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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(November 30, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

Response to the Psalm: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass
(No Confession on Friday)

Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

30th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Dixon Vas (Intention)
08.00am Mass – Rita Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
09.30am Mass – Julio & Rosana Anello (RIP)
11.00am Mass – Bernie Cooney (Intention)

01ST MONDAY 09.00am Mass - Fernandes family (Intention)

02nd TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Belarmina De Sa (Thanksgiving)

03rd WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – People of the Parish
06.00pm Mass – People of the Parish

04th THURSDAY 09.00am Mass - Stacy Rocha (Intention)

05th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – Precioso De Sousa (RIP)

06th SATURDAY 09.00am Mass – Alroy Pereira (Anniversary)
11.30am Mass – Lawrence Britto (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 7, 2025)

07th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Aurie Pereira (Intention)
08.00am Mass – Antonio Rodrigues (RIP) + Celestiana Frois (Intention)
09.30am Mass – William Edward Coker (RIP)
11.00am Mass – Linnet Gonsalves (Intention)

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: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

RITE OF INDUCTION: We are going to formally welcome Fr Dominic as the Parish Priest of St Mary on 9th December, 2025. Bishop Bosco will celebrate the Mass at 7pm. All are welcome. After Mass cake and coffee will be served.

NEW CHURCH MEETING: The next meeting will be on Thursday 11, 2025 at 6pm. All are welcome. For all who missed the first meeting you can catch up now what was discussed at the last meeting.

PENITENTIAL RITE: There will be priests who will sit for confessions on Friday 19, December 2025 from 5 -7pm.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Lachelle Da Silva, Jacob Ranvil Cardozo and Verena Ukaoma who is being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass (**No Confessions on Friday**)
Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm - 5.30pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER: The novena of grace to St Francis Xavier will be starting on Monday 24th November. The Feast Mass will be on 3rd December at 6pm here in St Marys. All are welcome.

RECENTLY DIED: On 6th December there will also be Mass at 11.30am which will be offered for the repose of the soul of Lawrence Britto who died recently in Goa.

ADVENT KNITTED ITEMS: The Knit & Natter Group have been busy knitting items for Advent with a small message of hope. We hope they may spread a little joy this season. This year we are asking for a small donation to charity raising money for Swindon Prospect Hospice. The items are available after Mass during Advent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2026: The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026 will be available to collect from the sacristy. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion. Young people must be in Year 10 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make sure the forms are duly filled with all the details and confirmation forms we will need the full address of the Church you were baptised.

PARENTS MEETING for First Communion candidates will be on 10th January 2026 at 10am in the Church.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Bosco is to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14, February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. Poster at the back of the Church.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be choir practice for 11am Mass on 4th December 2025 at 6.30pm. New members are welcome.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you have changed your address since registering as a parishioner, you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. On the home page, scroll down to 'Parishioner Registration' and follow the link. Please select 'Change of Address' (there is no need to re-register).

GIFT AID: Those Parishioners who gift aid their offering to the parish and do so through a standing order will soon receive a letter asking them of Clifton parishioners are asked to change their mandate to pay St Mary's Parish. You will soon receive a letter telling you what you need to do.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Dominic or contact the Parish Office.

COLLECTION: Offertory collection last Sunday came to £1788.37 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

THE RETIRING COLLECTION this weekend will be towards Poor Missions of the Diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS: The first Mass intention will be printed in the Newsletter. The other Mass Intentions shall be prayed for and the names will be read on the requested day but will be offered somewhere else. Please put your Mass intention in the envelope and add your phone number and drop in the box provided at the back of the Church two weeks in advance. Do not use the card machine for Mass intentions.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -A

Sunday 30 November 2025

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Sion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9. R cf. 1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, ‘Peace upon you.’
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14a

‘Salvation is nearer to us now.’

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 85(84):8

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’