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**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat)
8.30am and 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10.00am
& 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Entrance Antiphon:

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

Response to the Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

*I am the Way the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.*

Communion Antiphon:

*How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Joaquim Barretto (RIP) & Anna DeMello (RIP)
	08.30am	Mass – Estella John D'Souza (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Agnelo Fernandes (RIP) + Rosy Fernandes (RIP)

Monday **NO MASS TODAY**

Tuesday 09.00am **LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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Thursday 09.00am **LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday 09.15am Mass – Anaida Afonso (Intentions)

Saturday 09.00am Mass – Florinda Gonsalves (Intentions)

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 23, 2018)

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Evelyn Gonsalves (Intentions)
	08.30am	Mass – Antonio Dias (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Roman Fliski (RIP) + Leanne Fernandes (Intentions)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Cathy Walker, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, David Edwards, Irena Fliska, John Foley, Eileen Hughes, Benny Zammit, Terri Rhind, John Ruck, Joanne Connelly, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Eileen Foley, Mary Joyce, Bill Cummins, Bill Mckay, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Francisco Fernandes, Bernard McGuinness, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Xena Przybyszewski, Marie Lowe, Beth Darragh

WELCOME: We Welcome Canon John Udris who will be with us this Sunday while Fr Michael will be on a Retreat.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are about to begin preparation for our Children to receive Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Any baptised Catholic child who is in year 3 or above can apply to be prepared. This year the children will be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in November and will make their First Confession then. Those who have made their First Confession will then be enrolled for the First Communion preparation course in the spring. If you would like your child to be prepared to receive these Sacraments the application forms can be picked up at Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church. There will then be a meeting for parents and children on Saturday 13th October at 10am in St Mary's Church. At this meeting you will be given all the information you need alongside the dates for Confession in November 2018 and Communion in April and May 2019.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Gianluca Gonçalves, Cora Paul and George Wedge who are being baptised this weekend.

ALTAR LINEN: There is a rota of helpers who wash the finger-towels and purificators that we use at Mass. If anyone would like to help with this task and be part of the team, please speak to Deacon Elias or Fr Michael.

CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD has been suspended because of a lack of volunteer to lead it. If you are able to help please speak to Deacon Elias or Fr Michael.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: A formation day for those who lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word, will be held on Saturday 13, October from 10am to 1pm in the Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Pembroke Road, Bristol, BS8 3BX. This formation morning welcomes all those who work to enable the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the word of God through Children's Liturgy. We spend time with CLOW leaders and catechists helping one another understand how and why we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with children. All are welcome.

ORDINATION: Paul Thompson is being ordained Deacon on Saturday 6th October at 11am in Holy Family Church, Marlowe Avenue. Parishioners of St Mary's are warmly invited.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2019: The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2019 are ready to collect at the back of the Church. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered.

Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) may please take a box of green envelopes.

Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order may take a form kept at the back of the Church or we could post it to you, or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the parish office.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Luisa Henstridge will be holding her annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer on Friday 28th September in St. Mary's school hall. This will be in the morning between 9am and 11am and everyone is welcome for a coffee, slice of cake and a chat to help raise money for this important cause.

FILLING STATION: Our next opportunity to help feed the homeless in Swindon will be on Thursday 20th September 2018. All letters are ready for collection this weekend and if any parishioners who is not already involved, would like to offer their help please contact Lucy Skittrall (07999 134233)

HOLY HOUR AT HOLY ROOD CHURCH on Friday 21st September at 6.30 pm. A prayer slide presentation on the life of Blessed Charles de Foucauld followed by Adoration, led by our priests with two Little Sisters of Jesus 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. Poster on notice board.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of Fluency Trust Charity supporting young people who stammer. Friday 12th October 2018 7pm at St Catherine's School, Davenwood, SN2 7LL. £5 per person. Drinks and nibbles available for purchase on the night. To purchase tickets in advance please contact Teresa Stewart -astwrt501@aol.com or telephone 07773129831.

KNIT & NATTER! Sunday 16th September 3pm St Mary's sacristy. We are hoping to get a group of knitters together to work on a simple project for Advent. Please come along to find out more or contact Teresa Stewart on 0773129831 or email astwrt501@aol.com. All welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: "The Knights of St. Columba are holding their annual sponsored walk at Coate Water Park, Swindon on Sunday 16th Sept starting at 2pm. It is in aid of the Knights disadvantaged and disabled fund. If you have a worthy cause of your own, you may donate 50% of the funds you raise. So why not walk or sponsor someone to walk on what we hope will be a good day. Sponsor forms are available at all churches or by contacting Jim Donovan on 01793 723016."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend came to £1059 and £510 by standing order and the second collection towards Catholic Education came to £210. Many thanks for your generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION Today is Home Mission Sunday. The money raised does not go abroad but helps the Bishops Conference support evangelisation projects in England and Wales.

YEAR OF MISSION *It's easier to tell someone what others think of them rather than tell someone what you actually think of them. Peter, speaking for the Twelve, nails colours to the mast: 'You are the Christ!' Jesus then unfolds for the Twelve exactly what that means – he will suffer, he will die and he will rise again. That's not something Peter wants to hear. He's happy to 'believe' in the Christ who will save God's people, who will champion God's people, who will liberate God's people... but a Christ who will suffer? That's not on his radar, nor does it fit his image of the Christ. They are harsh words spoken to Peter in calling him Satan but they wake him up to the fact that we cannot make God in our image! Suffering, difficulty, rejection and abandonment are part of that image and they are part of the disciple's life, too. And even when they are – in some great or small way – we mustn't forget the 'rising from the dead'. God does not abandon us when we suffer, when we face rejection or difficulty. He is there and he walks with us, alongside of us, just as the psalmist has confidence in the presence of God in the midst of everything. Wherever we are, whatever we face this week, know God is there at our side.*