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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

(OCTOBER 1, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon:

**All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

Response to the Psalm:

**Remember your mercy, Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Karen Gonsalves (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Conceicao D'Mello (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Joao Francis Rodrigues (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) Marcos Fernandes (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Mark Joseph Crasto & Elisca de Souza (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Zion Vas (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Violante Cabral (RIP)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 8, 2023)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Alstroy De Souza (Intentions) Placido Da Silva & Larissa Braganza (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Velaini De Sousa (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (Anniversary)

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU PRAYERS** all those who are sick especially: Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Peter Hazel, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Astra De Melo & Quinn Stratford who are being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Frank Baafi & Josephine Ackah who are being married here in St Mary's this week.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** It is family fast day this coming Friday 6th October, when we are asked to do without and to give to those in need. The second collection next weekend (7th / 8th October) will be for CAFOD and there are envelopes to donate at the back of the Church.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024:** Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys for confirmation on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024. Application forms are now available and can be collected after Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2024:** Application forms for First Communion will be available from the beginning of November. Any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion must be in year 3 or above.

**READERS ROTA:** The New Readers Rota for October and November is available at the back of the Church.

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2023/24 are ready to collect from the Sacristy. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered. Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) please take a box of green envelopes.

**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.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 October** (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25, 40, 50, 60) please let the bishop know as he would like to invite you personally to join him with others on the day – [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

#### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Last week the offertory collection came to £1394.50 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

**THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – THE JOY OF THE CATECHIST:** In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, the diocese is offering a day to explore the ministry of catechesis. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, there is opportunity to look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. The date is **Saturday 28 October** at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. The day will begin with prayer at 10am, refreshments from 9.15am and the day will end at 4pm. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: [eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367)

**PRIEST:** *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,*

**RESPONSE:** **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

**PRIEST:** *Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

**RESPONSE:** **Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace....**

**PRIEST:** *And the Word was made flesh,*

**RESPONSE:** **And dwelt amongst us**

**Hail Mary, full of grace....**

**PRIEST:** *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

**RESPONSE:** **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

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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.