



Holy Rood Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday Of Advent (Psalter 4 & Proper of Season)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.15pm Saturday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am,

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11.00am-11.30am & 5.15pm-6.00pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 24th December	6.15pm(Sat)	Tom Flaherty (Ann)(RIP)	<i>Sunday Mass</i>
	8.00am	Maria Francisca Gracias (RIP)	<i>Sunday Mass</i>
	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Sunday Mass</i>
	11.00am	Frank Freeman (RIP)	<i>Sunday Mass</i>
	5.00pm	Noel Pereira (Birthday)	<i>First Mass of Christmas</i>
	7.00pm	Innocenzo & Filomena Cocca (RIP)	<i>Christmas Mass</i>
	10.30pm	People of the Parish	<i>Christmas Mass</i>
Mon 25th December	8.00am	Paulo & Rosaria Serrao (RIP)	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day, Holy Day of Obligation</i>
	9.30am	Giuseppi Fiocca (RIP)	
	11.00am	Valanky Gonsalves (Birthday)	
Tue 26th December	10.00am	Domnic Fatima D'Silva (Thanks)	<i>Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr</i>
Wed 27th December	5.45pm	Baby & Joseph Thomas Cheeran (20yr Wedd Ann)	<i>Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Thu 28th December	9.00am	Seby N Feleciana Fernandes (Thanks)	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs Requiem Mass</i>
	10.30am	Pasqualina Scisci (RIP)	
Fri 29th December	8.00am	Florina & Antonio Dias (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i>
	5.45pm	Thanksgiving	
Sat 30th December	8.00am	Pedro Lopes & Family	<i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>
	6.15pm	Joaquim De Souza (RIP)	

Christ is born for us!
Come, let us adore him, alleluia!



GENERAL NOTICES:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: The collection last weekend was loose **£2931.57**. Green envelopes **£264**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

CANON JOHN, FR DOMINIC & THE PARISH

TEAM: Wish you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS TIMES:

8.00 am - Mass

9.30 am - Mass

11.00 am - Konkani Mass

HOLY ROOD PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

2018: 16/5/18 – 23/5/18. Please see the notice board for more information or contact Anna in the office.

BOOK STALL: Next weekend on Sunday 31st December only.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Please collect your rotas from the box in the main porch.

READERS: All readers are now receiving a paper copy of their new rota. Please collect yours from the red box in the porch.

MY DAY BY DAY for January available now. Stop Julia and buy one!

GOAN PRAYER GROUP: After 5.45pm Friday evening Mass until 7.30pm. All welcome.

KONKANI MASS: 26/12 at 11:00am at Holy Rood Church, followed by Dine & Dance, 6:00pm at Punjabi Community Hall, Kembrey Park. Part of profit will go towards Mother Teresa Orphanage, Goa. All are cordially invited.

CATHOLIC MUSICAL CONCERT - 'ABLAZE' Saturday 06/01/18 in Birmingham. Tickets for the concert are £5 each and there will be a coach leaving from Swindon on the day. The cost of transport is £10 per person. Please contact Diana 07522179902 for more information.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE are currently consulting on the Admissions Policy for Year Groups 7-11 for 2019-20. The Consultation has started and will finish on 26/01/18. The Policy can be found on the College Website. If you have any feedback you would like to share with the College please contact our Admissions Officer, Michelle Ferris, by email at: mferris@stjosephscollege.net or by phone 01793 714200.

HOLY ROOD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Closing date for applications to Swindon Borough Council for Reception places in September 2018 is Monday 15th January 2018. We currently have spaces to offer at the school. Our open day is Tuesday 9th January 2018. All welcome. Please call 01793 523802 to make an appointment.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholic-news.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' and write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Meeting for parents of children on the January enrolment on 02/01/18 at 7pm in the Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: For information please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk email: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk tel: 08003893801 or 01159934255.

JUSTICE & PEACE

MARY'S MEALS: Match funding until 31st December. Address: MARY'S MEALS. Craig Lodge, DALMALLY, Argyll, PA33 1AR

SWINDON FOOD BANK: Collection of food next weekend. Breakfast cereals and tinned potatoes especially needed. Please do not bring pasta.

PRAYER AND FORMATION: ALL WELCOME!

PEREGRINE PRAYER: on Wednesday 27th December at 12 noon for those with cancer; terminal or severe chronic illness

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: This Thursday 28th December 2-3pm.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: at 5.20pm on Wednesday and after 8am Mass on Saturday

MONDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP will break over the holiday period and will resume again on Thursday 4th January.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: will break over the holiday period and will resume again on Monday 8th January.

LECTIO DIVINA: from 8.45-9.30 am on Friday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ALL THE SICK, AND ESPECIALLY: Ann Burnett, Marjory Ashwell, Martha Dixon, Mary Lynch, Michael Fisher, Merlyn Wise, Baby Franco Amoroso, Anthony Dearman, Pauline Huff, John Wheeler, Pat Short, Teresa Frame, Cyril Freeman, Rosina Anello, Regina Rodrigues, Filomena Fernandes, Churchill De Souza, Paul Dearman, Mandy Reagan, Isabella Horta, Clotty Raj, Edwin Lopes, Paddy Hatcher, Deana Hunt, Vida Freeman, Isabela DeSousa, Zarina Lopes, Norah O'Connor, Blanca Gracias, Francesco Vitale, Sylvia Kidd & Damian Norris.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Cyril Swan (RIP)