



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (AUGUST 17, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Response to the Psalm: **Lord, make haste to help me!**

Gospel Acclamation: **My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,  
and I know them, and they follow me.**

Communion Antiphon: **I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.**

**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 – Avner Francisco Gonsalves (Intention) Glary Pereira (Anniversary) Zeferino, Caridade, Tito Gonsalves (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	08.00am Mass – Abigail Da Silva (Intention) 09.30am Mass – Joaquim Alexio Fernandes (Anniversary) 11.00am Mass - Eutemia Fernandes (RIP)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	09.00am Mass – Revel Aguiar (Intention) Domingos, Francis Menezes (RIP) Roque Paulo Fernandes (Anniversary)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Ranvil Cardoso (RIP) Jophiel Fernandes (Intention)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Assencao Da Cunha (Intention) Cressida D'Souza (Thanksgiving)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.00am Mass - Isidoro Fernandes (RIP) 06.00pm Mass - Andre Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 24, 2025)

<b>SATURDAY</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Ciona Fernandes (Intention) Morris Irungu (Anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	08.00am Mass – Brito Fernandes (RIP) 09.30am Mass – Joaquim Alexio Fernandes (Anniversary) 11.00am Mass - Maria do Carmo Fernandes (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.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Avery Edward Bradley, Ryden Manege and Finnian Ihejiene who are being baptised here at St Marys this Weekend.

**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.

**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 and the cost per person will be £12. Please carry your own pack lunch. **Please write your name and number on the list at the back of the Church.**

**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.

**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.

**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. Dominic or contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1693.99 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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**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

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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.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**‘You bore me, a man of contention to the whole land.’**

In those days: The officials said to the king, ‘Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.’ King Zedekiah said, ‘Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, ‘My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.’ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ‘Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.’

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2. 3. 4. 18. R14b

*LORD, make haste to help me!*

I waited, I waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped down to me.  
He heard my cry.

*LORD, make haste to help me!*

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock,  
made my footsteps firm.

*LORD, make haste to help me!*

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the LORD.

*LORD, make haste to help me!*

Wretched and poor though I am,  
the Lord is mindful of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O my God, do not delay.

*LORD, make haste to help me!*

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### Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

**‘Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,  
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

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## **Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-53**

**‘I have not come to give peace but division.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’