

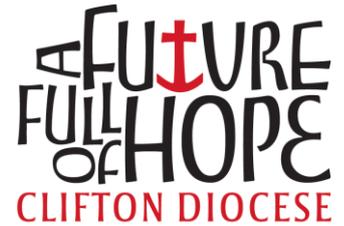
# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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**Administrator:** Mrs Anna Cummins (**Office Hours:** Closed until further notice)

**Please contact the office by phone or email regarding any administrative requests**

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Year A Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 11.00am-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.00pm

### This Weeks Mass Times

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Vigil)</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>	Joao Minguel De Souza (RIP)(3rd Ann)	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	73 Graham Street	
	<b>8.00am</b>	Satana & Aleixinho Fernandes (RIP)	
	<b>9.00am</b>	Melisa Pinto (RIP)	
	<b>10.00am</b>	Francisco Wilson Fernandes (RIP)(3rd Ann)	
	<b>11.00am</b>	Fr Willie Henessy (RIP)	
	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Anna Vales Conceicao (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Matthew</i>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	Jane Greenall Scott (Health)	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Severina Fernandes (Intention)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	Patrick MacManamon (RIP)	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Souls of Joseph & Mary	<i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	Padre Pio (Thanksgiving)	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Sheila Kelly (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	Geoff Holden (RIP)	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Belchor Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	Cayden Dias (Birthday)	
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	John Welch (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	<b>6.15pm</b>	People of the Parish	

## NOTICES

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

13/09/20 - £2157.50

Green Envelopes - £97.50

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE

PRAYER Monday – Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

### STEWARDS NEEDED to cover:

Thursdays 7.30am-8.30am

**HOLY ROOD PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** we are launching a new registration initiative this week. Please log on to the parish website and follow the instructions on how to register. We would love to have all of you signed up by the end of October!

**PRAYERS & FASTING:** 'On Monday 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as last year this country saw the highest number of abortions ever. For details of our live saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)'

**Missio RED BOX holders:** If you have a red box at home and wish to empty it, you can donate the value of the contents direct using the details at [missio.org.uk/donate/](http://missio.org.uk/donate/) or you can collect an envelope from Holy Rood after Mass on either the 3rd or 4th of October and return after Mass on 10th or 11th of October. If you need an envelope, but cannot come to church at the moment, please email the local Missio treasurer, Eric on [eholliday21@virginmedia.com](mailto:eholliday21@virginmedia.com) to arrange a house call. Thank you to everyone for their continuing support in these difficult times.

**SWINDON MARRIAGE CARE** are continuing to offer their services and courses online during the pandemic. For more information or to book for marriage preparation click this [link](#) and for relationship counselling and support click [here](#).

### HOLY ROOD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We currently have spaces in our Reception Class (Children born September 2015 - August 2016) Please contact the school regarding spaces in other Year groups. We are located next to Holy Rood Church.

**STARTING SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Swindon Borough Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

**KEEPING SAFE:** We must do all we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Swindon. It is important that we all follow the rules to keep our community safe. If you have a high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell, book your test now, and please don't come to church. To book a test call 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:

Reconciliation for **Group A** is on Saturday 26.09.20 9am-10am in the Church.

Reconciliation for **Group B** is on Saturday 03.10.20 9am-10am in the Church.

**Only the children making their First Confession are allowed into the church.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2020:

All candidates who have received preparation should now have their dates to make their First Holy Communion. Any problems please contact [fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:** Please enrol your child via the website:

<https://www.holyroodswindon.co.uk/>

### CONFIRMATION 2020

All registered candidates should have received an email with information about this year's confirmation programme. Please check your junk mail folder if you've not seen it and let us know if one has not been received. The latest HRYM newsletter is out too - find it online via the Youth Ministry page of the church website!

## REFLECTION

If we need reminding of how much God loves us, then today's parable does just that. God is all loving and all giving – no measurements involved. Given the nature of our humanity, there is a tendency for us to be judgemental about the generosity of others if it doesn't impact favourably on us. Perhaps we think justice is about making sure that we receive that which we perceive to be our right reward, our just desert. Fr. Jack Mahoney SJ writes of a different kind of justice, the justice of need, as promoted by Pope Leo XIII when he wrote in his encyclical *Rerum novarum*: 'if one man hires out to another his strength or skill, he does so for the purpose of receiving in return what is necessary for the satisfaction of his needs.' (n. 5). God sees the unique needs of every individual and responds accordingly to that need. This is the challenge given to us today. Who are the people in most need in our community, in our locality, in our world? Can we respond to their needs with great generosity, not measuring out what we think someone is worth but giving without counting the cost?