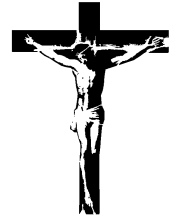


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Sunday 30th June 2024 - Year B – Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul

Saturday	June 29th	6.15pm	Andre Gonsalves + (1 st Ann)	
Sunday	June 30th	8.00am	Mercia Dias +	
		9.30am	Drima Demelo (Thanksgiving)	
		11.00am	Wesley Fernandes (Thanksgiving)	
		1.00pm	Confirmation Catechist's Meeting	
		3.00pm	Konkani Mass	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	July 1st	8.00am	Jose Francisco Lopes + (4 th Ann) Airina (50 th) Maria (80 th) (Birthdays)	<i>Anniversary of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral</i>
Tuesday	July 2nd	8.00am	Conversion of Sinners Souls of 99 York Road	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday	July 3rd	5.45pm	Joseph Fernandes +	<i>Feast of St Thomas</i>
		6.30pm	Jose Antonio Da Silva & Sabina Pereira + Prayer & Social Meeting for Flower Arrangers, Sacristans, Welcomers, Church & Candle Stand Cleaners.	
Thursday	July 4th	9.15am	Hannah Leary + Angel Shanaia Rodrigues +	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Friday	July 5th	8.00am	Hannah Leary +	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
		5.45pm	Michalina Wrobel +	
		6.15pm	Charismatic Prayers (Konkani)	
Saturday	July 6th	8.00am	Jacinta Mascarenhas +	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10.00am	First Holy Communions (C)	
		2.30pm	First Holy Communions (D)	
		4-5.30pm	Fatima First Saturday Devotion	
		6.15pm	Jose Nunes +	

Sunday Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Next Sundays Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 122; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

Notices

May God bless you for your generous donations to the Church last week, 23/06/24, which amounted to:

Main Collection: **£4169.49** - Green Envelopes: **£101.00**

Second Collection this weekend is for the Holy See (Peters Pence)

<p>First Holy Communion: Please remember all the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on the 29th June and the 6th July in your prayers.</p>
<p>Adoration and Social Meeting for all Flower Arrangers, Sacristans, Welcomers, Candle Stand and Church Cleaners on the 3rd July at 6.30pm.</p>
<p>Adoration and Social Meeting for all Catechists: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, & Childrens Liturgy on the 17th July at 6.30pm.</p>
<p>Adoration and Social Meeting for all Prayer Groups, Legion of Mary, Konkani Charismatic Group & African Charismatic Group on the 4th September at 6.30pm.</p>
<p>Glastonbury Pilgrimage: The annual pilgrimage to Glastonbury is taking place on Sunday 14th July. If you would like to book a seat on the coach please contact the parish office. There is a £10 donation per seat which needs to be paid when booking. The coach will depart Holy Rood Church at 9.00am, departing from Glastonbury at 5.00pm.</p>
<p>Youth Convention: 7th Annual Youth Convention in Swindon at St Peters Catholic Church, 20th July from 10.30am – 4.30pm A must go event for all 13yrs + Tickets/Passes available from the parish office.</p>
<p>Confirmation 2025: For those who would like to be Confirmed in 2025, there will be an Information Session on the 23rd July 2024 at 6.30pm, for candidates and their parents.</p>
<p>First Holy Communion 2025 There will be an Information Session on the 24rd July 2024 at 6.30pm, for parents who would like their children to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025.</p>
<p>New Church Lectionary: We will be ordering two editions of the New Lectionary for the Church, the Ambo Edition £695 and the Chapel Edition £395. Would you like to make a donation towards the New Lectionary and be remembered on the Donor Bookplates? If so please speak to Fr Lucas or Fr Mark.</p>
<p>Becoming a Catechist: Is God calling you to share your faith, to encourage and support the youth and children of our community, who are being prepared for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr Lucas or Fr Mark. Full training and support will be given.</p>
<p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please collect your letter and the July Rota this weekend.</p>
<p>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. The next course is on Wednesday 17th July at 6.30pm – 7.45pm.</p>
<p>Parking: Swindon Borough Council have kindly given us permission to use the Civil Campus car park from 4pm on Saturdays until 7.00pm on Sundays, for those who are attending Mass or an event at Holy Rood Church. The parking area allocated to us is at the far end of the car park, please do not park in front of the registry offices. There is a map in the church porches which shows the location of the parking spaces. If you are parking on the streets by the church, please park considerately and do not park illegally.</p>
<p>Home Pilgrim Virgin Visitations: The home Pilgrim Virgin statue, donated to Holy Rood by the World Apostolate of Fatima, is available for visiting homes within the parish. For more information, or to book a visitation for your home, please contact the custodians on 07459858118 or email pilgrimvirginhomevisitation@gmail.com</p>
<p>Lectio Divina: Group prayer based on the next Sunday Gospel. 9.15 - 10.00am every Friday in the Parish Room.</p>
<p>Perpetual Adoration: Current vacancies / volunteer opportunities for Adoration are now open. Particular spaces which need filling are Monday 9-10am and 7-8pm; Tuesdays 10-11am, 11-12am; and Fridays 10-11am. Half hour slots are available. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser) to go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/9JAHR To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Alternatively, Holy Rood Adoration Coordinators Team can be contacted at listening.holyrood@Cliftondiocese.com</p>
<p>A General Election has been called for the 4th July 2024: To contact your candidates, and to check on their voting intentions on pro-life issues, please go to: https://www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024</p>
<p>Goan Summer Festival (Goa Day): July 13th, 2024 at Stratton Juniors Football Club, Cricklade Road, Swindon, SN2 5AB. The festival will commence with a Eucharistic celebration (Konkani Mass) at 12 noon. There will be free bus transportation available from 10:30am, Manchester Road, near Tap and Barrel to Venue. (Up and Down full day services).</p>

Catholic Social Teaching and the Election: An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

Mass Intentions: Please do not submit Mass Intentions into the sacristy or to the Priest before Mass. If you would like to book a Mass you need to collect a Mass offering envelope from one of the church porches, fill it in, place your offering inside the envelope and post it through the office door. Make sure to add a contact number too.

Events within Clifton Diocese: If you would like to keep updated with events going on within Clifton Diocese, you are welcome to sign up to their social media accounts [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) For their latest newsletter please follow the link <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>

This year's Diocesan Day will take place on Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School are holding their Summer Fayre on Weds July 17th from 3:30pm - 5pm. If you would like to have a stall at the Fayre, the cost will be £35. We are also running a raffle and we would be so grateful if any local businesses could donate an item or voucher as a raffle prize. Again, if you are able to help with this, please contact the school office at admin@holycross.swindon.sch.uk or call us on 01793 527679.

A new Christian film *Unsung Hero* (PG) will be at Swindon's Vue cinema on **Fri. 28th June** at 2.25pm, **Sat. 29th June** at 9.10am, **Sun. 30th June** at 12.55pm, **Mon. 1st July** at 1.25pm, **Tues. 2nd July** at 1.45pm, **Wed. 3rd July** at 12.20pm & **Thurs. 4th July** at 2.20pm myvue.com/cinema/swindon/whats-on Tickets are from just £4.99 each.

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History of Glastonbury Shrine

Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea built a wattle Church when he came to these shores and, whether it is true or not, it is a historical fact that there was a very early Christian settlement here.

When the Saxons reached Glastonbury in AD 658, the 'old Church' as it was known, was already standing, and dedicated to Our Lady. The so-called Charter of King Ina refers to the Wattle Church as the 'Ecclesia Vetusta Beatissimae Virginis', the old Church of the most Blessed Virgin - also known as the 'Lignea Basilica' (the wooden church), and described it as "the foremost Church in Britain, the fount and source of all religion". The earliest reference to its dedication - to "Blessed Mary and Blessed Patrick" - however, is in a royal land grant which dates back possibly to AD681 - not long after the recently converted Saxons reached Glastonbury.

On 25th May 1184, not long after the completion of the Abbey, both Abbey and Church were burned to the ground in the 'Great Fire'.

Very soon afterwards, on the same holy ground; a stone Church of the same dimensions was built and consecrated in AD 1186, it was dedicated to Our Lady, the ancient shrine was continued, the old statue was again set up for veneration. During the Middle Ages, Glastonbury was an outstanding centre of pilgrimage, the great annual pilgrimage being on the 8th of September, Our Lady's birthday. In 1539 Henry VIII dissolved the Abbey and the statue was lost. From this date the memory of the ancient Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury seemed to have gone for ever from England.

Nearly 400 years later, in 1926, a small Church was built and in 1939 the foundations of a new Church were laid. It would be dedicated to Our Lady, and would be a successor to the ancient Shrine of our Lady of Glastonbury. It stands just across the road from the old Abbey, on land which formerly formed part of the Abbot's park of Wirral.

