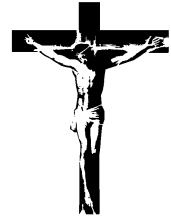


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Sunday 28th January 2024 - Year B – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sunday	January 27 th	6.15pm	Deceased Souls of 19 Wells House	
	January 28 th	8.00am	Mike Flaherty (RIP)	
		9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima & the Infant Jesus	
		11.00am	Carlo Carpinelli (RIP)	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	January 29 th	8.00am	Antonio.F.F.Vas (RIP) Ben Magsino (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday	January 30 th	8.00am	Romuald Pawlaczek (RIP) Thomas & Mariana (Thanks)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday	January 31 st	5.45pm	Worldwide Community of Salesians Assunta & Giovanni Gizzi (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>
Thursday	February 1 st	9.15am	Silvester Fernandes (RIP) Fr Joseph & Fr Anthony & All Priests (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Friday	February 2 nd	8.00am 5.45pm 6.15pm	Myron Goes (Birthday) Epifanio Sequeira (RIP) Charismatic Prayers (Konkani)	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>
Saturday	February 3 rd	8.00am 9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.15pm	Conversion of Family Members Feast of Our Lady of Candelaria Confessions until 11.30am Fatima First Saturday Devotion Confessions until 5.30pm Elbin Cheeran (Birthday)	<i>Memorial of St Blaise Konkani Mass</i>

Sunday Readings: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
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:	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Next Week's Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 146; 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Notices

May God bless you for your generous donations to the Church last week, **21/01/24**, which amounted to:

Main Collection **£2754.38** - Green Envelopes **£133**

Second Collection this weekend is for Racial Justice

Registering at the Parish: If you would like to register yourself and your family as parishioners belonging to Holy Rood Parish, please follow this link [REGISTER](#) and complete the registration form.

Tea and Chat: You are welcome to come to the parish room from 2-3.30 pm on Monday 29th January to meet other parishioners.

Peregrine Prayers: We intercede for those with cancer and other serious illness. Wednesday 31st January at 12 noon in the Parish Room.

Confirmation Meeting at Holy Rood Church on Sunday 4th February at 12.30pm. For parents of candidates who are enrolled on the 2024 Confirmation Program.

Parish Meeting on Wednesday 7th February at 6.30pm after the evening Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting. A call to share, listen and plan to parish pastoral life at Holy Rood. Also to know more about the Pillar Fathers, and the functioning of the Goan Chaplaincy at Holy Rood Church.

Readers Meeting and Session, for all who are involved in the ministry of Proclaiming the Word of God, to be held on 21st February at 6.15pm after the evening Mass. Would you like to Proclaim God's Word at Our Church? You are most welcome to attend this session.

Lenten Retreat All parishioners are welcome to attend our parish Lent Retreat which will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2024. More information will follow soon.

Marriages: If you are planning to get married in the UK, or overseas, and need the Parish Priest to prepare your paperwork, you need to book an appointment 6 months before the wedding to guarantee that your paperwork is completed in time.

Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 12.30pm. If you would like to have your baby/child baptised at Holy Rood Church, please contact the parish office to enrol yourself onto the Baptism Preparation Course.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Please collect your February Rota from the box in the main porch.

Harbour Project: Thank you to all those who made generous donations last weekend.

Lectio Divina: Every Friday reflection on the following Sunday's gospel in the parish room. Please note the new time. 9.15-10am

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20 February 27 February 5 March 12 March 19 March 26 March To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: Meeting Registration

Jubilee Webinar The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is hosting a webinar, Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton on 1 February 19:30-20:45. It will explore the background for jubilees, as well as providing information about how jubilees are celebrated in the Church. It will conclude with an examination of the 2025 Jubilee theme, Pilgrims of Hope, and how Clifton Diocese aims to journey together towards and through this great celebration. You can register at cliftondiocese.com/jubilee

At Mary's Meals, community is at the heart of everything we do. Our school feeding program is owned and run by the communities who benefit from it. Our work is only made possible by thousands of volunteers and supporters, across the world, who give their time and energy to ensure that hungry children are fed each day. Many of the communities in which we work are facing hardship and adversity. But by working together and with our support, these communities are responding with innovation, creativity and determination to build a better future for their children. Please follow the link to donate. [DONATE](#)

Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Norfolk - a major shrine to Our Lady, Holy Week & Easter 2024 Would you like to join us this year? Marguerite and Deacon Eric Holliday from Holy Rood, Swindon are involved in leading the local Oxford group this year. Click [here](#) for more information. And to register please go to the [website](#) and search 'Oxford Leg'. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think, we look forward to meeting you on Pilgrim Cross. You can also speak to Marguerite or Eric 07505 368 218.

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Reflection

St. Paul tells us in today's reading "to be free of anxiety." St. Francis de Sales gives us some advice on how to cope with anxiety:

There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and distressed about it when we have of necessity to be in it. We imagine we would feel better if we were on another ship. That may be, but only if we change ourselves! Solitude has its assaults, the world its busyness. In either place we must be courageous since in either place divine help is available to those who trust in God and who humbly and gently beg for God's caring assistance.

One of the sources of our anxieties is our self-centred love. Why are we surprised by our imperfections? We want nothing but consolation. When we experience our own misery and weaknesses, let us do three things and we will have peace. Let us have a pure intention of seeking in all things, the honour and glory of God. Let us do the little we can toward this end and leave to God the care of the rest.

These little attacks of anxiety and sadness that are brought on by the multiplicity of our responsibilities permit us to practice the dearest and best virtues that Jesus recommended to us: gentleness and trust in God. True virtue is not produced by outward idleness, any more than healthy fish are raised in the stagnant waters of swamps.

To protect ourselves from surprise attacks of anxiety, where we become resentful and ready to flare up if anyone crosses us, we must often arouse in our hearts patience and courage. But when we do totter and fall, we must not be ashamed of being a little grimy and dusty. It is better to be covered with dust than with sores. If we place ourselves in God's care and let the heavenly dew of God's love heal us, all will be well.

