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Sunday 7th January 2018 - Year B Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Proper of the Solemnity)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.15pm Saturday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, & 5.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11.00am-11.30am & 5.15pm-6.00pm Wednesday: 6.15pm-6.45pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 7th January	6.15pm(Sat)	Thanksgiving	
	8.00am	Giovanni Maddalena (11yr Ann)(RIP)	
	9.30am	Brian & Frances Corrigan (Golden Wedd Ann)	
	11.00am	Cyril Freeman	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 8th January	8.00am	Idalina Cardoso (RIP)	<i>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tue 9th January	8.00am	Conceicao Gracias (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed 10th January	5.45pm	Mae Hartnett (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thu 11th January	9.00am	Antonio Rodrigues (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Fri 12th January	8.00am	Angelo Bozzuto (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	12.30pm	Francis Joseph Connors (RIP)	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
	5.45pm	Alesha Mae Marie (RIP)	
Sat 13th January	8.00am	Santan Cruz (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Joao Da Conceicao (RIP)	

Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3: 2-3,5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: 1Sm 3:3-10,19; Ps 39; 1Cor 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

REFLECTION BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

Men and women of every generation need on their pilgrim journey to be directed: what star can we therefore follow? After coming to rest "over the place where the child was", the purpose of the star that guided the Magi ended, but its spiritual light is always present in the Word of the Gospel, which is still able today to guide every person to Jesus. This same Word, which is none other than the reflection of Christ, true man and true God, is authoritatively echoed by the Church for every well-disposed heart. The church too, therefore, carries out the mission of the star for humanity. But something of the sort could be said of each Christian, called to illuminate the path of the brethren by word and example of life.

NOTICES:

COLLECTION: for week ending 24/12/17 was **£1680.09**. Green envelopes **£267.50**.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: was loose **£2847.12**. Green envelopes **£277.50**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

HOLY ROOD PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018: 16/5/18 – 23/5/18. Bookings and deposits need to be paid by the 31/1/18. Please see the notice board for more information or contact Anna in the parish office.

BOOK STALL: Next book stall 20th / 21st January
KONKANI MASS on the 14th of January 2018 at 3:00pm.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: Epiphany celebration this Wednesday 10th January from 1-2.30pm in the parish room. New members welcome!

APF-Missio: Would promoters and box-holders please note that the treasurer will be in the parish room after all Masses weekend dated 13th & 14th January to take your collections and empty any red boxes. Thank you.

Film Night (Monday 15th Jan) and Football (Saturday 27th Jan): these are the next events lined up by our youth ministry team for young people of the parish. See the notice board for details, or email us at our address above with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP at Holy Rood Parish meet every Thursday from 5pm-7pm in the Parish Room. Everyone is welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS: will not automatically be rebooked for 2018. Please visit the office during office hours to book all Masses.

LOST ANYTHING? Take a look at the table in the parish room this weekend. Anything left after the weekend will be taken to Charity shops.

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.

THE LITTLE WAY DISCALCED (TERESIAN) CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER COMMUNITY

Our next two monthly meetings will be held at Holy Rood on Saturdays 13th January and 10th February. We invite you to join us for Evening Prayer at 2.45pm followed by adoration at about 3pm and concluding with Benediction and the Salve Regina at about 3.30pm.

HOLY ROOD PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT POST:

We are delighted to be seeking to appoint to this new post which will support and develop our youth ministry. The part time role (15-20 hours per week, £10 - £12/hour) will be for a 1 year fixed term to start with. A full job description and application form can be downloaded from our website <http://holyroodswindon.co.uk/parish-groups/youth-ministry-holy-rood/> or obtained from the office. Closing date for applications Thursday 26th January 2018.

JUSTICE & PEACE

SWINDON FOOD BANK: Thank you to those who remembered the collection last weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

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

PRAYER AND FORMATION: ALL WELCOME!

HOLY HOUR: This Tuesday 12 noon to 1pm. Silent adoration together ending with Benediction.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP: a short time of prayer, gospel reflection and rosary on Mondays at 9am in the parish room.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Thursday mornings at St Mary's Convent, 34, Groundwell Road after 9.00am Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA: Friday 8.45-9.30 in the parish room. A chance to reflect on next Sunday's gospel.

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: Jim Lee (RIP)