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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

(OCTOBER 8, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.**

Response to the Psalm: **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

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

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Alstroy De Souza (Intentions) Placido Da Silva & Larissa Braganza (Intentions) Alex & Concy Gonsalves (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Velaini De Sousa (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (Anniversary) Michael & Bernadette Daly (RIP)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Jake Vaz (Intentions) Menino Vas (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Paul McGrory (Anniversary) Chriselle Novaes (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Sunita Vas (Intentions) Ubaldo & Dulcina De Sousa (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Fatima de Menezes (Intentions) Fabrizio Barreto (Intentions) Edward Teles (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 15, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Petricia Farcasi (RIP) Theresa Blaj (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Artimesa Gonsalves (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Simon Szczerkowski (RIP)

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

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Harvey Gerard Mckay & Annabella Bourne who are being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Justyn Mckay & Brenda Begazo Cabella who are being married here in St Mary's this week.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: The second collection this weekend (7th / 8th October) will be for CAFOD and there are envelopes to donate at the back of the Church.

MISSIO Mission Magazine is now available at the back of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024: Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys for confirmation on April 23rd 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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Last week the offertory collection came to £1448.40 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

The Angelus

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.**

PRIEST: *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.*

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.

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians **Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 21:33-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord