



## Holy Rood Catholic Church

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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Year A Thirty Second 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**

Lester Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

Giuseppe Iacobaccio (RIP)(Ann)

War Dead

Deceased Dias Family

People of the Parish

Antonia Fernandes (RIP)(7yr Ann)

Maria Carmelina Telles (Good Health)

Adonis Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

Peter Greevy (RIP)

Vincent (Thanksgiving)

Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)

Mena Rodrigues (Birthday)

Benefactors of the Parish

Rekha Shamir (Thanksgiving)

Leora Reveredo (Birthday)

Feleciana Coutinho

## NOTICES

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

01/11/20 - £2379

Green Envelopes - £122

Please continue making 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.

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND – ANNUAL APPEAL:** Please post any contributions through the presbytery door, clearly marked for the priests retirement fund.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm – Kingsdown Cemetery has been cancelled.

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

'Stay Awake' – for those who suffer from any form of sleeping disorder these words are cold comfort. Being awake all night or indeed the fear of not being able to sleep can torment and cause great anxiety. Of course, Jesus is not expecting us to literally refrain from sleeping. What he is referring to is the lack of alertness we can have to what might be happening around us, the way we drift from one thing to another, and worse, the way we can drift into negative behaviour, or simply into apathy and disregard for the things that matter. It is easy to drift. It can happen almost unconsciously, without us being aware of what is happening. This is what happens to people who find themselves addicted to drink, drugs, gambling – one day the one or two pints of beer that they had enjoyed to relax become several pints, followed by several whiskies and before they know it the evening drink has extended into a thirst which can only be satiated by one first thing in the morning. Life becomes a painful escape from reality and truth. Jesus does not want this for us. Instead he wants us to live life to the full, to experience everything in all its glory for we never know when the opportunity to do so will come to an end. When it does, we will want to be fully conscious that we have lived our lives in readiness for meeting God.