



# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Year B Fifth Sunday of Easter (Psalter 1 & Proper of Season)

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.15pm	Thomas Winifred Carney (RIP)	
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	Andrew Martins (Birthday)	
	11.00am	Cruz Afonso (Birthday)	
	5.30pm	Joyton De Souza (Birthday)	
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00am	Thomas Winifred Carney (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Thomas Winifred Carney (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
	12.30pm	Concetta Starczewski (RIP)	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	5.45pm	Joaquim Caiado (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)	<i>Memorial of St Athanasius</i>
<b>Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Thomas Winifred Carney (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Philip &amp; St James</i>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Amison & Vaninesia (1 <sup>st</sup> Wedd Ann)	<i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>
	5.45pm	Jesus Rodrigues (Birthday)	
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Thomas Winifred Carney (RIP)	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
	6.15pm	People of the Parish	

**Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1 Jn 3:18-24; John 15:1-8**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Ps 97; 1Jn 4:7-10; John 15:9-17**

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*There's a closeness spoken of in this Sunday's gospel, a closeness that comes from opening oneself to Christ. Christ wants us to be at home with him and to make of ourselves his dwelling place. And that can be the challenging thing! We have to be comfortable with him as our guest and we have to be comfortable with having him at the centre of our lives. It may not be an easy thing to make room for Christ and to let him in. When he does make himself at home there is a certain pruning that has to be done. As the divine gardener, Christ prunes us – not to hurt us – but to remove what is dead in us only so that with him at home within us others come to encounter his nearness through us, through our witness, through our love, through our care and compassion...because it is Christ in us reaching out to them.*

## NOTICES:

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** Main Collection **£3244.34**. Green envelopes **£232.50**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund.

**APF MISSIO:** The results from the recent quarterly collection was **£1221.36**. Many thanks to all promoters and red box holders.

**ALL READERS:** Your new rota is now ready for collection from the red box in the porch.

**BOOKSTALL:** Bookstall this weekend. My Day by Day for May is available.

**NEW LIFE CHOIR:** the rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May has been cancelled. A new schedule will be posted on the notice board and website in the next week or so.

### **SANTA CRUZ GOAN ASSOCIATION (UK)**

Feast of the Holy Cross on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm Mass at Holy Rood Church followed by Dine & Dance at the Sikh Community Hall, Kembrey Park. All invited.

**20 MILE SPONSORED WALK** - Julia Starczewski will be doing the walk on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Funds raised will be going towards the LDWP (Lasallian Developing World Projects) Outreach Project to India this summer, which is at St Joseph's Higher Sec. School in Keelamudiman. The team of volunteers will be refurbishing the students hygiene facilities and equipping the school's Audio Visual Room. Sponsor forms can be found in the entrance at the back of the church. All donations gratefully accepted. Thank you.

**PRINKNASH ABBEY:** A day with Abbot Martin on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May, beginning with Mass at 11.00am: "The Power of Prayer". See notice board for more details.

**MARIAN HALF-DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May at St. Thomas More's Church, Cheltenham. More information on notice board.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK:** London 5<sup>th</sup> May. The March takes place a week after the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force. In those 50 years, over 9 million babies' lives have been lost through abortion. See [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) and the notice board for more information.

**LOCAL ELECTION:** Swindon is taking part in the Government's national Voter ID pilot scheme which means that residents voting at a polling station at this year's Local Election on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May will need to bring their poll card with them to vote. Further information is available at: [www.swindon.gov.uk/VoterID](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/VoterID)

**PARKING:** Please show consideration to our neighbours when parking for Mass. Use the public car parks if there is no available parking. Do not park illegally. Thank you

**THANK YOU** for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** For booking forms and other information please contact: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk) or call 08003893801 or 01159934255.

**Are you getting married soon? What about your marriage preparation?** Engaged Encounter weekend, on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May in Bristol at St James' Priory is a unique occasion to prepare more fully for your future married life together. This weekend is non-residential. For more information and to book online go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-preparation/>

## JUSTICE & PEACE

**SWINDON FOODBANK:** Collection this weekend to help families and individuals in crisis.

## PRAYER

### **DIVINE OFFICE: PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday after 8am Mass; Evening Prayer: Wednesday at 5.20pm.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Group reflection on next Sunday's gospel: Friday 8.45-9.30am.

**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.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**ALL THE SICK, AND ESPECIALLY:** Ann Burnett, Martha Dixon, Michael Fisher, Merlyn Wise, Franco Amoroso, Anthony Dearman, Pauline Huff, John Wheeler, Pat Short, Teresa Frame, Cyril Freeman, Rosina Anello, Regina Rodrigues, Filomena Fernandes, Paul Dearman, Mandy Reagan, Isabella Horta, Clotty Raj, Edwin Lopes, Paddy Hatcher, Deana Hunt, Vida Freeman, Isabela DeSousa, Zarina Lopes, Blanca Gracias, Francesco Vitale, Damian Norris, James Armstrong & Mairead Emery.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick Monahan (RIP) Michael Morton (RIP) Antonia Pomponi (RIP) Michael Horgan (RIP) Mary Sweeney (RIP) & Tadeusz Margilewski (RIP)