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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - B
FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat)
8.30am 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

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

Entrance Antiphon:

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

Response to the Psalm:

*Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Reader: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

All: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Man does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Nora Carty (Anniversary) + Daniel McMullan (RIP)
Sunday	08.30pm 10.30am	Mass – Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Mass – Enid Brown (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Margaret Cliff (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Alyssa Mary Dias (Intentions)
Thursday:	09.00am	Mass – Nevaeh Fernandes (Intentions) Thanksgiving to Mary
Friday:	09.15am	Mass – Carol De Sa + Seby Pereira (Thanksgiving)
Saturday:	09.00am	Mass – Deodato Siqueira (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 25, 2018)

Sunday	06.00pm 08.30am 10.30am	Mass – Deceased Relatives of the De Sa Family Mass – Marianha Fernandes (RIP) + Aaron Fernandes & Sheryl De Sousa (Intentions) Mass – Mary Lynch (RIP)
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Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Cathy Walker, Joshua Crabb, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Alfie and Harry Crabb, 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, Ken Rees, Bill Sheffield, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Eileen Foley, Mary Joyce, James Malcolm, Bill Cummins, Bernard Snell, Sophie Hembert, Bill Mckay, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Ernie Popkiss, James Armstrong, Francisco Fernandes, James Evans, Bernard McGuinness, Margaret Bates, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Patricia Fox

CAFOD FAST DAY: This Friday is Lent Fast Day when we are called to do without to help the work of Cafod. The second collection next Sunday 25th February, will be towards Cafod. Cafod Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of the Church. This Lent, your donation will double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound. For example, if you give £5, it will be turned into £10.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT - Fri 23rd March, 7pm. Tickets will be £5, details will follow shortly on how to get them. So save the time and date in your calendar. We're still looking for more volunteers to help, then next meeting is this Thursday 22nd Feb @ 8pm in the Sacristy. More details from Marc Young 07810 228648.

STATION OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 3pm in the Church, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Eliana Carchedi who is being baptised here at St Mary's this weekend.

CONFIRMATION 2018: Bishop Declan will be coming to our Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19th June 2018. Anyone, in Year 9 and above who would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Michael for an application form.

200 CLUB DRAW – JANUARY 2018: The winners are No147 Anita Robinson £20. No112 Ita Messenger £10. No70 Pearl Peace £5. Congratulations to all the winners.

SUMMER CAMPS: The annual Clifton Diocese Summer Camps have launched for 2018 and bookings are now being taken. This year, the camps have moved to a new location at the Viney Hill Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean and are being held between 13-17 August (ages 7-11) and 20-24 August (ages 12-16). The camps promise to be a week full of fun, faith and friendship. If you are interested in finding out more, or to book a place for your child, please visit <http://livingyourfaith.co.uk> or email livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk. Poster on the notice board at the back of the Church.

APPEAL FOR HELP FOR ONE OF OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS:

Dear Parish Community and friends - James is suffering with a degenerative spine condition called Idiopathic Scoliosis (Progressive curvature of the spine). Since the family is unable to get any funding or support from the NHS or private health insurance and needs to raise £40,000 by February/ March this year. The family wish to appeal for generous contributions from all those who wish to help, so that James can undergo the most appropriate surgery with aim to return his spine back to normal function i.e. back to full mobility, no pain and straight growth into adulthood. Visit www.gofundme.com/james-spine-operation (<http://gf.me/u/f7iicf>) and share his story with others and on your social networks. Thanks Christine Armstrong.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Bishop Declan says you need to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Ask them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

MARRIAGE COURSE: Marriage Care is offering one-day group courses where you will learn how your relationship grows when you deal with important issues in a constructive and loving way. Course dates in 2018 are: 24th March, 19th May, 29th September and 13th October in Swindon. We also offer FOCCUS for individual couples. For booking and further information, please contact: appointments@marriage.org.uk or call 0800 389 3801 or 01159 934 255.

ADULT COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING: Learn to use English language in everyday situations and is providing you a chance to try new skills and experiences for free. More details on poster at the back of the Church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: last weekend came to £953 and £510 by standing order. Many thanks for your generosity.

***YEAR OF MISSION:** We've begun our Lenten pilgrimage and this first Sunday of Lent sends us back into the wilderness. Mark's account is short and to the point. He tells us that Jesus 'was with the wild beasts'. As we face the truth of our lives, as we seek to embrace the challenge and invitation of Jesus' own call, 'Repent', we have to face those demons, those wild beasts within. These are the things that need our focus and our attention during this season of renewal and growth – taming these wild things within us; letting go of the 'wild' things so that we grow to become more the person God calls us to be. But Jesus' first words in Mark's gospel also reveal to us the message we proclaim as missionary disciples: God's kingdom is near, God is near. May this first week of Lent allow God's nearness to come to those around us through the God we reveal in our words and our actions.*