



## Holy Rood Catholic Church

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Year B Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

#### Confessions

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

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January (Vigil Mass)	6.15pm	Deceased Dias Family	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00am	Breda Byrne (RIP)	
	8.00am	Giovanni Maddena (14yr Ann)	
	9.00am	Zygmunt Augustyn (RIP)	
	10.00am	Bronislaw Rejek (RIP)	
	11.00am	John Nye (RIP)	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Pascoal Pereira, Amoro Lopes & Amelia Dias (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Kunjaramma (RIP)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Roque Conceicao Vincent D'Costa (RIP)(3rd Ann)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Peter & Carolina (Sanctification)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Walusha Rodrigues (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Joe Rock (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Maria Antonia De Lima (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Scenta Wilder (Nee Milea)	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Protection of children & Youth from Demonic Influence	
	6.15pm	Rosa Texeira (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>

## NOTICES

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Main Collection **£1544**

Green Envelopes **£229**

Thank you for your generosity.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Parents Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 has unfortunately had to be **cancelled** due to lockdown restrictions. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more updates.

The First Holy Communion team are in need of more helpers. If you are able to help prepare candidates for First Holy Communion, please contact Kasia

[fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:fhcg.swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com)

### COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. One of our parish schools **Holy Rood Primary School** are currently looking for two foundation governors. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

### CALLING ALL PARISH MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

– A useful link if you would like to develop your music ministry skills. There's a money back guarantee after the first month if you do not find the course helpful. <https://cjm-music.mykajabi.com/parish-music-ministry-collective>

**PLEASE** follow the link below for ideas on how to support Mary's Meals.

[Miles For Mary's Meals campaign](#)

## REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his ministry. St. Francis de Sales notes that from time to time we need to reenergize the resolution we made in baptism to be children of God:

The first Christians celebrated the anniversary of their Baptism, the day that they dedicated themselves to becoming children of God. We also ought to renew our commitment to the service of the Divine Goodness. In celebrating our baptismal vows, we strengthen our fervour, renew our promises and reaffirm our good resolutions.

A good lute player has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument to see if they need tightening or loosening to sound harmonious. Likewise, it is necessary for us to examine our affections that are not in balance, and our neglected resolutions. We need to see what we must do to recover what, by our weakness or negligence, we have lost. We must not be surprised at this because it seems that even the sun needs to start its course anew once a year to repair in spring the losses the earth suffered in winter. Just by renewing our commitment we can start to repair our faults.

We can also regain lost time by fervour and diligence in totally uniting ourselves again to Our Lord. During our journey on this earth, Our Lord leads us by the hand, causing us to walk in virtue, or He carries us in the arms of His Divine Providence. His goodness is willing to lead us and to carry us, but He also wants us to take our little steps alone, doing on our part all that we can, helped by His holy love. Happy are the souls, who travel through life doing what they can in the practice of virtue and good works, and still holding on to the hand of our Lord! They are the children who sing the canticle of the glory of God because they dedicate themselves to the service of Divine Goodness as Jesus did at his baptism.

*(Adapted from L. Fiorelli, ed., Sermons of St. Francis de Sales, V. 2)*