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Sunday 16th September 2018 - Year B

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Proper of Feast)

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 16th September	6.15pm	Peggy Macarthy (RIP)	
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	Giovanni Pungitore (10yr Ann)	
	11.00am	Crishel Mary Dias (Birthday)	
	5.30pm	Andrew & Michael Horgan (RIP)	
Mon 17th September	8.00am	Patricia Wiltshire (2 nd Ann)(RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Edith</i>
Tues 18th September	8.00am	Francesco Virgilio (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wed 19th September	5.45pm	Jose Francisco Fernandes (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thu 20th September	9.00am	Romaldo Pires (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions</i>
Fri 21st September	8.00am	Shweta Fernandes (Thanks)(21 st Birthday)	<i>Feast of St Matthew</i>
	5.45pm	Danny Mc Ellistram (RIP)	
Sat 22nd September	8.00am	Pylon Pires (Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Francisco Dourado (2 nd Ann)	

Sunday Readings: Nm 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Ps 77; John 3:13-17

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 53; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Reflection

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – a love stronger than death – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

NOTICES:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: was loose **£3480.94**. Green envelopes **£247**. Second collection for Catholic Education Service raised **£1062.04**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Our Church's Birthday Appeal.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If so, please contact the parish office.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS practices on Saturday's 22nd and 29th September at 9am.

300 CLUB WINNERS: 1st Mrs P Lake, 2nd Mr M Keane, 3rd Mrs M Walley, 4th Mrs L Hughes. Please collect your winnings from the parish office during office hours.

BOOKSTALL NEXT WEEKEND: Diaries and calendars for 2019, My Day by Day for October and many other items for sale.

ADORATION: We will be completing one year of Adoration at Holy Rood this September. This is a tremendous achievement and blessing and wouldn't be possible without our faithful adorers. Thank you for your commitment. We would like to encourage more parishioners to sign up to an hour that you can commit to each week as there are still a number of vacant slots. Please find the sign-up sheets and more information in the main porch.

RETREAT: Wednesday 19th September, here at Holy Rood Church, 5.30pm-9.30pm. Fr Joseph and Fr Anthony from the Divine Retreat Centre will be with us along with their team. All welcome.

HOLY HOUR: Friday 21st September at 6.30pm. A prayerful slide presentation on the life of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, followed by Adoration, led by our priests with two little sisters of Jesus of Charles de Foucauld. All are very welcome to pray with us and meet the little sisters who will be spending the weekend with us.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, Monday 24th September: An hour of prayer for England and for Christian Unity from 5-6pm, ending with Evening Prayer.

LET IT BE, Coming Soon: A five week DVD series about Our Lady, on Wednesday evenings in October.

LAUDATE music group sing at the 5.30pm Mass. They are looking for woodwind and keyboard players to join their group. Please speak to them after the 5.30pm Mass if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT HOLY ROOD 9.30 SUNDAY MASS: The team running this ministry have had to suspend sessions due to the need for more volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Anna in the office or email the youth ministry team. No experience needed - full training will be given.

HOUSEBOUND & ELDERLY MASS & SOCIAL

EVENT: Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 2.30pm. Mass followed by a social event at Holy Rood School hall next to the church. Collection to and from the event will be provided if needed. Further details will be given closer to the event.

ORDINATION AT HOLY FAMILY: Paul Thompsons' ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is on Sat 6th Oct, 11am at Holy Family Church. All are welcome. If you can support the singing, there will be rehearsal on Tues 2nd October at 6.30pm.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD Children's Liturgy teams are welcome to come together for a short period of formation, on Sat 13/10, the Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Bristol, 10am-1pm. Please see notice board for more information.

CELEBRATE BRISTOL: 27th - 28th October 2018 A Conference for the whole family! A non-residential weekend for all ages of children and young adults. The event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU. Further details to be found at www.celebrateconference.org

60TH BIRTHDAY St Joseph's Swindon reunion, Sat 29/09/18, pm. For Sept 1969 starters turning 60 between Sept 2017 and Aug 2018. Please contact Krystyna Bartoszezewska (nee Buyas) 07988714456 kbartoszezewska66@gmail.com

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEAL PANEL MEMBERS Could you help? If so, please see the notice board.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2018 - Thanksgiving Mass when Confirmation Certificates and photographs will be presented is to be held on Sunday 21st October at 5.30pm - not this weekend as originally planned. **The final Confirmation sessions** resume for 4 weeks starting this Mon 17/09 and Sunday 23/09.

JUSTICE & PEACE

FAIR TRADE STALL: Next weekend.

PRAYER

ROSARY: For peace in our world & our homes. Mon-Sat 7.15am-7.45am in the parish room.

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 time of prayer & gospel reflection, Mondays at 9.15am in the parish room.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Thurs 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.