



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 8th March 2020 - Year A - Second 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

Sun 8th March	6.15pm	People of the Parish	
	8.00am	Joseph Roland Telles (RIP)	
	9.30am	Aloysius Fernandes (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	Mark West (RIP)(4 th Ann)	
	5.30pm	Patricia Robinson	
Mon 9th March	8.00am	Benefactors of the Parish	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Tue 10th March	8.00am	Philomena Chidley (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Wed 11th March	5.45pm	Jadz Karpinski (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Thur 12th March	9.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
Fri 13th March	8.00am	Thanksgiving	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
	5.45pm	Thanksgiving	
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 14th March	8.00am	Aaron Lourenco (RIP)(1 st Ann)	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>
	6.15pm	Filomena Fernandes (RIP)	

Sunday Readings: Gn 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2Tm 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!** From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

Next Week's Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5:1-2.5-8; John 4:5-42

NOTICES:

COLLECTIONS: Week ending 01/03/20

Main Collection **£3629.07**

Green Envelopes **£211.45**

Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD lent family fast day, envelopes are available if you are able to Gift aid your donation.

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

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 or dropping your details off to the parish office, during office hours, before 31st of March 2020.

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 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st in Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome!

READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Please collect your new rotas.

BOOKSTALL: Interim bookstall this Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Lent books and cards for Mothering Sunday and Easter are available.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

We will meet on Wednesday 11th March from 1 – 2.30pm in the Parish Room. New members welcome!

YOUTH HOLY HOUR being led by Holy Rood Youth Ministry, Thursday 12th March from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. We look forward to sharing time with you in the presence of Jesus.

PRINKNASH ABBEY RETREATS: There are two Saturday retreat days in March on 14th and 28th. 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.

A MORNING for the separated, divorced and remarried to meet for 'Coffee, Cake and Conversation'. Tuesday 17 March at 11am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bath. All welcome for friendship, support and the opportunity to explore how the Church can meet the needs of Catholics who have experienced separation, divorce or remarriage.

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

CLIFTON DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

from 21st-28th August 2020. Please see the notice board or email Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com for more information.

CLIFTON DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN

SPAIN – 'In the footsteps of St Ignatius' led by Bishop Declan, from 22nd-29th October 2020.

Please follow the link

<https://cliftondiocese.com/spain/>

or see the notice board for more information.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

in Budapest from 14th-21st 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES:

For information please visit:

www.marriagecare.org.uk

email: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

tel: 08003893801 or 01159934255.

JUSTICE & PEACE

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Thank you to all those who generously donated food last weekend.

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.

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

Sunday 8th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

People who climb mountains often describe the majesty of what they see and the awesome views. It can be a breath-taking experience which speaks to the climber of wonder and majesty. It is easy to want to hold onto the moment. There is something of this in Peter's experience too, and so, not surprising, he wants to stay on the mountain, to treasure the moment and hold on to it. But this journey to the mountain top is only a preamble to the more difficult journey that they are about to make with Jesus, the journey that ultimately will culminate in his death. Jesus gives them an experience that they will not forget but will hopefully sustain them when they are struggling. Visions or transfigurations are not every-day experiences. Rather it is the smaller, seemingly inconsequential acts of kindness shown to us when we least expect it, which encourage and strengthen us when the journey is tough. May our journey through Lent encourage us to 'be kind', to do small things with great love, that through our acts Christ may be revealed in all his glory.