



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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

**Sunday 15th November 2020 - Year A
Thirty Third Sunday of the Year**

**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:
Monday – Saturday 8.30am – 9.30am
Please remember to wear a face mask when visiting the church**

**Private Masses for the following intentions will be said by
Canon John or Father Thomas this week**

Pierce Bolger (RIP)
Bertha & Max Ferrao (RIP)
People of the Parish
Deceased Members of Freeman Family (RIP)
Paddy Reape (RIP)
Irine Andreano Cardoso (1st Ann)(RIP)
Joao Francisco Xaviea (RIP)
Assuna Millergreena Vaz (RIP)
Neil Smith (RIP)
Savio Fernandes (Birthday)
Michael & Claire Hallinan (RIP)
Camilo Xaviea (RIP)
Deceased Ditoza & Alex Fernandes Family (RIP)
Nalisha Pires (Thanksgiving)
Arielle Fernandes (4th Birthday)(Thanksgiving)
Deceased Members of Michele & Lia Colucci Family (RIP)
Irena Szlachta (RIP)

NOTICES

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

08/11/20 - £3492

Green Envelopes - £184.50

Priests Retirement Fund - £375

Please continue making your donations to the church. This can be done via the donate button on the website or posting donations through the presbytery door. Thank you!

CANON JOHN & FR THOMAS keep you all in their prayers during this time of isolation and lockdown. Please contact the office if there is any way in which we can support you during this time.

PURGATORY: Please continue to 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/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/During-the-whole-month-of-November.pdf>

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](#).

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

REFLECTION

A story is told that on one warm summer's morning a hiker was walking along a road when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Slightly concerned he bent down to the little creature and asked: "Why are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied. The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think your spindly little legs are going to hold up the big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied simply, "One does what one can." 'One does what one can' is the message that Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable. All of us have talents and it is for us to decide how we will use them. Talents are often associated with successful people. When we hear someone referred to as being 'so talented' it is unlikely that we are referring to someone who spends every night, awake, caring for a sick child or parent. It is unlikely that we are referring to the young person who works in a soup kitchen or talks to the homeless. Yet what these people do stems from a desire to use what God has given them; the capacity for compassion, for gentleness, for concern, for generosity of heart, for their commitment to over-coming injustice and oppression in the lives of others, for not giving into the pain of personal disability. It takes skill to bring healing and hope to others and this can be just as rewarding as the adulation that comes from being a successful superstar performing to the best of their ability.