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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JULY 27, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

Response to the Psalm: **On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **You have received the spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'**

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

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 – Joao Rodrigues (RIP) Anely Pinto (Intention)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Arsela Fernandes (intention) 09.30am Mass – Joaquina Braganca (RIP) 11.00am Mass - Valency Cabral (Intention)
MONDAY	NO MASS
TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Hilaria Bual (RIP)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass - Ansley Gonsalves (Intention)
THURSDAY	09.00am Mass - Obaniel Dorado (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am REQUIEM MASS – ANNE DUNNE
FRIDAY	09.00am Mass - Ezikel Costa (RIP) Baby Jeremiel Dias (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 3, 2025)

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Antonio Gonsalves (RIP) + Francisca Gracias (RIP) Magnu Noronha (RIP) & Marcilia Barretto (RIP) Lilian De Souza (Intention)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – For all Priests 09.30am Mass – Vencilon Pinto (Intention) 11.00am Mass - Fabian Gomes (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, Nicola Campbell, Tommy Fox

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.

FAREWELL GIFT: If you wish to donate to Fr Michael's leaving gift there are envelopes available at the back of the Church. These can be handed in at any time. You can also contribute on the card reader.

FATHER MICHAEL: Father Michael's last weekend at St Mary's will be on 26th and 27th July. He will celebrate all four Masses. After the 11am Mass on 27th July we will have a farewell gathering in the garden.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayer the repose of the soul of Anne Dunne. Her Requiem Mass will be here at St Marys on Thursday 31st July at 11am

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

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.

FEAST OF STS JOAQUIM AND ANNE is being celebrated here in St Marys Church. There will be Mass at 3pm on Saturday 26th July. All are invited to come celebrate this feast.

FEAST OF ST PETER will be held on Saturday 2nd August here at St Marys at 11am. All are invited to come and celebrate this feast.

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.

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.

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.

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. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFERTORY: The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1685 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.

*"We are called to bear witness to the gratitude and generosity of Christ, to exultation and joy,
and the tenderness and mercy of His Heart."
- Pope Leo XIV*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Genesis 18:20-32

‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.’

In those days: The LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the LORD said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered and said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him and said, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. 7c-8. R3a

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

‘God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

‘Ask, and it will be given to you.’

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’

And he said to them, ‘Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him”; and he will answer from within, “Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything”? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’