



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 17th July 2022 - Year C

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 16 th July (Vigil)	6.15pm	Romaldo Pires (RIP)	
Sunday 17 th July	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	Luis N A Fernandes (RIP)(1st Ann)	
	11.00am	Stanislaw Nowicki (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Riana Rodrigues (1 st Birthday)	
Monday 18 th July	8.00am	Beryl Vailankanni Mascarenhas (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Allan Monteiro (Thanksgiving)	
Tuesday 19 th July	8.00am	Michael & Luiza Pinto (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	12noon	Poor Servants of the Mother of God (Thanksgiving)	
	5.45pm	Mary Cox (RIP)	
Wednesday 20 th July	8.00am	Mario Frijia (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Vincent Xavier Rodrigues (RIP)	
Thursday 21 st July	8.00am	Aryan D'Souza (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Caera (Thanksgiving)	
Friday 22 nd July	8.00am	Maryla Smolicz (Good Health)	<i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>
	5.45pm	Jordan Bernardo D'Mello (RIP)	
Saturday 23 rd July	8.00am	Mieczyslaw (Richard) Turewicz (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Bridget</i>
	6.15pm	Lourenco Rodrigues (RIP)(6th Ann)	

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Next Week's Readings: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 137; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

NOTICES

Main Collection 10/07/22 £2826, Green Envelopes £99.

Second Collection next weekend is for the Bishops Charitable Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

Lectio Divina: Friday mornings 10-10.45 am in the parish room.

Book Stall: After all Sunday masses this weekend, in the parish room.

Harbour Project supporting refugees in Swindon. We will be holding our monthly collection of coffee, sugar and biscuits on the fourth weekend of July. (23rd/24th July). This enables the volunteers to offer hospitality to those who need help with learning English and with all kinds of paperwork.

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 parish registration link on the front page of the church website then select confirmation application 2022/2023.

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.

7-9th October 2022 Young Catholic Adults (YCA) Weekend

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics"

During the weekend of the 7th-9th October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). The talks are – Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr. Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun).

Clifton Diocesan Trustees: The Diocese is currently looking for individuals to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board in specific areas as a result of current vacancies. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of either corporate law, property law, or a HR environment. In order to support the full activities of the Board, experience in charity or corporate governance would also be beneficial. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other on at least one sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 5th August.

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.

Maria Phelps (RIP) 28/07/22, 10.30am

Reflection

Today's readings exhort us to listen to the Word of God. St. Francis de Sales has much to say about actively listening to the Word of God. Here are a few of his thoughts:

Martha was anxious and upset about many things while Mary had no care but to listen to Jesus' words. Our Lord reproved Martha because she was anxious, not because of her care for His needs. She had mixed motives. On the one hand, she desired to serve Our Lord. On the other hand, in busying herself with many tasks, she was anxious to appear as the perfect hostess. Since Jesus wanted Martha to listen to Him as Mary did, one dish well prepared would have sufficed to meet His needs.

Our Lord makes it very clear that we must not only hear His words but also listen to them with the intention of making them profitable to ourselves. To profit from the word of God, we must let ourselves be moved by it in the depths of our heart. It is by listening to God's word with the heart that we receive good inspirations. The heart comes alive and ever gains new strength and vigor.

However, it is difficult to listen to the Word of God with our hearts when our hearts are filled with anxiety. God is full of care for His creatures, but with peace and tranquility. Yet, our care tends to be anxious. Birds stay caught in nets because they flutter wildly. So it is when we desire to escape an anxiety. Resolve to do nothing that your desire insists on until your mind has regained peace. Gently put yourself in God's hands. Try calmly to moderate your desire according to reason. Our life consists in the today, this present moment in which we are living. Use with care all that is given you. Be free of all other care and leave the rest to Our Lord, who takes tender care of us and will surely provide sufficiently for your needs when you listen to His words and inspirations.

(Adapted from L. Fiorelli, ed. Sermons of St. Francis de Sales)

