



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(AUGUST 3, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Response to the Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from one generation to generation.

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon: I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger  
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

### 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

<b>SATURDAY</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Antonio Gonsalves (RIP) + Francisca Gracias (RIP) Magnu Noronha (RIP) & Marcilia Barretto (RIP) Lilian De Souza (Intention)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	08.00am Mass – For all Priests 09.30am Mass – Vencilon Pinto (Intention) 11.00am Mass - Fabian Gomes (Intention)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	09.00am Mass – St Anthony & St Michael -Thanksgiving (Maria & Fabian)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Joshua Gomes (Intention)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Private Intention <b>11.00am REQUIEM MASS – GIUSEPPE FALVO</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Gwen Fernandes (Intention)

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 10, 2025)

<b>SATURDAY</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Bazil Paulu Souza (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	08.00am Mass – D'Sa & Fernandes family (Thanksgiving) 09.30am Mass – Elaine Rose Fernandes (Intention) 11.00am Mass - People of the Parish

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

**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*

**WELCOME:** We welcome Fr Ian McCarthy to our Parish. He will be helping with Sunday & Weekday Masses during the month of August.

**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.

**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

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Fabrizia Siqueira and Mariah Primrose Fernandes who are being baptised here at St Marys this weekend.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please remember to pray for the repose of the souls of  
1. Giuseppe Falvo - whose Requiem Mass is on Thursday 7 August at 11am  
2. William Edward - Coker whose Funeral Service is on Thursday 7 August at 2pm  
3. Fredrick Jacobs - whose cremation will be at Kingsdown Crematorium on Friday 8 August at 10.30am  
Please also remember to pray for their families.

**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 ST LAWRENCE** will be celebrated on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August here at St Marys at 3.30pm. All are invited.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1972.98 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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**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*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**‘What has a man from all his toil?’**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,  
and say, ‘Return, O children of Adam.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O LORD! How long?  
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

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## Second reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

**‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

**‘The things you have prepared, whose will they be?’**

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’