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TWENTY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(SEPTEMBER 21, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **I AM the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

Response to the Psalm: **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.**

Communion Antiphon: **I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm – 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (1st Mass of Sunday) 06.00pm Mass – Ranvil Cardozo (RIP)

SUNDAY
08.00am Mass – Anaida Afonso (Intention)
09.30am Mass – Caetano Cabral (RIP)
11.00am Mass - Sylino Botelho (Intention)

22nd MONDAY **NO MASS**

23rd TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Milagrina Da Cunha (RIP)

24th WEDNESDAY **10.00am Mass - REQUIEM MASS – BEATRICE KELLY**

25th THURSDAY **10.00am Mass - REQUIEM MASS – PASQUALINA ISAACS**

26th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass - Geraldine Guiry (Anniversary)

27th SATURDAY 09.00am Mass - Bablu (Intention – Family health and wellbeing)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 28, 2025)

SATURDAY (1st Mass of Sunday) 06.00pm Mass – Marcilia Martins Barretto (RIP) & Xavier Barretto (RIP)

SUNDAY
08.00am Mass – Saluzinho Pereira (RIP)
09.30am Mass – Francesco Pungitore (Anniversary)
11.00am Mass - Leanne Fernandes (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

NO MASS: There will be no 9am Mass on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th but you are welcome to come for 10am Requiem Mass on both the days.

SATURDAY MASS: Every week on Saturday there will be 9am Mass starting this week.

ADORATION: There will Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday after 9am Mass and on Friday from 6pm-7pm in the evening.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Beatrice Kelly and Pasqualina Isaacs who died recently. Requiem Mass for soul of Beatrice will be on Wednesday 24th September at 10am and the funeral service for Pasqualina will be on Thursday 25th September at 10am. Both the service will be held here in St Marys. Please remember to pray for their families also.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Jewela Dias and Breanne De Souza who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

FUNDRAISING: Welcome to a delightful evening at our **Annual Event Dine & Dance**, organised by Parishioners of St Marys Catholic Church and it will be held on Saturday 4th October, 2025 at 7.30pm onwards. Venue: Punjabi Community Center. Entry fee £10 (includes delicious buffet). There are also Raffle tickets on sale outside the Church. Don't miss your chance to win some exciting prizes. For further details, please contact Deacon Elias on 07833746001

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you have changed your address, email address or telephone number since registering as a parishioner you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. Press Register on the website and there is a section marked 'Register' which allows new parishioners to enter their details and to submit the details of any changes since your first registration.

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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help - deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: If you care about children, believe in Catholic education, want to transform lives, then our Catholic schools need you! You could serve as a Foundation Governor or Director? Please take a letter from the Bishop from the back of the Church.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY: The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1976.16 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

25th Sunday in ordinary time

First reading

Amos 8:4-7

Against those who ‘buy the poor for silver.’

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R cf. 1a, 7b

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

or: Alleluia.

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

or: Alleluia.

High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth?

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

or: Alleluia.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

‘Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.’

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

‘You cannot serve God and money.’

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’