



Holy Rood Catholic Church

2 Groundwell Road

Swindon SN1 2LU

Tel: 01793 522062

Clifton Diocese Registered Charity No: 1170168



Parish website: www.holyroodswindon.co.uk
Deanery website: www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk
Diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com
Parish email: swindon.holyrood@cliftondiocese.com
Youth Ministry email: hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Priest: Canon John Cunningham: john.cunningham@cliftondiocese.com
Assistant Priest: Fr Richard Elson: richard.elson@cliftondiocese.com
Deacons: Rev Jonathan Ager, Rev José Estrocio & Rev Dennis Sutton (Retired)
Administrator: Mrs Anna Cummins (**Office Hours:** Mon 11am-1pm, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9am-1pm)

Sunday 17th June 2018 - Year B Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter 3)

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 17th June	6.15pm	Chris Terry (Ann)	
	8.00am	Lilian Mitchell (RIP)(Ann)	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Teresa Moore & Family (Good Health)	
	5.30pm	Zygi Smolicz (RIP)(5yr Ann)	
Mon 18th June	8.00am	Francesco Virgilio (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tue 19th June	8.00am	May Hartnett (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed 20th June	5.45pm	Romaldo Pires (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thu 21st June	9.00am	Brielle Mascarenhas (Thanksgiving)	<i>Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
	11.15am	Mary Wolanczyk (RIP)	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
Fri 22nd June	8.00am	Danny Sullivan (RIP)	<i>Feast of St John Fisher & St Thomas More</i>
	5.45pm	Phillip Mapstone (Good Health)	
Sat 23rd June	8.00am	Valanky Esteves (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	John Flaherty (RIP)	

Readings: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 91; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next Week's Readings: Is 49:1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1: 57-66,80

REFLECTION

When Jesus teaches he uses parables. He takes the things around him to illustrate the things of God. The two parables that Jesus uses in this Sunday's Gospel seem to talk of a gentle growth, a subtle growth that is not always seen and not always noticed. When we listen to the First Reading, Ezekiel speaks of God doing the planting on the 'high mountain'... in other words, near to him. That nearness to the Lord brings about growth and there is something obviously attractive about the tree that God plants in Ezekiel's vision and the mustard seed that grows in the Gospel. They become attractive and they 'summon' all kinds of birds and creatures. Is it true, then, that if we are near to God then we grow? Is it true that if we grow *in him* that there becomes something attractive about us? The psalm speaks of flourishing and maybe that's the secret to being near to the Lord. With him we flourish; without him we fade. This week's *mission* for us might simply be to come close to the Lord, find shelter in him and, through our own attractiveness, cause others to find shade in his presence.

NOTICES:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Main Collection **£3296.23**. Green envelopes **£245**. Gift Aid **£2086.63**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION this Sunday is for Day for Life.

GOAN THEATRE production donated £810 to Holy Rood. Many thanks to them and all who supported the event.

300 CLUB WINNERS 2nd: £20.00 Mr J Slaght. Please collect your winnings from the office during office hours.

MY DAY BY DAY: The July issue will be available at the Fair Trade stall this weekend.

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

HOLY ROOD MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: please take home one of the yellow prayer cards and join the Pope and the whole parish in prayer over the coming month.

PLEASE PRAY AND FAST for the end of abortion and euthanasia in the British Isles, on Saturday the 23rd June, the Vigil of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. In light of the increased number of abortions happening in England and Wales and the disastrous results of the Irish abortion referendum, it is even more important for us to call on God's Grace. For more details, see: www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

CWL: The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be this Wednesday 20th June from 1 - 2.30pm

SENIOR PARISHIONERS SUMMER OUTING will leave for Weston Super Mare at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd June 2018, returning at 8pm. Please sign the list at the newspaper desk at the back of the church.

COACH TRIP TO BRISTOL FOR THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY: Sat 30th June. All parishioners very welcome, more information on the notice board. **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** there are special workshops for you at the diocesan day so please do sign up to come on the Holy Rood coach. Names and numbers are required for these particular workshops, so please note **R** or **EM** beside your name on the sign up list and we will pass these on. The list will close on 21st June.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Meeting for members of all Parish groups from 7 - 9pm on Wednesday 4th July.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 8th July. Bookings, with payment of £11.50, can be made at the Fair Trade stall in the Parish Room this weekend.

RIDE FOR VOCATIONS: Fr Matt Anscombe is cycling some of the iconic climbs of the Tour de France, in order to invite people to donate, pray for priestly vocations and to consider more deeply their own vocation. If you would like to support Fr Matt, please see the posters on the notice board or follow Fr Matt on www.cliftondiocese.com

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding their Circus Themed Summer Fayre on Saturday 30/06 from 12 to 3pm. If you can help on the day - please contact Kelly on 07766867811.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:24/08 - 31/08. Contact Deacon David Wakefield 07711834800 or see the notice board for more information.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

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

JUSTICE & PEACE

FAIRTRADE STALL: This weekend in the Parish Room.

REFUGEE WEEK: 18th - 24th June: There are special activities every day this week. See the notice board for details or visit the Swindon City of Sanctuary website, where there is also a short video which will tell you more.

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 and gospel reflection on Mondays at 9.15am in the parish room.

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

MULTI NATIONAL, Holy Ghost Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group, Thursdays 5pm-7pm. All welcome.

GOAN KONKANI PRAYER GROUP after 5:45pm Mass on Fridays till 7:30pm.

Due to the new data protection regulations we will no longer be printing names of the sick on the newsletter. A book to place the names of our sick relatives and friends is available in the church