



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 - Year B The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (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

<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	6.15pm(Sat)	Joaquim De Souza (RIP)	
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	Venturino Nardine (RIP)	
	11.00am	Angelo Caruso (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Maria Augusta Froes (Thanks)	
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Holy Souls	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
	9.30am	Holy Souls	
	11.00am	Konkani Mass	
<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Mary Bisbee (ne Battles)(RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	5.45pm	Francesco Antonio Mazzotta (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
<b>Thu 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am	Deceased Pinto Family (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Ivan Raccani (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
	5.45pm	Antonio Gracias (RIP)	
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Venancia Mendes (Thanks)	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
	6.15pm	Thanksgiving	

**Readings: Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3 Ps 104; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant forever.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Next Week's Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3: 2-3,5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12**

### Reflection by Blessed Pope John Paul II

If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus's life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so. For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "domestic church" that must shine with the gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

## NOTICES:

**THANKYOU** to all our parishioners for your very generous Christmas offerings.

**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:** Open this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

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

**THE SWINDON CATENIANS** Annual Clergy Night and Burns Supper is at The Village Hotel, West Swindon, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. This is a traditional four course Burns supper. Parishioners are invited to attend if they want to show support for and thank our local clergy including Parish Sisters and Seminarians. Bookings by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to [rogstroud@aol.com](mailto:rogstroud@aol.com) or tel 01793 825980, -include the phrase "Burns Supper and Clergy Night" in the subject line or in the Parish contact Stephen Lake 07768 604957

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We currently have spaces to offer at the school. Our open day is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOOD BANK:** Collection of food this weekend.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES:** For information please visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) email: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk) tel: 08003893801 or 01159934255.

## THE LITTLE WAY DISCALCED (TERESIAN) CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER COMMUNITY

We would like to thank Canon John, Fr Dominic and you, the parish, for allowing us to hold our next two monthly meetings at Holy Rood on Saturdays 13<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> February. This is due to extensive building works at our usual venue at St Patrick's Church, Bristol. 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.

## PRAYER AND FORMATION: ALL WELCOME!

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

**MONDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** will break over the holiday period and will resume again on **Monday 8th** January.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** will break over the holiday period and will resume again on **Thursday 4th** 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.

*WISHING ALL*

*PARISHIONERS*

*A VERY HAPPY*

*AND HOLY*

*NEW YEAR!!!*