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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**  
**SUNDAY JULY 22, 2018**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
 6.00pm (Sat)  
 8.30am and 10.30am

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

**Entrance Antiphon:**  
*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

**Response to the Psalm:**  
*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.*

**Communion Antiphon:**  
*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.*

<b>THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Jenny Brabazon (Anniversary)
	08.30am	Mass – Teresina Galati (RIP) + Barbara Michienzi (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Precioso De Sousa (Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>Saturday</b>	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JULY 29, 2018)</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Antonio Gonsalves (RIP) + Ansley Gonsalves (Intentions)
	08.30am	Mass – Jose De Sa (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Angela Posca Facciuto (Anniversary) + Francesco Facciuto (RIP)

**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, 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, James Armstrong, Francisco Fernandes, Bernard McGuinness, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Xena Przybyszewski

**WELCOME:** We welcome Fr Christopher Whitehead to our Parish this weekend. He will be celebrating our Sunday Masses while Fr Michael is away.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henryka Bogdaniec – Lucy Skittral's mum, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 10am. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

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

**MEGA SWINDON EVENT** is on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 5pm at St Joseph's Catholic College. This event is for Year 9 students and working young people. The program for the day will include two key note speakers John Pridmore (ex - gangster) and Aleksandra to share their testimonies, Adoration and Mass. There will also be live band and music. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**PRAYER:** We are having an evening inspired by the Glastonbury pilgrimage where the Glorious Mysteries were recited in a truly reverential way. The Year of Mission is bringing us closer to how we pray and how we get the Word of God to more people. Please join us on Wednesday 25th at 7pm in the Presbytery as we pray and discuss the Glorious Mysteries.

#### **MY FIRST PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY – Jenni Young**

On Sunday I joined in on my 1st pilgrimage to Glastonbury, on the coach from our parish, which seems very strange to me as it is a place I have visited for many years but just not the one Sunday a year the pilgrimage was on. I was slightly apprehensive about going for personal reasons and even though I travelled alone I was not alone at all.

When we arrived we headed straight to the church of St. Mary's (such a great name) for the Rosary. The Rosary has only recently started being a part of my life, but the experience I had Sunday was beyond words. If you told beforehand that it would take half an hour to pray the Glorious mysteries I might have thought twice about it. However it was the most reverential inspiring prayer I have experienced, with wonderful scripture and other quotes in between each Hail Mary. It made a profound impact on me on how you can adapt such a well known prayer to enable Our Lord and Our Lady to speak to each of us and allow us to meditate and understand more regarding the key events in their lives.

After Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the statue of the shrine we moved to the Abbey Grounds where confession and healing prayer was available. Then after lunch the Procession began. Again we were reciting the Rosary but this time with 100s of people joining in. Each mystery this time was emphasized with a hymn that reflected that mystery. This was also uplifting, not only for the witness each of us was able to profess walking and praying around the town especially when we encountered the inevitable hecklers but the joy of being part of such a large prayerful group. We were blessed also with the water station that was provided by a local hostelry.

The beautiful and fitting finale was the Mass celebrated by Bishop Declan, ably supported by our own Deacon Elias in the Abbey grounds with most of us seeking shade from the strong heat. It is always wonderful to participate in Diocesan events where you get to meet new and old friends. They feed your soul and uplift you in your spiritual life to help you carry on in your ordinary life. So as I said I travelled alone but I was never, ever alone.

I would recommend everyone if they are able to participate at least once in an event of our diocesan family. Hope to see some of you at the next pilgrimage to Glastonbury will be on 14th July 2019.

#### **FIXED TERM POST FOR A SCHOOL'S PROJECT OFFICER**

The Schools and Colleges Department are looking to appoint a suitable person to the above position, ideally from September. The appointed person will be required to support the Director and current officers in shaping the ever - changing educational landscape of Catholic education within Clifton diocese. They will be required to work directly with designated partnerships and schools and other appropriate educational bodies as needed. The position will initially be for a fixed term period of 2 years and will be on a term time only basis. For further details see diocesan website [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or contact the Director, Colleen Collett, on 0117 9025593 or email: [colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com) Closing date: midday Friday 10th August. Applicants should indicate their availability for interview during August.

#### **VACANCY: Holy Family Primary School** is now recruiting

**Mid-day supervisor** who can: Be willing to promote the Catholic ethos of the school. Inspire play through engagement, energy and passion. Be part of a hardworking, and committed team.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend came to £1094 and £502 by standing order. Many thanks for your generosity.

**YEAR OF MISSION** *The 'shepherds' that Jeremiah speaks against must have only thought about themselves. It seems that God's people have not been taken care of: the sheep have not been at the heart of the shepherds' mission. Notice who takes over! The Lord will be the shepherd; he will be the one to watch over and care and love and lead... the Lord now sets the benchmark for shepherding. Don't we see that reflected in the familiar psalm? We could use this Sunday's readings to pray for those who shepherd us, who reflect the care of Christ to us and who seek to enable us to find Christ. Let's pray for our priests in their mission of preaching and teaching, and their mission of enabling us to encounter the love of the Lord. Let's pray that they find time for that 'lonely place' to encounter the Good Shepherd, to know his tenderness and look to the example he gives. May our priests know the love of Christ and seek to be like him in the way they radiate Christ's care to those they watch over.*