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

Sunday 22nd November 2020 - Year A Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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**

Angel Pinto (RIP)
Holy Souls (Natty Correia)
People of the Parish
Jed Desouza (Thanks)
Peter (Good Health)
Giulio & Rosina Anello (RIP)(Ann)
Deceased Stefanowicz Family (RIP)
Andre John Bosco Telles & Inacia Telles (Wedd Ann)
Ana Francisquina Souses (RIP)
Rebsia Joanita Fernandes (RIP)
Francisco Palha (RIP)
Daniella Telles (Birthday)
Luiz Fernandes (Good Health)
Minguel Rodrigues (Good Health)
Joao Francisco Xaviea (RIP)(5thAnn)
Sheila Kelly (RIP)
Roman & Romek Pawlaczek (RIP)
Brendan Sullivan (RIP)

NOTICES

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

In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French, Catholic community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable and the villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. When a young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches:

"I'm not sure what the theme of my homily, today, should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord's transformation? No, not really, no I don't want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here's what I think. We can't go round measuring our goodness by what we don't do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist and who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create and who we include."

Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.