



## Holy Rood Catholic Church

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### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Year A Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Confessions on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: 11.00am-11.30am & 5.00pm-5.30pm**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	6.15pm	Aninha Fernandes (89 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Elroy Agnelo Monteiro (RIP)	
	9.30am	Anthonia Fernandes (RIP)	
	11.00am	Deceased Freeman Family	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Cunningham & Jenkins Families (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Frijia & Ferarro Families (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	5.45pm	Teofilo Da Costa (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Rosa Francis (RIP) <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Anna & Henryk Marciniak (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Leo</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
	6.15pm	Praise & Worship in Konkani	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Benefactors of the Parish	<i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours</i>
	3.00pm	Konkani Mass	
	6.15pm	Kathleen Shea (RIP)(Ann)	

**Sunday Readings: Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10; Ps 130; 1Thes 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Next Week's Readings: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Thes 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13**

#### Notices

**Collections: 29/10/23 Main Collection £3673.62 Green Envelopes £119.50**

**Second Collection** next weekend is for the Cathedral Appeal.

**Altar Servers Practice:** 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm-4.15pm.

**Evening of Confessions:** There will be an extra opportunity for Confession on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 6.15pm – 7.30pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear your Confession in English or Konkani.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

**Fundraising bake sale this weekend!** Our confirmation candidates are organising a charity sale this weekend. Please drop by the parish room after 9:30am Mass this Sunday and support their efforts to make a difference in our community.

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

**Praying for the Holy Souls in November:** From the 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, may gain a plenary indulgence (applicable only to the Holy Souls) once per day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Conditions for gaining a plenary indulgence:** 1. Go to Confession (in the week preceding or the week following 1<sup>st</sup> November) 2. Receive Holy Communion (any day from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November) 3. Pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father, and Hail Mary or any other prayer of one's choice). Please pick up a leaflet from the porch for more information.

**Catholic Women's League:** We will be meeting on Wednesday 8th November from 12.30pm in the Parish Room. You are welcome to join us.

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

**Missio Red Boxes** at Holy Rood the APF treasurer will be in the parish room at all Masses over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> 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** 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00pm – 10.00pm.

**Formation**, training & social event for committed adorers, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Harbour Collection:** Thank you for your donations to the Harbour Project last weekend.

**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.

Jenny Lynn Fasulo (RIP) 10/11/23 at 11.00am

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

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## Reflections

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we must be good and faithful servants who care for God's law and people. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Our Lord desires only that we be totally open to God's will for us. When we embrace God's will we consecrate our hearts to God's love. We desire to serve God faithfully in both great and small tasks. Flies bother us not because of their strength, but because of their numbers. So it is that many trifling tasks give us more trouble than important ones. While we must be attentive to the tasks God has committed to our care, we must not be worried about them. Worry hinders our ability to reason and clouds our good judgment. So, without hurry, try to calmly do your tasks in order one after the other. Order carefully what is at hand today with a calm mind. Tomorrow you will order something else.

Anxiety is a desire to escape a present evil or acquire a hoped for good. When we do not succeed in the way we want, we grow anxious and impatient. Nothing impedes our progress in holy love more than anxiety. That is why we must take great care to have our heart pliant and open to God's love. When we allow divine love to govern our tasks, we have no less love than when we pray. Our work and our rest joyously praise and serve God. Then our daily tasks gild as it were a work of holiness. For a single cup of water, our Saviour has promised a sea of perfect bliss to his faithful.

We are open to God's will when we perform with love our little daily acts of charity and accept all the little trials throughout the day. Such opportunities present themselves from moment to moment. To do little actions with great purity of intention to please God is to do them excellently. Then our daily tasks increase divine love, for we live Jesus who teaches us how to be good and faithful servants of God.

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

