



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 25th October 2020 - Year A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONFESSION TIMES

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

This Weeks Mass Times

Saturday 24th October (Vigil)	6.15pm	Rodrigues Family (Thanksgiving)	
Sunday 25th October	7.00am	People of the Parish	
	8.00am	Santana Rodrigues & Lourenco Estrocio (RIP)	
	9.00am	Joyston (Thanksgiving)	
	10.00am	Joseph Gluszak (RIP)	
	11.00am	Ida Petroccia (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Deceased Reilly (Clones) Family	
Monday 26th October	8.00am	Maria Josefa Mendes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 27th October	8.00am	Jesus & Janice (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Lenny Braganca (Birthday)	
Wednesday 28th October	8.00am	Louis Braganca (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Feast of St Simon & St Jude</i>
	5.45pm	Dominic Dias (RIP)	
Thursday 29th October	8.00am	Fr Willie Hennessy (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Liva Silva (Birthday)	
Friday 30th October	8.00am	John Bank (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Intentions of Emma & Family	
Saturday 31st October	8.00am	Joe & Jovita De Souza (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Claudina Rebello (RIP)	

NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

18/10/20 - £2073

Green Envelopes - £98.00

MANY THANKS for the generous collection, gifts and cards that I received on leaving the parish. I really appreciated the many kind words from parishioners and the good wishes for my new appointment in Nailsea and Portishead. I will have very fond memories of my time at Holy Rood and greatly appreciate the opportunities to minister to the people of the parish. I am beginning to settle in to my new role and this has been greatly helped by my time at Holy Rood. Let us pray for one another – Oremus pro invicem. **Fr Richard.**

HOLY SOULS: There will be a basket in front of the Altar throughout November for Holy Souls intentions.

SUNDAY MASSES have been reaching their attendance capacity. If you find that you are sadly turned away from a Sunday Mass please remember that you can attend the weekday Masses, as the obligation for attending Sunday Mass is still suspended. There is lots of space on the evening Masses at 5.45pm.

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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES:

Sunday 1st November at 2pm – Whitworth Road Cemetery

Sunday 15th November at 2pm – Kingsdown Cemetery

Please pray for the souls in Purgatory. Please visit our Home Worship page for prayers and information on how to gain indulgences during November. <https://www.holyroodswindon.co.uk/home-worship>

MY DAY BY DAY for November now available from Julia A after 8am Mass Monday -Friday or phone 01793 534743.

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](#).

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER is the 53rd

anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see;

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 28 July to 6 August

2021: Designed specifically for young UK

Catholic adults in the age range 18 to 35ish.

To get an idea of what it will be like, please check out YouCAN Instagram handle [youngcatholicadultnetworkuk](https://www.instagram.com/youngcatholicadultnetworkuk). You can also see pics of last year's trip at <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk/> In our present situation we are just asking for a £150 reservation fee to gauge interest, returnable should we decide, for whatever reason, not to go. About a third of the places have already been booked. Contact the organiser rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk for Itinerary, pricing and booking form. Hope that you can make it!

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE are actively looking for new governors. More information can be found on the link below the newsletter link.

REFLECTION

Sunday 25 October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Today's Gospel centres around love, a potentially difficult concept because it is a word which is so over-used. The love which Jesus is speaking of is what is known in Greek as agapeic love – that unconditional, self-giving love of the highest order; the kind of love which knows no boundaries. We hear how the Sadducees and Pharisees are trying to catch Jesus out. In their desire to score points they fail to see who is standing right in front of them. It would be easy for us to be critical of them. It might be better for us if we could look at them with some compassion and catch sight of the way we, too, might be with them, failing to love as we are called to love. The love which Jesus speaks of is all embracing. It is not the love between two people but the love we express to everyone we know and even those we don't, especially those who are in most need.