



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (AUGUST 10, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Response to the Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Gospel Acclamation: Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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 – Bazil Paulu Souza (RIP)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – D'Sa & Fernandes family (Thanksgiving)
	09.30am Mass – Elaine Rose Fernandes (Intention)
	11.00am Mass - People of the Parish
MONDAY	NO MASS
TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Emmanuel Gonsalves (Intention)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass - Caetano Eliana Dias & Ana Francisca Dias (RIP) Lijoe Pereira (Intention)
THURSDAY	09.00am Mass - Augusto Goes (Intention) Marcos Fernandes (Intention) Cajetan Caiado (Intention) Priscilla Joao (Thansgiving)
FRIDAY	09.00am Mass - Jaden Gonsalves and Joshua Gonsalves (Intention) Floyren Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Jose Avelino De Almeida (Anniversary)
	06.00pm Mass - Antonio Gonsalves (Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 17, 2025)

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Ayner Francisco Gonsalves (Intention) Glary Pereira (Anniversary)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Abigail Da Silva (Intention)
	09.30am Mass – Joaquim Alexio Fernandes (Anniversary)
	11.00am Mass - Zeferino, Caridade, Tito Gonsalves (RIP)

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

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.

WELCOME: We welcome Fr Ian McCarthy to our Parish. He will be helping with some of the Sunday & Weekday Masses during the month of August. Please keep them in your prayers.

WEDDING: Congratulation to Charlie Wells & Francesca Mancari who are being married here in St Mary's Church on Saturday 9th August.

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

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Nicola Campbell who has died recently. Her funeral arrangement will be notified at a later date. Please also pray for her family.

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.

SUMMER FIESTA an outdoor fundraising event organised by V-GOANIZZ. Enjoy delicious food, live music, and exciting games, all while supporting a great cause! Every ticket sold goes to "St Mary's Catholic School!! Let's come together and make a difference! On 17th August from 12pm to 7pm at St Mary's Catholic Primary School Ground, Bessemer Road East SN2 1PE. Grab your friends and family – let's make this a day to remember! #Fundraiser #Community Support #Good Cause.

MISSIO: There are handouts of 'Mission Today' magazine at the back of the Church for you to take home. Your support in whatever way you can, will help them carry out their work to the poor and needy around the world.

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.

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 £2035 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.

"Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil, attempts things beyond its strength ... it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle." - Thomas à Kempis

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

‘By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.’

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Yes, the LORD’S eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

‘He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.’

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,

for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

‘You also must be ready.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’