



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (AUGUST 31, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

Response to the Psalm: **In your goodness, O God,
you provided a home for the poor.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

Communion Antiphon: **How great is your goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

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 – Janina & Adam Baran (RIP)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Marielle Gonsalves (Intention)
	09.30am Mass – Shanice Rodrigues (Intention) Mia DeSa (Intention)
	11.00am Mass - Azeliah Divine Fernandes (Intention)
MONDAY	NO MASS
TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Mary Fernandes (Intention) Malcolm & Tania Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Carissa Fernandes (Intention) Belinda Cabral (Thanksgiving) Simplicio Fernandes (Intention)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass - Mary Bilsborough (Intention)
THURSDAY	09.00am Mass - Perpetua Vas (Anniversary) Robert Millard (RIP)
FRIDAY	09.00am Mass - Bernardo Fernando (Intention) Mark Crasto (Intention) Pedro Fernando Vaz (Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 7, 2025)

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Ashlyn Pereira (Intention) Lindon Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Eion Vas (Intention)
	09.30am Mass – Marcal Crasto & Sucorrina Da Costa (Wedding Anniversary) Shannon Fernandes (Intention)
	11.00am Mass - Concetta & Vito Zarola (RIP) Antonia & Giovanni Tucci (RIP)

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

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.

THE GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE this year will be on Sunday 7th September 2025. All details on the flyers 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.**

LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY – Could you or someone you know have a calling to support the Catholic life and mission of our local secondary school? Saint Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon have an exciting vacancy for a Lay Chaplain effective to start from September 2025. The role is fulltime and during term times only, but we'll also consider candidates interested in part-time and flexible working options. Please see the Eteach link www.eteach.com/job/lay-chaplain-1498725 for the full recruitment pack or contact our HR team for further information at HR@stjosephscollege.net or by phone on (01793) 236053. We are happy to arrange an informal visit in advance of applications too. Deadline for applications is Monday 22nd September.

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 £1789.22 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

‘Humble yourself so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.’

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God;
they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
O sing to God; make music to his name.
The LORD is his name.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Father of orphans, defender of widows:
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your heritage languished, you restored it.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

‘You have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

‘Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, “Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’