



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Year C

### Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (Vigil)	6.15pm	Thanksgiving	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Denesa Silvera (RIP)	
	9.30am	Manuel Menezes (RIP)	
	11.00am	Caetano Fernandes (RIP)(2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Souls of 39 Elmina Road	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	12noon	Beda Priests	
	5.45pm	Jeffron Veigas (Thanksgiving)	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	8.00am	Matias Afonso (RIP)(1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)	<i>Memorial of St Aloysius</i>
	5.45pm	Severina Sequeira (RIP)(2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	8.00am	Irene Barreto (Thanksgiving)	<i>Feast of St John Fisher &amp; St Thomas More</i>
	5.45pm	Brenda Dias & Family (Health & Peace)	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	8.00am	Thomas Reilly (RIP)	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
	5.45pm	Caetano Lopes (50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Melanie Fernandes (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	<i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
	5.45pm	Julio Monteiro (Thanksgiving)	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Venancio & Concecao Mendes (RIP)	<i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	6.15pm	Thanksgiving	

**This Week's Readings: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 109; 1Cor 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord; Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Next Week's Readings: 1Kgs 19:16,19-21; Ps 15; Gal 5:1,13-18; Luke 9:51-62**

## NOTICES

**Office Closed** until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**Second Collection** this weekend is for Day for Life. Next week is for Peter's Pence.

**Confirmation 2022 Reconciliation Services** – all candidates are expected to attend their group's reconciliation service to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before the Confirmation Masses. Group 1 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7pm, Group 2 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm.

**Missio Red Boxes:** The treasurer will be available at Masses over the week-end of July 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, he will be pleased to empty your boxes and / or take contactless payments - if you need your red box collected please email him on [eric.holliday@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:eric.holliday@cliftondiocese.com) In 2021, Holy Rood red box collections and direct giving to Missio came to £3677.07. This helps support the work of people like Sr Mary of the sisters of St Joseph, Director of Pirimiti Hospital in Malawi and many other projects - it makes a difference - thank you all. You can find out more about Missio, Pope Francis's charity for world mission, at <https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/>

**Job Opportunity at Holy Rood** – Youth Worker Role part-time, 25 hours a week, £11-£12 per hour depending on experience. Purpose of role: to develop Youth Ministry provision in Holy Rood parish. To communicate the Gospel message to young people within the church and local catholic schools, and to extensively increase opportunities for young people to be involved in the Catholic Church and to grow in the Catholic faith. If you have Youth work experience and a relevant qualification, or are currently working towards one, and are interested in working with our children and young people, spreading the good news of the gospel, then we would like to hear from you. Further details and an application form are available from the Office, or download them from our website. [Youth Ministry | Holy Rood Church, Swindon \(holyroodswindon.co.uk\)](http://holyroodswindon.co.uk)  
Closing date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**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](mailto:neilpeixoto@hotmail.co.uk) or Rina [rina@young-catholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

## Reflection

In the gospels there are plenty of times when Jesus is with people eating and drinking and today's gospel is no exception. As always, Jesus is concerned with people and their real needs. They are hungry, so He feeds them. He is gracious in His abundant giving. But He feeds them not only with food; He also feeds them at a much deeper level. He teaches them, He welcomes them and He heals them. He treats us the same way; when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus welcomes us, He speaks to us and through his Body and Blood, we are nourished and we are healed.

The Eucharist is God's greatest gifts to us. But it is not our right and we cannot demand it. Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says, *'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'* That's all of us and each of us!

Today, we are not only celebrating receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to remember that we *are* the Body of Christ, the Church. As St. Paul reminds us, *'Now Christ's body is yourselves, and each of you with a part to play in the whole.'* (1 Cor. 12.27). Today reminds and challenges to realise that we are the living Church, the Body of Christ, whose head is Jesus himself. Through our communion with Jesus and each other we are called to *be living stones making a spiritual house*. St. Augustine, the great church writer said, *'become what you receive.'* If we celebrate the Eucharist with each other and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, then we are called to *be* the Body of Christ, the Church today. And we are asked to be a missionary church. At the end of every celebration of the Eucharist we are sent out with this great prayer of mission, *let us go now to love and serve the Lord*. If we share in the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, then we are also asked to share this with others when we leave the church. Today on this wonderful feast, may each of us be fed, nourished and healed through the Body and Blood of Christ.

Michael Moore OMI

