



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (AUGUST 24, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your ears, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

Response to the Psalm: **Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.**

Communion Antiphon: **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

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 (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Ciona Fernandes (Intention) Morris Irungu (Anniversary)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Brito Fernandes (RIP) 09.30am Mass – Rachel Noronha (Intention) 11.00am Mass - Maria do Carmo Fernandes (RIP)
MONDAY	NO MASS
TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Rocky Britto (Intention) Francisco Gonsalves (Intention)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass - Joyston Aguiar (Intention)
THURSDAY	09.00am Mass - Anthony Gonsalves (Anniversary) Hazel Gonsalves (Intention) Lourence Gonsalves (Intention) Lakisha Gonsalves (Intention) Camilo Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Thompson Rodrigues (Intention)
	12noon REQUIEM MASS – NICOLA JOANNE CAMPBELL
FRIDAY	09.00am Mass - Moss Guiry (Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 31, 2025)

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Janina & Adam Baran (RIP)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Marielle Gonsalves (Intention) 09.30am Mass – Shanice Rodrigues (Intention) 11.00am Mass - Azeliah Divine 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

THE GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE this year will be on Sunday 7th September 2025. Handouts with all details at the back of the Church. There will be a coach leaving from St Mary's at 8.30am and the cost per person will be £12. Please carry your own pack lunch. It is a family day of prayer. **Please write your name and number on the list at the back of the Church.**

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Nicola Joanne Campbell who has died recently. Her Requiem Mass is on Thursday 28th August at 12noon here in St Mary's Church. Please also pray for her family.

THANK YOU: A heartfelt thanks for all the good wishes, gifts and blessings to mark my final Sunday Mass. And for the overwhelming generosity of your parting gift and for the very emotional leaving party in the garden. These 15 years have been a time of great grace for me and the Parish of St Mary's will always have place in my heart. Let us pray for each other.' - *Fr Michael*

PARISH PRIEST: Bishop Bosco has appointed a Parish Priest for St Marys. Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson. Fr Dominic has been ordained for 11 years and is currently Parish Priest in Glastonbury in Somerset. Some of you will know him as he was an assistant Priest at Holy Rood Church in Swindon for some years. He will come to St Marys later in summer. He is very much looking forward to meeting you all.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that there will be no Saturday morning Confessions during the month of August until Fr Dominic comes to Swindon. Confessions will continue on Saturdays from 5pm

NEW ADDRESS: Fr Michael's new address is St Bernadette Church, 731 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol. BS14 9HU His email address is michaelmcandrew@mac.com Telephone number 01275 833699

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.

OPEN EVENING AT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE on Wednesday 24th September, 6pm-8pm. You can meet the teachers and talk to students, tour the facilities and find out more about education and enrichment at St Joseph. The Principal will deliver a presentation at 6.15pm and another at 7pm. For more details www.stjosephscollege.net

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 £1919.88 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

‘They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.’

Thus says the LORD: ‘For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD, ‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

or: Alleluia.

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

or: Alleluia.

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

‘The Lord disciplines the one he loves.’

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

‘People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.’

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’