



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 12th November 2023 - Year A Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions on Saturday 18th November: 11.00am-11.30am & 5.00pm-5.30pm

Saturday 11 th November	6.15pm	Kathleen Shea (RIP)(Ann)	
Sunday 12 th November	8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)	
	9.30am	Vanessa Janette Miranda (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	War Dead	
	3.00pm	Konkani Mass	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 13 th November	8.00am	Holy Souls	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 14 th November	8.00am	Associana Crasto & Sebastiao Rodrigues (RIP)	<i>Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs</i>
Wednesday 15 th November	5.45pm	Les Nowell (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 16 th November	9.15am	Bill & Peg Dunne (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Edmund</i>
	6.30pm	Fr Agnelo Novena Mass	
Friday 17 th November	8.00am	Mariol & Joe Martin (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Hugh</i>
	5.45pm	Sharon Cheeran (Thanksgiving)	
	6.15pm	Praise & Worship in Konkani	
Saturday 18 th November	8.00am	Savio & Flavia Fernandes (Intention)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	
	3.00pm	Konkani Mass	
	6.15pm	Clara Rodrigues (RIP)	

Sunday Readings: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Thes 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Week's Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 127; 1Thes 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Notices

Collections: 05/11/23 Main Collection £3615.35 Green Envelopes £99.50

Second Collection this weekend is for the Cathedral Appeal.

Blessing of the Graves: Kingsdown Cemetery Sunday 12th November at 2-3pm.

Retreat at Holy Rood Church in Konkani/English led by Fr Joseph Edattu on 14th November from 5pm-9pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr Lucas invites those who were not available to attend the last meeting, to a meeting in the church on Saturday the 18th November at 10.30am.

Missio 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.

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

Book Stall this weekend- before all Sunday Masses and after Mass on Saturday evening. My Day by Day for the next 2 months is now available. The sale of Christmas cards and various other products at the bookstall helps Mary's meals, the Christians in the Holy Land and other persecuted Christians as well as supporting our parish. Please remember cash payments only.

Formation, training & social event for committed adorers, Saturday 2nd December - morning & lunch: if you are currently a committed adorer or are considering joining (see leaflets in the porch to find out what's involved) you are warmly invited to join us for this event to learn more about the devotion of Adoration and to spend some social time with fellow adorers. More details to follow - but do save the date!

Confirmation catechists needed! Are you a confirmed Catholic +18 years old? Would you like to make a difference among the youth in our parish? We are currently looking for parishioners to support our catechetical sessions from January to May and occasional related events. Sessions are held on Thursday evenings, but our most urgent need is for catechists to support our sessions on Sunday afternoon. If you are willing to provide a listening heart to our youth, coordinate pre-designed games, and support our confirmation candidates during sacraments, we will provide all the resources for you to join our team. To register your interest, please contact hrym.swindon@Cliftondiocese.com or fill out the form for volunteers on the homepage of the parish's website.

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; Wednesday & 8-9pm; Thursdays 4-5pm, 6-7pm & 7-8pm; Fridays 9-10am. Please note that the coordinators are now aiming to recruit up to 4 people for each hour since this makes it easier to manage occasional absences and holidays.

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Swindon Borough Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2024.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

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://marysmeals.org.uk)

Upcoming Funerals at Holy Rood

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

Mario Trinci (RIP) 21/11/23 at 12noon

Patricia Barrett (RIP) 04/12/23 at 12noon

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Reflections

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that those who experience the kingdom of heaven are wise and prudent. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Good Christians who live in a worldly culture must be prudent to improve their situation. They have to give great care to the needs of their families. By acting otherwise, they would be failing in their responsibilities. Yet, good Christians also trust in God's wisdom more than in their own proficiency. They work faithfully, but let God take concern for their work. The things they do are insignificant when they consider only the dignity their work has in being willed by God's will, arranged by Providence, and planned according to His wisdom. God's wisdom is God's love for us.

Now the problem with our human spirit is that it never follows the middle course, but usually runs to extremes. We can be too concerned about our personal welfare or not concerned enough. In always trying to follow a straight path it is only natural that at times we tilt to one extreme or the other. We can recover our balance by choosing God's wisdom and prudence, for they unite us to God's love by rejecting what is harmful to us.

Let us not let our worldly desires get in the way of God's loving wisdom. To the extent that we reorder our lives through prayer and virtuous living, we find God's love empowering us to balance our actions so that they are effective in living wisely. We must be like little children who with one hand hold fast to their father while with the other they gather blackberries from the hedges. So too if you handle the goods of this world with one hand, you must always hold fast with the other to the hand of your heavenly Father, whose loving wisdom gives us an abundance of means to enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

