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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(December 7, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon:

**O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory  
of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

Response to the Psalm:

**In his days justice shall flourish and great peace for ever.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

### CONFESIONS

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

#### 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)

#### 08th MONDAY

09.00am Mass – People of the Parish – **IMMACULATE COCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**10.30 am - Requiem Mass – Matthew Pratley**

#### 09th TUESDAY

09.00am Mass – Paul Jack Guiry (Anniversary)

**11.00am Requiem Mass – Michael Delapp**

**07.00pm Mass – Rite of Induction of Fr Dominic Findlay- Wilson**

#### 10th WEDNESDAY

09.00am Mass - Souls of deceased members of the family  
of Domingos De Araujo & fly and Salvador Rodrigues & fly

**11.30am Requiem Mass - Dawn Bernadette**

#### 11<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY

09.00am Mass – Clifton & Serry (Wedding Anniversary)

**09.45am Funeral Service - Thabo Khumalo**

#### 12th FRIDAY

09.00am Mass – Derek Vaz (RIP)

**11.00am Requiem Mass – Mary Sweeney**

#### 13th SATURDAY

09.00am Mass – Valliton Fernandes (RIP)

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 14, 2025)

#### 14<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY(SUN)

06.00pm Mass – Janina & Jan Goc (RIP)  
08.00am Mass – Ana Rodrigues & Stellan D'Silva (Intention)  
09.30am Mass – Mary & John Joyce (RIP)  
11.00am Mass – Amaris Goes (RIP)

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

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

**FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH EXTENTION:** Join Us at Our Weekend Mass Food Stall!

We are excited to announce that our community will be hosting a food stall at the weekend mass every Saturday. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our church and contribute to its development. How You Can Help?

**Cook for a Cause:** We are seeking volunteers to cook and prepare delicious food or snacks. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Natasha Vas at 07720982226. **Support by Buying:** Visit our stall and purchase the delightful items prepared by our community members. Your support will directly help us raise the necessary funds for the church's development.

Your generosity and involvement - together, we can make a meaningful difference!

**NEW CHURCH MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 11, 2025 at 6pm. All are welcome. For all those who missed the first meeting you can catch up now, what was discussed in 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 Antonio Akinlade who is being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

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

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please remember to pray for the souls of

Matthew Pratley - Requiem Mass is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.30am

Michael Delapp - Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 11.30am

Dawn Bernadette - Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 11.30am

Thabo Khumalo Funeral Service is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 9:45 am

Mary Sweeney - Requiem Mass is on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 11am

Please also remember their families in your prayers.

**ONE HOUR OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:** Let us come together and Worship the Lord on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 4pm-5pm.

**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 2026:** The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion in 2026 will be available to collect from the sacristy. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** 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. We will need the full address of the Church including Post Code/ Pin Code you were baptised in. Last day for submitting either forms will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**PARENTS MEETING** for First Communion candidates will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am in the Church.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** Bishop Bosco is 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](mailto: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.

**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 £1746.67 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.

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**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.

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**-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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A

### First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

‘With righteousness he shall judge the poor.’

On that day:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice,  
and your poor in right judgement.

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

In his days justice shall flourish,  
and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,  
the poor who have no one to help.

He will have pity on the weak and the needy,  
and save the lives of the needy.

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

May his name endure for ever,  
his name continue like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blest in him,  
all nations shall call him blessed.

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

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## Second reading

**Romans 15:4-9**

### **Christ saves humanity.**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**Matthew 3:1-12**

### **'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."'

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'