

# Holy Rood Catholic Church

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

26 November 2023

**Planned Giving Drive** As you will be aware, we have been running a planned giving drive over the last two weeks. First weekend we reflected on how we are each uniquely called to exercised Stewardship of our God-given gifts of Time, Treasure & Talents, investing and sharing these with those around us in the best way to give glory to God. Last week some parishioners shared with us some of the ways in which our parish needs help to ensure our parish continues to flourish and is handed on to future generations in even better condition than we received it, thanks to the generosity of those who went before us. Today we have the opportunity to put our decisions into practise by completing a form left on the benches. Please take a form even if you are already a planned giver and gift aider in the parish. This is because this is a parish-wide renewal, so it is important for each one of us to reflect on our blessings and pray about our Stewardship of this parish. This form will also ensure your contact details and Gift Aid details are up-to-date which is very important for parish records.

This Planned Giving Drive is an important opportunity for all of us parishioners to prayerfully reflect on how we wish to contribute to our parish, having considered both the needs of the parish, and our own circumstances and blessings. To make it easy for everyone to renew their parish commitment, there are two sections to be completed. *It is important that everyone completes a form, whether or not you intend to change your method or amount of giving* to ensure our records are accurate and up-to-date. Your information will remain private and confidential. Your generosity helps to plan

support of our parish, both financially and with your time and talents. It will help the parish to plan and budget for the future. If you wish to change your *method of giving in the offertory*, this form will allow you to do so.

**Gift Aid declaration** enables our parish to claim an extra 25p for every £1 that you give (at no extra cost to yourself and basically free money). If you are a UK Income or Capital Gains tax payer, please sign up to Gift Aid.

If you already have a standing order, but wish to change the amount you give, please go ahead and complete the middle section of the form. This will instruct the bank to cancel your existing standing order and replace it with your new commitment. Equally important is the SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER section. Over the last few weeks you will have heard us talk about stewardship, and the concept of sharing our gifts of time and talent. Once you have finished completing the offertory pledge form, please turn to the volunteer sign-up form. Here you will see there is the opportunity to sign up to a variety of volunteering opportunities in the parish. We shall contact you in the coming weeks to provide you with more information. I welcome you to mention if you have any other talents that could be of use to us as a parish community.

Above all we wish to thank everyone for patiently listening over the last two weekends and supporting our Parish Planned Giving Drive and we continue to pray about this initiative.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Sunday 26 November

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe

8am Pedro Nkemdirim Birthday Int.  
9.30am Okoye Soluchi RIP 1year memorial  
11am Melita Carvalho anniv.  
12.30pm People of the Parish

### Monday 27 November

#### Feria

#### *No 8.30am Mass*

12noon Titi Lola, Abiodun Abidoye,  
Abidoye wedding anniv.

### Tuesday 28 November

#### Feria

8.30am Elizabeth Ahenda RIP  
12noon Mattathil Anthony RIP

### Wednesday 29 November

#### Feria

12noon Holy Souls

### Thursday 30 November

#### ST ANDREW

12noon Ahenda family Int.

### Friday 1 December

#### Feria

6pm Departed, living and future generations  
of Otu & Leanage families

### Saturday 2 December

#### Feria

11am Nora Dunphy RIP  
6pm Mary Lehane RIP anniv.

### Sunday 3 December

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

8am People of the Parish  
9.30am Mario Di Maria RIP anniv.  
11am Daniel Shimon Shabani RIP  
12.30pm Sean Maguire RIP

#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**

Mariya Private Int.

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION**

Not on Tues this week. Friday 6.30pm-7.15pm

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Friday 6.30pm-7pm  
Saturday 11.30am-12noon & 5pm-5.30pm

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** by request

#### **BAPTISMS**

Rev. Deacon Neville - 01923 224085 (Opt 2)  
**ALL BOOKINGS VIA PARISH OFFICE**

**Christmas Masses** Please note in your diaries. Christmas Eve is a Sunday and we are obliged to attend Holy Mass. Christmas Day is Monday and again, we are obliged to attend Holy Mass. Times to be published.

**Repository** Christmas cards, cribs & candles for sale. Also 2024 wall calendars

**Family Catechesis** Meeting for parents only who were unable to attend the October meeting Year 3 and above who have not made their First Holy Communion, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in the Parish Centre.

**SVP Tea & Coffee Next Sunday** The SVP will be serving teas and coffees and a selection of juices, with a wide selection of cakes and biscuits after the 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm Masses next Sunday. Please take the time to come join them and to socialise with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

**St Anthony's School** SVP Mini Vinnies will be visiting Holy Rood on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary for a 12 noon Mass, followed by carols in the parish centre & a sandwich lunch, provided by the SVP. If you would like to attend the lunch, **please RSVP the Parish office** by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in order we can cater for the appropriate numbers. Please come along and support this worthwhile event.

**SVP Young Adults' Retreat Weekend & Holy Island Appeal for Volunteers to Help with the Youth Camps.** Further details on notice board at the back of church and/or contact Paul Montgomery on [paul.montgomery@ntlworld.com](mailto:paul.montgomery@ntlworld.com) / 07887 726061.

**Ascent/Life Ascending Group** Visit to Poplars Nurseries for Shopping & Lunch on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Places limited. And a Festive Lunch, at Moon Under Water, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, after 12 noon Mass. Names & deposit. again, contact Winnie Brady 01923 334998.

**Holy Rood Catholic Primary School** 2024 Reception Admissions now open. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Next Parent Tour on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at our recently Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' school. Please visit website for more information and details of supplementary information needed to complete your application. If you have any Reception application queries, please contact Miss Emma Chandler, on 01923 223785.

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