



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 12th September 2021 - Year B

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Saturday 11 th September (Vigil Mass) 6.15pm	Margaret Thomas (RIP)	
Sunday 12 th September 8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)	
9.30am	Manuel Fernandes (Birthday)	
11.00am	Jozef & Alina Winiarski (RIP)	
5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 13 th September 8.00am	Conversion of Sinners	<i>Memorial of</i>
5.45pm	Rosaria Afonso (RIP) (3 rd Ann)	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>
Tuesday 14 th September 8.00am	Elroy (Birthday), Egidio (Intention)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary</i>
5.45pm	Holy Souls	<i>Time</i>
Wednesday 15 th September 8.00am	Deceased Souls of 3 Lincoln Street	<i>Memorial of</i>
5.45pm	Menino Paul Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Thursday 16 th September 8.00am	Andrew Horgan (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Cornelius</i>
5.45pm	Joaquim & Joanna De Souza (RIP)	<i>& St Cyprian</i>
Friday 17 th September 8.00am	Assumcao Correa (Thanksgiving)	<i>Memorial of</i>
5.45pm	Shawick Coutinho (Thanksgiving)	<i>St Edith of Wilton</i>
Saturday 18 th September 8.00am	Deceased Souls of 2 Lincoln Street	<i>Weekday in Ordinary</i>
6.15pm	Zofia & Piotr Stefanowicz (RIP)	<i>Time</i>

Sunday Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 77; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 53; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

NOTICES

05/09/21 Main Collection £2507

Green Envelopes £78

Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all those involved in stewarding and cleaning the church throughout the time of the pandemic. Now that restrictions have eased we would like to invite volunteers back and appeal for new volunteers to help with ministries within the church ie Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Welcomers and Catechists. Please contact the parish office if you are able to volunteer.

COLLECTIONS We are also in need of volunteers on Monday mornings to help count the collections. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help

FLOWERS IN CHURCH: If you would like to be part of the flower arranging ministry here at Holy Rood Church please speak to Canon John. Do **not** bring flowers or plants into the church without speaking to Canon John beforehand.

GOAN FUNERAL 16th September at 10.30am for the late Maria Clarina Fernandes (RIP) of Salisbury Street.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on the 1st October. Please collect a donation envelope from the porch or follow the link to make online donations.
<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

BOOK STALL My Day by Day will be on sale after each Mass this Sunday. If you wish to purchase any other items, please arrange this with Julia Arkell.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: At 11am Mass on Sunday 19th September we will give thanks for our 90 years as a group in this Parish.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1st September- 4th October. Visit the CAFOD website for videos and information about COP 26 and about caring for our common home.

JOIN BISHOP DECLAN for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage on **Saturday 2nd October** at 12noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, then please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION for First Holy Communion Programme 2022 can be made via the homepage of the parish website [click here](#)
CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME – the online registration for the next confirmation programme has now closed. Once all registrations have been processed you will receive an introductory email from hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com. If you have missed registering this time around and would like to go on a waiting list for confirmation in 2022, please email hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com requesting this, with the candidate's name and contact details. Occasionally places do become available after the start of a programme, and if this happens, you will be notified.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the connection between the bronze serpent in the desert and the cross of Christ becomes explicit. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that just as the serpent was raised up for the healing of the Israelites from the affliction of the serpents, so must Jesus (the Son of Man) be raised up on the cross for the healing of his people from the affliction of sin. Like the serpents, sin is deadly. It brings spiritual death, from which we must be healed to live. The cross of Christ is the healing remedy. For His sacrificial death atoned for our sins, offering us life in Him. As the famous verse of John 3:16 explains, the sacrifice of Jesus is the result of God's great love for the world. Just like in the scenario of the serpents, God does not leave His people stuck in the mud of sin. In His mercy and love, He offers healing (i.e. a solution to the problem we have gotten ourselves into). God does not cause us to sin. He did not create evil. We got ourselves into the mess of sin by choosing to rebel against God through disobeying His commandments. But God has offered the solution to get us out of the mess. That solution is Jesus Christ becoming man in order to die on the cross. The purpose of Jesus coming in the first place was to die for our sins. As the Gospel states, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Jesus came, He died, and He rose for our salvation. Today, on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we lift high the cross, being reminded that by believing in Jesus Christ crucified and keeping our gaze on Him, we can be healed from the poison of sin and given new life.