



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 19th September 2021 - Year B Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 18 th September (Vigil Mass) 6.15pm	Zofia & Piotr Stefanowicz (RIP)
Sunday 19 th September	8.00am People of the Parish
	9.30am Jose Braganca (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am Catholic Women's League (Thanksgiving)
	5.30pm Lizarth D'Souza (RIP)
Monday 20 th September	8.00am Jan & Regina Winiarski (RIP) <i>Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim</i>
	5.45pm Maggie Harrison (RIP) <i>Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Co</i>
Tuesday 21 st September	8.00am Sr Anne Prendergast (Intention) <i>Feast of St Matthew</i>
	5.45pm William Reilly (RIP)
Wednesday 22 nd September	8.00am Jose Fernandes & Guilhermina Rodrigues (RIP) <i>Weekday</i>
	5.45pm Holy Souls <i>in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 23 rd September	8.00am Luizinha Almeida (Thanksgiving) <i>Memorial of St Pius</i>
	5.45pm Private Intention <i>of Pietrelcina</i>
Friday 24 th September	8.00am Joywin Gonsalves (Thanksgiving) <i>Memorial of</i>
	5.45pm Derek Iles (RIP) <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Saturday 25 th September	8.00am Cayden Dias (Thanksgiving) <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm Paul Dzieszuk & Margaret Thomas (RIP)

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next Week's Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 18; Jas 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

NOTICES

12/09/21 Main Collection £3464

Green Envelopes £73

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.

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>

DARE TO DREAM: Please follow the link to listen to short inspiring reflections given by our diocesan priests.

<https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

SHARING THE JOURNEY: There is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. To register your interest and for further details please see the notice board or contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

TIME TO START SCHOOL? If you have a child born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Swindon Borough Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2022**.

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REFLECTION

Today's Gospel challenges us to be child-like servants of God. Simplicity of heart marks a loving child, and is also a "little virtue" that St. Francis de Sales emphasizes:

Like an infant whose one desire is to be fed by its mother, our heart is simple when we have only one desire and that is to love God. We allow our Lord to carry us as we walk according to the desires of God and not our own preferences. A simple person spends time with the Lord. They are like the little child who desires only to rest in his mother's arms because here is where he is nourished and cared for.

Simplicity requires that our interior self match our exterior self. Yet, we do not lack simplicity when we put on a smiling face while we feel upset. It is true you are agitated within when you are facing some difficulty. This is natural for our misery tends to follow an extreme course. Although we admit the feeling, we do not have to consent to it. Thus, when we are troubled by something and smile, it means we accept our difficulty in a good, wholesome, simple way that helps us to flourish as a child of God.

Walk simply and you will walk confidently. If you are with someone who is moody, do not be concerned about what to do. Simply be your cheerful self. Just now she is sad, but at some other time you will be like her. Help her and yourself to enjoy the time you have together. And at another time she will help you do the same. In this way you are a child-like servant of God to others. We come closer to God's love the more we detach ourselves from things that hinder us from loving God and others. Simplicity places every event in God's hands. Happy are they who no longer journey with their own feet, that is, according to their own thoughts, desires, preferences and inclinations, but according to those of their God! For in their simplicity of heart they will find God's love and peace.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)