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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(SEPTEMBER 28, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.**

Response to the Psalm: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

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: **The Lord is good to all those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**

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

27 th SATURDAY	09.00am Mass – Joaquina De Mello (RIP) 06.00pm Mass – Marcilia Marins Barretto and Xavier Baretto (RIP)
28 th SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Saluzinho Pereira (RIP) 09.30am Mass – Francesco Pungitore (Anniversary) 11.00am Mass - Leanne Fernandes (Intention)
29 th MONDAY	NO MASS
30 th TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Karen Gonsalves (Intention)
1 st WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass - Elizabeth Bonamis & Family (Intention)
2 nd THURSDAY	09.00am Mass - Archangela Carvalho (RIP)
3 rd FRIDAY	09.00am Mass - Joaquina de Mello (RIP) EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (6pm-7pm)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 5, 2025)

4 th SATURDAY	09.00am Mass – Mercy Fernandes (Intention) 06.00pm Mass – Dixon Vas & Malucha Rosario (Thanksgiving)
5 th SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Zion Vas (Intention) 09.30am Mass – People of the parish 11.00am Mass - Baby Raphael (RIP)

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

MASS: Every week there will be 9am Mass from Tuesday to Saturday. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after every Mass except Friday. And on Friday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6pm to 7pm in the evening.

CONFESSIONS: There will be confessions after every Mass from Tuesday – Saturday and on Friday Confessions will be in the evening between 6pm and 7pm.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Gabriel Alexander Dias who is being baptized here in St Marys this weekend.

FUNDRAISING - DINE & DANCE: Welcome to a delightful evening at our Annual Event Dine & Dance, organized by parishioners of St Mary's Catholic Church. The Event will be held on 4th October 2025 at 7.30pm onwards. Venue: The Punjabi Community Center. The entry fee will be £10 (which includes delicious buffet). [There are also Raffle tickets and Entry tickets on sale outside the Church after every Mass.](#) Don't miss your chance to win some exciting prizes. All proceeds will go to the Church Development Fund. For further details contact Deacon Elias on 07833746001.

SPONSOR: We are still looking for Sponsors for the Dine & Dance on the 04th Oct

- Chicken Item
- Vegetarian Item
- Sweet Dish

- Cost towards the venue - £1375
- Cost Towards the Band - £600

CAFOD - FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST: Family Fast Day is this coming Friday 3rd October. We are asked to do without on that day in order to help those in need. The second collection next weekend (4th/5th) October will be for CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for overseas development). For more information see the poster and envelopes at the back of the Church. Collect a Cafod envelope as you leave to Gift Aid Donation next Sunday.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be choir practice on Thursday 2nd October commencing at 6.30pm.

PARISH OFFERTORY: The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1926.12 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

‘The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: ‘Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,

the LORD who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31

‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.” ’