



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 5th June 2022 - Year C Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

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

Saturday 4 th June (Vigil)	6.15pm	Bronislaw Suchecki (RIP)	
Sunday 5 th June	8.00am	Holy Souls	
	9.30am	Souls of 137 Groundwell Road	
	11.00am	Queen Elizabeth II	
	5.30pm	John & Julia Flaherty (RIP)(Ann)	
Monday 6 th June	8.00am	Joel Dias (Birthday)	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	5.45pm	John & Julia Flaherty (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Mother of the Church</i>
Tuesday 7 th June	8.00am	Souls of Barreto Family	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Filomena I A Rodrigues (Good Health)	
Wednesday 8 th June	8.00am	Jose Vas (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Juliana Vales (Thanksgiving)	
Thursday 9 th June	8.00am	Agnelo P & Augusta Menezes (RIP)	<i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus</i>
	5.45pm	John & Juliana (Thanksgiving)	<i>Christ, The Eternal High Priest</i>
Friday 10 th June	8.00am	Anna & Francisco Pereira (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Benefactors of the Parish	
Saturday 11 th June	8.00am	Mauro Demelo (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Barnabas</i>
	6.15pm	Paddy Reape (RIP)	

This Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

NOTICES

Last Week's Collection: Main Collection £2564 Green Envelopes £97.00. Thank you!

Office Closed until Monday 20th June.

Returning to Mass on Pentecost Sunday: Bishops of England and Wales have decided that with effect from Pentecost Sunday the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation returns. This means that watching Mass online no longer meets your obligation unless of course you are clinically vulnerable. Please follow the link or scroll down for the full message from the Bishops of England and Wales.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate: Eric Holliday will be Ordained as a Deacon at Clifton Cathedral at 11:00 on Saturday 24th September. All are welcome. A coach will be available from Holy Rood - details to follow. Register your interest by emailing swindon.holyrood@cliftondio-cese.com or by leaving a message with the office on 522062. Please keep him in your prayers

Book Stall: in the parish room this weekend, selling My Day by Day for June & July & a selection of bibles, prayer books for adults & children, also greetings cards, candles, rosaries etc.

Commissioning of Readers: Please remember to sign in with Julia in the parish room, before the Mass at which you are commissioned/recommissioned.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – due to school holidays the next session of CLOW at 9.30am Mass will be Sunday 12th June. Please remember that if your child is not pre-registered, you must accompany them to the session. Thank you!

Synod for a Synodal Church: Our dreams and aspirations for our parish and the Church will only become a reality if you, members of the Body of Christ, come forward and join in the Mission! Please let us know what you can help with by filling out a 'Volunteer expression of interest' form and returning it through the presbytery door or handing it over to Canon John or Fr. Thomas, before the end of June. Alternatively, you can email: swindon.holyrood@cliftondio-cese.com. Copies of the parish synod summary report are still available in the church.

On Fire! Conference: A two-day conference for Catholic adults to regenerate the spirit of evangelisation in the UK. Takes place at Durham University over the weekend of 9-11 September 2022. A great line-up of speakers, workshops and meals included in the conference fee; and reasonably priced accommodation also available at the university colleges. Bookings for rooms will close at the end of this month, so hurry and book your place today! For more details and to book, please visit <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk/event/on-fire-conference> Transport will be organised from Clifton. Please contact Neil neilpeixoto@hotmail.co.uk or Rina rina@young-catholicadultnetwork.uk to register interest.

The paradox of abundance Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tons of food and we only need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

FUNERALS

We continue to remember all those who are unwell and those who have died, in our prayers.

Upcoming Funerals at Holy Rood:

Michael Warner (RIP) 15/06/22 at 12noon

Umberto Nicola Masi (RIP) 17/06/22 at 11.00am

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

Spring Plenary 2022 Resolution

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference

Friday 6 May 2022



Reflection

God's great love and care again manifests itself on this Feast of Pentecost. The dwelling of Holy Spirit in us is central to the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Love is the life of the heart. The Holy Spirit who has been given to us pours divine love into our hearts. The Spirit is like a fountain of living water that flows into every part of our hearts so as to spread its grace. Grace has the power to entice our hearts. Through the Holy Spirit, God awakens and enlivens our hearts to their own good. We often need to be stirred up and led by the hand to put our strength and skills to proper use.

If we wish to become aware of the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us, we must wean ourselves from our wilfulness and adjust our will to that of God's will. We must be like clay in the hands of the potter, so that God may shape us and lead us to true spiritual health. While we cannot prevent God from inspiring our hearts, we do have the power to reject God's desire to love us. Also, the Spirit has no wish to work in us without our consent. Yet, even if we give just a little of our consent to God's inspirations, what happiness results!

The sole fruit of the Holy Spirit, divine love, gives us inward joy and consolation together with great peace of heart, which is preserved in adversity by patience. Holy love makes us kind and gracious in helping our neighbours with a heart-felt goodness toward them. Such goodness from the Holy Spirit is constant and persevering and gives us an enduring courage that renders us mild, pleasant and considerate of all others. We put up with their moods and imperfections. We live a life of simplicity that testifies to our words and actions. Divine love is the virtue of all virtues. Let us cherish and nurture the indwelling of the Spirit so that God's love may reign in us.

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