

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B: 7th MARCH 2021**

Mass Times

Saturday 6th March	9.00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Manuelinho Crasto & Fatima Andrade (Wed Annv)
	4.00 pm	VIGIL MASS	Portuguese Mass
	6.30 pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Angela P & Joao Xavier Gonsalves +
Sunday 7th March	9.00 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Egan Fernandes (B'day)
	5.00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Bartley Hernon +
Monday 8th March		WEEKDAY OF LENT	
Tuesday 9th March	6.00 pm	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Dominica Fernandes +
Wednesday 10th March	9.00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Custodio & Conceisa Costa +
Thursday 11th March	9.00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Jovi & Divinia Alves (Thanksgiving)
Friday 12th March	9.00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Antonio Joao Vas +
	5.00 pm	ADORATION	
Saturday 13th March	6.00 pm	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Marjorie & Walker John Marks +
	9.00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Maria Helen D' Souza +
	4.00 pm	VIGIL MASS	Portuguese Mass
	6.30 pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Paddy, Mary, Joe & Tony Burke +

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father Isidore is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request.

If Father Isidore is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Saint Mary's: 01793 535089

Holy Rood: 01793 522062

Saint Peter's: 01793 871167

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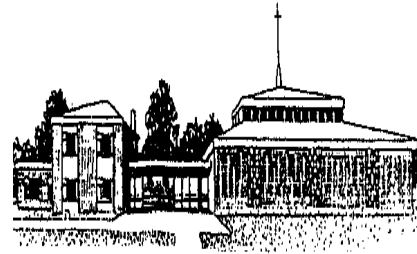
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle B: Weekday Mass Year 1. Psalter 3
Eucharistic Prayer	: 2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
First Reading	: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm Response	: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.
Second Reading	: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
Gospel	: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Acclamation	: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, Whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Gospel	: John 2:13-25
Communion	: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The Law was given through Moses.

2nd Reading

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Jesus has the Power to Cleanse the Temple and to Raise it Up

God, in his infinite wisdom has organised the universe; and so, we have a natural order. Sometimes, we take the natural order for granted until "Things Fall Apart." Imagine a world without rules, regulations or laws. Such would be an organised chaos. Thanks to laws – natural, divine, ecclesiastical or civil, which are for the common good, fostering genuine care and support for humans and the whole of creation.

The Psalmist (Ps.18) praises God who guides our paths with his wise commandments.

St Paul instructs the people of Corinth that the wisdom of God is extraordinarily expressed in the sacrifice of the cross.

In the gospel of John 2:13 -25, Jesus' Passion is expressed in the outburst of emotion consumed by the zeal to defend God's Holiness and his dwelling place. "My house shall be called a sacred place of worship." We are the sacred temple of God and therefore must be holy as our God. As the ideal high priest, Jesus has the power to cleanse the temple and to raise it up.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW & DO WHEN COMING TO MASS.

1. Everyone in the church must wear face masks.
2. Social distancing must have to be maintained at "1 metre plus".
3. Benches are marked allowing for a good spacing between those in church; please do observe those markings. It is advised that families can sit together if possible.
3. Everyone must use the hand gel provided when you get inside the church. If you wear gloves, then you still need to apply this on your gloves (for others' safety).
4. There will be no Order of Mass sheets or the newsletter, are available online.
5. Holy Communion will only be given in the hand.
6. Once the safe capacity of the church has been reached, we will be unable to let anyone else in. It is really a 'first come, first served' basis.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross on Sundays during lent at 5.00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We are pleased to inform our young parishioners who may be interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Family Church, Swindon, that we will soon be starting an online preparation for this important sacrament. We need to know those who may be interested in joining us this year as soon as possible. Application forms are available in our parish website and in the parish office.

READERS' ROTA: Readers' Rota for April / May is now published in the noticeboard. Anyone who is interested to join parish lectors should please contact our parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion online preparation sessions will be on every Saturday at 10.30 am for about 40 minutes. Details are now available in the parish website. Please contact Christine Obiero on christineobiero@yahoo.com to register your child.

PARISH SACRISTAN: There is need for a Sacristan at Holy Family Church, Swindon. This is a voluntary service; preferably, someone who is regular at weekday and weekend masses. There will be training provided for this. Interested persons are welcome to speak to Fr. Isidore or Pradeesh.

PARKING: Please park considerately and legally when using the Church. Parking is available in the car park behind the church, and also in our primary school car park on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings. It is important that **footpaths and pavements are kept clear**, particularly for people with reduced mobility.

250 Club (2020-2021): Winners of February

February 2021		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1st PRIZE	8	TRAVOR ROBERTS
2nd PRIZE	35	HELEN SZELIGA
3rd PRIZE	174	CATHERINE TUOHY
4th PRIZE	19	ANTHONY FRENCH
5th PRIZE	17	BOB & KAY DOYLE

WEEKLY OFFERING: We are now encouraging our parishioners, those who are able, to consider setting up direct debit / standing order, which could also attract gift aid (Tax return) from the government to support our parish. You are equally welcome to make a one off donation to the parish.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Holder Clifton Diocese
Account Number 66287197
Sort Code 52-10-03

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette, Kingswood, St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul's, Yate, Bristol

Pope's Message: Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God. "The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need," the Pope adds. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.