the notice board for more information.

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** in Budapest from 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. For more information please see the notice board or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

**JOB VACANCIES:** Please see the notice board for job vacancies within the diocese.

## JUSTICE & PEACE

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Fridays at St Aldhelm's at 12.30pm. See posters for details. Come to share lunch and conversation! Donations to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

## REFLECTION

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

In the Jewish faith, water was used often as a powerful metaphor. In such a semi-arid environment water was a precious gift to relieve thirst and bring refreshment. Within the UK we have recently experienced anything but a thirst for water - such have been the terrible floods affecting so many people. However, in today's Gospel, we will hear of a different thirst which needs quenching. Jesus is thirsty, because he is tired and hot, but there is another kind of thirst in him - a thirst for the woman, he meets at the well, to be transformed. Jesus offers living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life. This is the water we all thirst for, the living water of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to quench our thirst, to rediscover the meaning of our life in Christ. It is a special time of encountering Jesus, to be transformed by him, just as the woman was transformed. The Lord wants to give us living water so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Drinking from this well, changes us so that we become, like the woman, true disciples, ready and able to share what we have encountered; the love of Christ in all its fullness.