



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 1pm

Sunday 22nd October 2023 - Year A

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions on Saturday 28th October: 11.00am-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.00pm

Saturday 21 st October	6.15pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 22 nd October	8.00am	Andia Fernandes (Birthday)	
	9.30am	Cheryl & Godfrey Dias (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	Ida Petroccia	
	5.30pm	Bram & Margaret Webb (RIP)(Ann)	
Monday 23 rd October	8.00am	Antonio Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 24 th October	8.00am	Elissa Fatima Vas (Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday 25 th October	5.45pm	Annamma Lazar (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 26 th October	9.15am	Josefa Mendes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Friday 27 th October	8.00am	Jesus & Janice (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Cruz Po (RIP)	
	6.15pm	Praise & Worship in Konkani	
Saturday 28 th October	8.00am	Carlo Carpinelli (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Simon & St Jude</i>
	3.00pm	Konkanni Mass	
	6.15pm	Paul Potheary & Margaret Thomas (RIP)	

Sunday Readings: Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 95; 1Thes 1:1-5; Mark 22:15-21

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give the Lord glory and power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Week's Readings: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1Thes 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Notices

Collections: 15/10/23 Main Collection £3229 Green Envelopes £96 Bishops' Conference £645

Second Collection this weekend is for Missio, 'World Mission Sunday'

Confessions: Please be aware that the Saturday evening confession time will be changing from Saturday 4th November to 5.00pm – 5.30pm.

Mass Times: 01/11/23 Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation) – 8.00am, 12noon & 6.30pm.

02/11/23 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) - 8.00am, 12noon & 6.30pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please join Fr Lucas on Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm in the Church for a short meeting regarding this ministry.

Clocks Changing: Please remember that the clocks will go back one hour on the 29th October 2023.

Retreat at Holy Rood Church in Konkani/English led by Fr Joseph Edattu on the 24th October from 5pm – 9pm.

Peregrine Prayers: Wednesday 25th October at 12 noon in the Parish Room. Praying together for those with cancer and other serious illness.

Welcomers/Stewards Fr Lucas invites existing welcomers, and parishioners who would like to join this ministry, to help welcoming and managing the church during services, to a meeting in the Church on the 4th November at 10.00am.

Altar Servers Practice: 5th November at 3pm-4.15pm.

Blessing of the Graves: Stratton St Margaret Cemetery, 5th November at 12-1pm. Wroughton Cemetery 5th November at 12–12.30pm and Whitworth Road Cemetery 5th November at 2-3pm. Kingsdown Cemetery 12th November at 2-3pm.

There will also be blessing of the graves in Polish at **Kingsdown Cemetery** on Saturday 4th November at 3pm and **Whitworth Road Cemetery** on Sunday 5th November at 11.30am

Missio/Mill Hill Masses are taking place within our Diocese during October. There will be two Masses this year: one on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi, Weston-super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm. The Masses will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary Brassington, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses. During 2024 it is hoped that there will be celebrations in each of our new Pastoral Areas.

Red Boxes at Holy Rood the APF treasurer will be in the parish room at all Masses over the weekend of 18th /19th November. Please bring your red box with you and your offering will be counted and the box returned at the end of Mass. If you need your box collected from your home, please contact Deacon Eric anytime.

Perpetual Adoration: Do you feel called to serve the parish and enrich your own prayer life via this devotion? Signing up is now open again via this [link](#). Once you have signed up, please wait for one of the team to get in touch with you before you start attending. When signing up, if possible, please give priority to these slots where adorers are currently needed: Monday to Thursday 7-8am, Tuesday 9-10am & 11am-12 noon, Wednesday 4-5pm & 8-9pm, Thursdays 4-5pm, 6-7pm & 7-8pm, Fridays 9-10am and 8.30-9.30pm.

Tea and Chat in the parish room Monday 23rd October from 2- 3.30pm. Do drop in to meet other parishioners.

Book stall next weekend. 28th/29th October before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and before the Sunday evening Mass. Christmas cards, calendars, other items for Advent and Christmas will be available.

Harbour Collection: Next weekend, 28th/29th October. Please leave your donations in the box in the main porch. We collect biscuits, coffee and sugar to enable the Harbour to provide hospitality for refugees and asylum seekers who come to them for help and advice.

Holyween: We will be celebrating Holyween at St Peters Church, SN5 7ES on the 4th November from 1.45pm – 4.00pm. Join in the fun with Catechisis, Bible Quiz, Action Songs and come dressed as your favourite Saint (prizes to be won). All are welcome.

Youth Night Vigil 24th November, 8.00pm – 10.00pm.

Prayer Cards and badges PRAYING FOR PEACE will be available after the Sunday morning Masses. All donations to CAFOD and the Catholic Women's League Charity funds.

Time for Secondary School: If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013), then now is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024.

Saying Goodbye (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Malmesbury Abbey on the 11th November at 4pm with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service. Please follow the link www.sayinggoodbye.org or see the poster in the porch for more information.

Marys Meals: Children are bearing the brunt of the immense suffering caused by hunger. It is estimated that more than 35 million children are suffering from acute food insecurity in our world today. Please follow the link for more information and to donate [Stop Child Hunger | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Stop Child Hunger | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk))

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email GCNball@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117

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Reflections

Today's Gospel tells us to give to God what belongs to God and to give to the state what belongs to the state. St. Francis de Sales notes that in order to enjoy a just state we must obey those to whom God gives authority to govern. Yet he stresses more "what belongs to God" in light of "obedience of love" saying:

We have a natural desire to love God that tells us we belong to God. We are like deer marked with the initials of their owner who lets them free to roam in the forest. Yet, all know to whom the deer belong. We too are free, and our natural inclination to love God lets our friends and enemies know that we still belong to God, who desires us to be united through "obedience of love." This obedience of love consecrates our heart to God's love and service. Jesus is the model. Allowing God to shape and form us, we place all our desires in God's hands. Such obedience has no need to be roused up by threats or rewards, by commandment or law. It goes ahead of all such things when it gives itself to God. It begins to do with love all that leads to the union of our hearts with God. It undertakes this journey in simplicity.

Sometimes our Lord urges us to run with full speed in the tasks required of us. Then God makes us stop in mid-career when strongest in our course. While we must do everything to bring God's work to a successful end, we must peacefully embrace the outcome. It is our part to plant and water carefully, but the increase belongs only to God.

Nonetheless, as a tender mother leads her little children, and helps and holds them up as long as she sees a need for it, so also our Saviour carries us and holds our hand in unbearable hardships. Let us then enjoy a serenity of heart by embracing this obedience of love that unites us to God to whom we belong.

(Adapted from the works of St. Francis de Sales, esp. Treatise on the Love of God)

