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Sunday 23rd September 2018 - Year B Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Psalter 1)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sun 23rd September | 6.15pm | Francisco Dourado (2 nd Ann) | |
| | 8.00am | People of the Parish | |
| | 9.30am | Christopher & Ann McNamara (Ann) | |
| | 11.00am | Estela Lopes & Maurico Lopes (RIP) | |
| | 5.30pm | Paddy Reape (RIP) | |
| Mon 24th September | 8.00am | Vivian Coelho (Birthday) | <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i> |
| Tues 25th September | 8.00am | Sneider Joshua Gonsalves (Birthday) | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Wed 26th September | 12noon | Andrew Pisavadia (RIP) | <i>Requiem Mass</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Angel Barreto (RIP) | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Thu 27th September | 9.00am | Jose & Violeante Sequeira (Wedd Ann) | <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i> |
| Fri 28th September | 8.00am | Jolan C Rodrigues (Thanks) | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Margaret Murphy (RIP) | |
| Sat 29th September | 8.00am | Deceased members of Iwaniszyn Family | <i>Feast of St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael</i> |
| | 6.15pm | Daniel Panczak (RIP)(Ann) | |

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next Week's Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 18; Jas 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Twenty Fifth Sunday

Here is a real image of discipleship in today's gospel: to serve and to become small. Discipleship is not about position or importance or recognition or prestige; it's about imitating Christ in the way we *give* our lives to others and in the way we reach out with love for others. But it's also about 'recognising' God in those so easily overlooked – the child, the vulnerable, the weak, the seemingly insignificant, or unimportant, those ignored or forgotten. The disciple should have eyes to see the face of God revealed in those who can be so readily ignored. As communities we can be too quick to worry about who's first or who is best or who's the most important. As disciples we should be ready to see the face of God in those around us and serve them, reach out to them... but our lives should also reveal something of the face of God because of who we are and because of the loving, compassionate service we give.

NOTICES:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: was loose **£3569.10**. Green envelopes **£280.50**. Gift Aid for August **£2166.38**. Second collection for Holy Rood Birthday Appeal raised **£4502.40**, Gift Aid **£472.42**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Home Mission Sunday.

SIMON WHEELER would like to thank all parishioners who sponsored him. Total raised **£1191.50**, of which **£595.75** will go towards Holy Rood building fund. Please hand any outstanding sponsor money to the person behind the paper table in the porch.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
If so, please contact the parish office.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS practice on Saturday 29th September at 9am.

BOOK STALL: Open this weekend selling Calendars and diaries for 2019, My Day by Day for October and many other items.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM. This Monday 24th September. 5-6pm Prayer for England and for Christian Unity- Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Tea and cake afterwards in the parish room.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: This Thursday 27th September 2-3pm.

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

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. Are you able to join the team? There is a training day at Bristol Cathedral for anyone interested. Follow the link [here](#) or get in touch with Pete Norris via the office who can put you in touch with others who are attending.

LAUDATE (Praise!) is the name of the music group which loves to sing praises to our Lord at the 5.30pm Mass. We mostly sing modern worship songs, with a few older hymns thrown into the mix. We're looking for woodwind and keyboard players to join us, to make our sound even more pleasing to God's ears. Sounds inviting? Then come and speak to us after Mass - we're waiting to hear from YOU!

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.

FR JAMES HANVEY SJ makes a return visit to St John's in Bath on the 25th September at 7pm for this [third lecture in our series](#) marking the first five years of Pope Francis' pontificate. Please follow the link or see the notice board for more information.

DIACONATE ORDINATION: Paul Thompson will be ordained deacon at Holy Family Church (Marlowe Avenue, Swindon SN3 2PT) by Bishop Declan during Mass on Saturday 6th October a 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to this celebration.

TRUST AND GRANT APPLICATIONS OFFICER
The role is full-time and based at Alexander House, Bristol. Salary £27,000 per annum. Please contact the office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2019: online registrations for 2019 Confirmation Programme will begin on 1st October 2018. If you would rather register in person, dates will be announced soon for registration sessions during January 2019. Online registration will be accessible by following the link on the Confirmation page of the Parish website - holyroodswindon.co.uk. For further information, please contact the Youth Ministry team at hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com.

JUSTICE & PEACE

FAIR TRADE STALL this weekend. Some bargains on chocolate.

SWINDON FOOD BANK: Collection of food next weekend.

HARBOUR PROJECT: Collection of coffee, tea, sugar and biscuits next weekend.

PRAYER

PEREGRINE PRAYER: Prayer for those with terminal or serious illness. This Wednesday 12noon in the parish room.

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.