



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 10th July 2022 - Year C

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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| Saturday 9 th July (Vigil) | 6.15pm | Maximo & Delfine Chanda (RIP) | |
| Sunday 10 th July | 8.00am | Lucio Noronha (Ann)(RIP) | |
| | 9.30am | Elijah Emmanuel Barbosa (Thanksgiving) | |
| | 11.00am | Jayne Scerri (Intention) | |
| | 5.30pm | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 11 th July | 8.00am | Avito, Maria & Sebastiao (RIP) | <i>Feast of St Benedict</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Holy Souls | |
| Tuesday 12 th July | 8.00am | Angelo Bozzuto (RIP) | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Maria Benedicta Mendonca (RIP) | |
| Wednesday 13 th July | 8.00am | Holy Souls | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Souls of Groundwell Road | |
| Thursday 14 th July | 8.00am | Sydon Lopes (Thanksgiving) | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Mallika Pinto (Thanksgiving) | |
| Friday 15 th July | 8.00am | Elroy Agnelo Monteiro(1 st Ann)(RIP) | <i>Memorial of St Bonaventure</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Luis Fernandes (Birthday) | |
| Saturday 16 th July | 8.00am | Holy Souls | <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> |
| | 6.15pm | Romaldo Pires (RIP) | |

This Week's Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 68; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow Me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise

Next Week's Readings: Gen 18:1-10; Ps 14; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

NOTICES

Main Collection 03/07/22 £2310, Green Envelopes £151.

Second Collection for Peters Pence raised £655.

Second Collection this weekend is for the Apostleship of the Sea, 'Sea Sunday'

Thank you for your generosity.

Poor Servants of the Mother of God: Following our Mass of Thanksgiving on July 19th we wish to extend an open invitation to all the parishioners to join us for refreshments in the convent/garden between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. To assist us in the preparation of the food could you please sign the slip and place it in the basket provided by July 12th

Lectio Divina: Group reflection on the gospel of each Sunday. Previously we met in the parish room on Friday mornings. Since March 2020, we have met by ZOOM. If you are interested in taking part in a 'in person' meeting, please contact Julia Arkell or leave contact details at the parish office.

Confirmation Rehearsal – all candidates and their sponsors should attend the confirmation rehearsal on Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm. It is very important to attend since it will greatly assist in the smooth running of the Masses if all candidates know what to expect and what they need to do. Thank you.

Confirmation 2022 – it is almost time for our 137 confirmation candidates to be confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers, that each one will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives at this special time.

Confirmation 2022/2023 – registration is open! To register your interest for the next confirmation programme for confirmation in summer 2023, please follow the online registration link on the front page of the church website.

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: 15th July 2022

5th Annual Swindon Youth Convention: This will be held at Saint Peter's Church on Saturday 23rd July, the theme of the day is "Cast into the Deep". This is open to all young people. The day will consist of inspirational speakers sharing their testimonies, gospel mime, worship music, adoration, confession, holy Mass and much more. Timings 10.30am to 4.30pm.

St Joseph's Catholic College Summer School: We are delighted to announce that the St. Joseph's Summer School will be open from Monday 25th - Friday 29th July, between 9am - 3pm. This free event provides our new students joining the College in September, and our current year 7 students, a chance to get to know their classmates in a fun and relaxed environment. Spaces are limited so advanced booking is required. We look forward to seeing everyone there! To book your place please scan the app on the poster in the church porch.

FUNERALS

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

Upcoming Funerals at Holy Rood: Carlo Carpinelli (RIP) 25/07/22, 12 noon.

Reflection

Today we are reminded that Jesus is the manifestation of God who desires our love so much that we are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. St. Francis de Sales notes:

God has planted in the human heart a special natural inclination to love good in general. Likewise, implanted in us is a desire to love God's goodness that is better and more lovable than all things. So ardent is God's desire for our love that we are commanded to love God with all our strength. Thus, we have no pretext to turn away from loving God's infinite goodness that enlivens all souls. When commandments are ordained by love, they give goodness to those who lack it and increase goodness in those who have it. God's law of love takes away our weariness, as it refreshes and restores our hearts. There is no toil in doing what we love, or if there is any, it is beloved toil.

Eagles have strong hearts and great power of flight, yet they have greater powers of sight than of flight. Hence, they extend their vision much more quickly and much farther than their wings. Likewise, our reason knows that God's goodness is lovable above all things. However, our minds have far more light to see how worthy of love God is than strength of will to love God's goodness. Consequently, our natural desire to grow in divine love becomes constricted when our selfish desires and feelings stir us up.

Thus, our human heart produces certain beginnings of love for God's goodness in the most natural way. Yet, to advance as far as loving God above all things belongs only to hearts animated and assisted by divine grace. Still, if we faithfully co-operate with our natural inclination to love God above all things, the gentleness of God's divine mercy always gives us an abundance of help so as to become divinely loving.

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

