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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(November 23, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### 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

23<sup>rd</sup> **SATURDAY(SUN)** 06.00pm Mass – Vitorino Fernandes (RIP)  
08.00am Mass – Edward & Flavia (Wedding Anniversary)  
09.30am Mass – Dizaha Fernandes (Intention)  
11.00am Mass – Joshua De Souza (Intention)

24<sup>th</sup> **MONDAY** **NO MASS**

25<sup>th</sup> **TUESDAY** 09.00am Mass – Shawnal Moraes (Intention)

26<sup>th</sup> **WEDNESDAY** 09.00am Mass – Assencao Da Cunha & Linnet Gonsalves (Wedding Anniversary)

27<sup>th</sup> **THURSDAY** 09.00am Mass - Sacramenta Colaco (Intention)

28<sup>th</sup> **FRIDAY** 09.00am Mass – Elias Fernandes (Intention)

29<sup>th</sup> **SATURDAY** 09.00am Mass – George & Maureen Campbell (Intentions)

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 30, 2025)

30<sup>th</sup> **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)

**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 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. Bishop Bosco will be coming to celebrate the Mass at 7pm. All are welcome. There will be cake and tea/ coffee.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Kate Fernandes, Chung Yin-Fung, Valric Mendonsa, Chimemezika Vicson, Concy Gonsalves 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

**ORGAN/ KEYBOARD PLAYER:** The Church is looking to recruit Organ.& Keyboard player for the 11am Mass. If you have the skills and would like to be committed, please contact the Church office.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** During the month of November we remember all those who have died. The book of remembrance will be at the front of the Church. On the first page of the book are the names of those whose funerals have been in our parish in the past year. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered in prayer.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald as main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. #Red-Wednesday week offers a chance as Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome.

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

**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.

**SCHOOL PLACES:** **St. Catherine's Catholic Primary School** (situated in Upper Stratton) also serves St. Mary's Parish and we are happy to welcome those who wish to apply for places for their child to begin school in September 2026. If you would like to consider St. Catherine's as an option for your child, please contact the school office to make an appointment to view the school. We also have some space in other year groups if you are new to the area or considering a school change for your child.

**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:** (**First Communion**) will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am.

**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](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 £2099.22 and £500 in standing orders. The Fundraising from Dine and Dance came to £5443 which is towards the New Church of St Marys. Many thanks for your generosity.

**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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Sunday 23 November 2025

## Readings at Mass

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### First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

**‘They anointed David king over Israel.’**

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. Rcf.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.*

As it is decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
There were set the thrones for judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

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### Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

**‘He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Mark 11:9, 10**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**Luke 23:35-43**

**‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’**

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’