



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - Year C Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August (Vigil)	6.15pm	Paddy Reape (RIP)	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Peggy McCarthy (RIP)	
	9.30am	Jan & Danuta Johanievicz (RIP)	
	11.00am	Ann Swinmurn (RIP)	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Jose, Brigida & Abbit (RIP)	<i>Memorial of</i>
	5.45pm	Florinda Fernandes (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedd Ann)	<i>St Dominic</i>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	S.Gomes (Thanksgiving)	<i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta</i>
	5.45pm	Munguel D'Costa & Andrea Rodrigues (RIP)	<i>of the Cross</i>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Berna Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Feast of</i>
	5.45pm	Andrea Rodrigues Family (Good Health & Peace)	<i>St Lawrence</i>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Mella Montauro Jackson (Thanksgiving)	<i>Memorial of</i>
	5.45pm	Sebastiao Rodrigues & Associana Crasto (RIP)	<i>St Clare</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)	<i>Weekday in</i>
	5.45pm	Mella Montauro Jackson (50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am	Deceased Lobo & Alphonso Families	<i>Weekday in</i>
	6.15pm	Prazia Sequeira (Thanksgiving)	<i>Ordinary Time</i>

**This Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 32; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as His own.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**Next Week's Readings: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10; Ps 44; 1Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56**

## NOTICES

**Main Collection** 31/07/22 £2588, Green Envelopes £98

**Second Collection** this weekend is for LEpra please follow the link for more information regarding this appeal [Lepra's Faith Appeal Presentation - YouTube](#) Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Next Book Stall:** Weekend 20th/21st August.

**Projector Operator:** Requesting for a volunteer to operate the projector for the 6:15 pm Mass on Saturdays. If you are interested, kindly contact Edvino Vas on 07404608198.

**Parish Office** will be closed from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please make requests for appointments or paperwork which may be needed during this time before the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**First Holy Communion 2023** – Registration is open for the next First Holy Communion Programme. Please visit the homepage of the website and follow the link to register. Payment needs to be made via PayPal from 1<sup>st</sup> September when the link will be uploaded to the website. Please do not make any payments until 1<sup>st</sup> September onwards. Thank you.

**Confirmation 2022/2023** – Registration is open for the next confirmation programme at Holy Rood. Registration is accessed through the Parish Registration link on the front page of the church website. Please do not register the same child more than once, and please note the age requirements for registration: candidates need to be in School Year 10 or above as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. If you register a child younger than this, they will not be accepted on to this next programme. Thank you.

**Konkani Mass** on 14th August 2022 at 3:00pm.

**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://youthministry@holyroodswindon.co.uk)  
Closing date for applications: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Forge Weekend – 26-29 August 2022.** A non-residential weekend retreat for ages 13-18 years, ecumenical and open to all young people from any denomination. Based in Gorse Hill Baptist Church, cost £50. There is also the possibility of attending via sponsorship – please see leaflets in the foyer, or contact [hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com) for more information. If you would like to sponsor a place for a young person to attend this retreat, please also get in touch.

**In September** and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage through England, Scotland and Wales. The relics of St. Bernadette will be visiting Clifton Cathedral on: Saturday 10th September 2022 from 2 pm to 9 pm and Sunday 11th September from 8 am to 11 am, all are welcome. This will be a unique opportunity to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. Further details will be available soon on our website:  
<https://cliftondiocese.com/bernadette>

## FUNERALS

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

## Reflection

Today's readings call us to be faithful servants of Our Lord. This is a theme that weaves constantly throughout the writings of St. Francis de Sales.

Scripture tells us to hold fast to what we have. Yet, we are like coral, which in the sea is easily bent. Since we are still in the sea of this world, we are liable to be bent on every side—on one side by divine love, on the other side by empty but seeming goods.

Apparent goods, like little foxes, destroy our vineyard. On the other hand, divine love urges us to make our hearts fertile with good works. Thus, we must put our mind to the practice of holy love so those apparent goods will not influence us. God does not want to keep us from being attacked by false goods. Rather, God wills that we practice more fully sacred love through the resistance of these false goods. God desires that by combat we may gain victory and that by victory we may obtain triumph.

There are always some false goods such as wealth and honour that arouse avarice in our eyes. If we keep our faith attentive to God's Word, it can distinguish between true goods that we must seek and false goods that we must reject. Our vigilant faith will raise alarm at any false good, however attractive it might appear. Divine love will immediately reject the false, for our faith can make us see true eternal things.

Let us all belong to God in the midst of so much busyness brought on by the diversity of worldly things. Where could we give better witness to our fidelity than in the midst of things going wrong? Difficulties give us an opportunity to practice virtue and trust in God who desires to help us if we but ask for assistance. How happy we shall be if we travel through life and leave the arms of Our Lord only to walk and do what we can in the practice of virtue and good works, always holding to the hand of Our Saviour!

*(Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales)*

