



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 4th October 2020 - Year A Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONFESSION TIMES

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

This Weeks Mass Times

Saturday 3rd October (Vigil)	6.15pm	Holy Souls	
Sunday 4th October	7.00am	Holy Souls	
	8.00am	Thanksgiving	
	9.00am	Tatah & Pastore Families (Protection of St Michael)	
	10.00am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Maureen Fitzgerald (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Holy Souls	
Monday 5th October	8.00am	Ronald Cunningham (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 6th October	8.00am	Brian Dias (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 7th October	8.00am	Patrick Mc Manamon (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
	5.45pm	Reshma Vas (Thanksgiving)	
Thursday 8th October	8.00am	Teresa Brannan (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Benefactors of the Parish	
Friday 9th October	8.00am	Michael & Claire Hallinan (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Assisi Rodrigues (RIP)	
Saturday 10th October	8.00am	Reivo Silva (Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Teresa McDonagh (RIP)(13 th Ann)	

NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

27/09/20 - £2480

Green Envelopes - £430

Second Collection this weekend is for **Peters Pence**.

FAREWELL Fr Richard. Fr Richard will be taking up his appointment as Parish Priest at St Francis, Nailsea and St Josephs, Portishead from this week. We wish him every success in his new parish and continue to keep him in our prayers.

WELCOME Fr Thomas. Fr Thomas who was ordained on Saturday 26th September 2020 by Bishop Declan Lang will be joining us as Assistant Priest. We look forward to welcoming him into our parish.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER Monday – Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

HOLY ROOD PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please log on to the parish website and follow the instructions on how to register. After registering you will receive an email, please check your Junk folder if it does not appear in your inbox.

MY DAY BY DAY for October (£1) and Catholic Diary 2021 (£3.30) available from Julia A , after 8am Mass Monday - Friday or phone 01793 534743.

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/ 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 eholiday21@virginmedia.com to arrange a house call. Thank you to everyone for their continuing support in these difficult times.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY, Friday 9th October: We are not able to hold a collection in church this year, but if you wish to donate to CAFOD for the poorest and most vulnerable people suffering the worst effects of coronavirus there are several ways you can do this. 1. Send a cheque to CAFOD at Freepost, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. 2. Give online at cafod.org.uk/give 3. Scan the QR code on the posters outside church 4. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Please include your full name and address if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Thank You!

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 CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL has spaces available in Reception classes for this year. We are only a short walk away from Holy Rood Church and the town centre. We look forward to welcoming your family into our family.

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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: Please keep all those receiving their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks, in your prayers.

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

Over the past few weeks, we have heard a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls us to work for His Kingdom and rewards us beyond what any of us deserves, or can imagine. Today, we hear about the vineyard that has been given to each of us. God excludes no one. Work, families, our community, the environment; are all elements of our vineyard. Our job is to look after our vineyard and in doing so to produce good fruits. In this 'Season of Creation' we have been reminded of the need for us to care for our world, our immediate environment, our brothers and sisters. We are also in the middle of a pandemic – how well are we using our gifts to do this? In the parable we are God's tenants. God gives us total freedom to run the vineyard as we wish but we should never forget that it is God's vineyard. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?