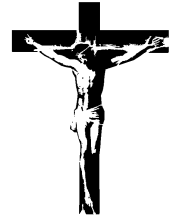


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Sunday 11th February 2024 - Year B – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sunday	February 10 th	6.15pm	Franco Dias & Vanesa Dsilva (Wedd Ann)	
	February 11 th	8.00am	Sancho John Lopes (Birthday)	
		9.30am	Carvalho Family (Thanksgiving)	
		11.00am	Lea Maorit (RIP)	
		3.00pm	Konkani Mass	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	February 12 th	8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP) Francisco & Fatima (Good Health)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday	February 13 th	8.00am	Savio & Flavia Fernandes (Thanks) Melwin & Savita (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday	February 14 th	8.00am 9.30am 12noon 7.00pm	Antonette Pires (RIP) Silvester Cardozo (Good Health) Holy Souls B.Nardini (RIP)	<i>Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>
Thursday	February 15 th	9.15am	Gianna Dias (Thanksgiving) Jesus Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Souls of 21 Wells Street	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>
Friday	February 16 th	8.00am 5.45pm 6.15pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Hugh Hope (RIP) Pedro Lopes (RIP) Charismatic Prayers (Konkani) Stations of the Cross Youth Night Vigil	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>
Saturday	February 17 th	8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.15pm	Caitan Gracias (RIP)(3rd Ann) Confessions until 11.30am Confessions until 5.30pm Roman Pawlaczek (RIP)	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>

Sunday Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 31; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not dissappointed in what they craved.

Next Sundays Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 24; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Notices

May God bless you for your generous donations to the Church last week, **04/02/24**, which amounted to:
Main Collection **£4103.47** - Green Envelopes **£104.50**

Parish Lenten Program

14th February - Ash Wednesday Masses at 8.00am, 9.30am, 12noon and 7.00pm.

16th February - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm, - Youth Night Vigil 8.00pm.

19th February - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

23rd February - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm.

26th February - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

1st March - Stations of the Cross 12noon & 7.00pm

2nd March - Parish Lenten Retreat 10am until 2.00pm

4th March - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

8th March - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

9th March - Lent Retreat led by Fr Joseph Edattu 1pm – 5pm (English/Konkani)

11th March - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

15th March - Stations of the Cross 8.40am (after morning Mass) & 7.00pm.

18th March - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

20th March - Last seven words of Jesus on the Cross - Reflections – 6.30pm.

21st March - Parish Penitential Service & Confessions 6.30pm.

22nd March - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm.

25th March - Praying & reflecting on the themes of the Sunday Gospels during lent, 2-3.30pm, Parish Room.

27th March - Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral. Coach will be arranged for all those who would like to attend.

Health & Safety Team: Please consider supporting our parish by becoming part of the Health & Safety team at Holy Rood. The care of parishioners and the Church is very important, with safety being a priority. Please speak to Fr Lucas if you are able to help.

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.

Welcomers Meeting: Saturday 17th February at 10.00am in the parish room.

'Come and See' Lenten Retreat: All parishioners are welcome to attend our parish Lenten Retreat which will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2024 from 10.00am – 2.00pm, refreshments will be provided.

Bookstall: In the Parish Room after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Lent books, My Day by Day for Lent and Easter and a small number of Bible Diaries will be available.

Tea and chat: This Monday, 12th February, 2pm – 3.30pm in the Parish Room. All welcome!

Catholic Women's League: This week we will be meeting in the Parish Room after the midday Mass on Ash Wednesday, at about 1pm.

Lent Group: You are invited to take part in a Group praying and reflecting together on the themes of the Sunday gospel each Monday in Lent from 2-3.30pm in the parish room. First meeting 19th February.

Perpetual Adoration: To extend Adoration to Monday evenings, we have a few vacant slots that need to be filled. We are looking for up to four adorers to commit to an hour or half-hour of Adoration every Monday. If you feel drawn to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and supporting the prayer life of the parish in this way, then please sign-up via the link volunteersignup.org/9JAGR or by emailing 'listening.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com'.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and CAFOD would like to invite you to join them as we all seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. Join this journey by signing up for CAFOD's daily Lent emails [Sign up now.](#)

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.

Upcoming Funerals at Holy Rood Church

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

Alan Goulding (RIP) 19/02/24 at 11.00am

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Reflection

Today St. Paul tells us to “do everything for the glory of God.” St. Francis de Sales elaborates on this intention:

How do we “do all things in the name of God” so as to live well?” First, we must purify all our intentions as far as we can. We must make a firm purpose to use the day well for the intention of giving glory to God and not us. Anticipate what tasks, transactions and occasions for serving God you may meet today. What temptations will you be exposed to, such as anger, self-centred love, or some other irregularities? Carefully prepare yourself to avoid, resist, and overcome whatever might hinder you from authentically living Jesus.

To do all things well, first make a holy resolution to grow in the love Jesus exemplified. To prepare yourself to put this resolution into practice, ask our Saviour to help you make the best use of the means available to you to grow in holy love, and serve Him. Admit that you alone cannot carry out your decision to avoid evil and do the good that God desires of you. Hold your heart in your hands and offer it with your good desires to Our Saviour. Ask Him to take your heart under His protection and strengthen it so to grow in His authentic love.

To do all for the glory of God, train yourself to pray. Receive the sacraments often. As you perform the important tasks of your vocation, never forget to practice humility, gentleness, patience, and simplicity, virtues that grow like flowers at the foot of the Cross.

As you care for your family with all the diligence required, bring these souls to love God by infusing good inspirations into their hearts. Great opportunities to serve God rarely present themselves but little ones are frequent. As you carry out your responsibilities so that they give glory to God, all your activities, even eating, drinking, sleeping, or recreation, will be done in the name of God, who leads you to authentic wholeness through Jesus Christ.

(Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis De Sales.)

