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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

(JANUARY 14, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

Response to the Psalm: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Communion Antiphon: **You have prepared a table before me,
And how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

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 – Andrea Rodrigues (Intentions) Hilary Pinheiro (Intentions)
	9.00am	Mass – Joao Fernandes (Anniversary) Constantino & Filomena Gomes (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Rocco & Maria Solimena (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Maria Angelica Siqueira (Anniversary) Marcilia Barreto (Anniversary)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Holy Souls + Special Intentions
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Jerry Darragh (RIP)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Rosa Canida Fernandes (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 21, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Zenvia Dsouza (Intentions) Melrick Fernandes (Intentions) Socorrina Da Cost (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Valliton Fernandes (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – People of St Marys Parish

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, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Valliton Fernandes. Valliton died aged 11 years on January 7th. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 2nd February at 11am. Please also remember to pray for their families.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Cavian Cabral who is been baptised here in St Marys this Sunday.

THANK YOU: The Priests and Deacons thank the parishioners for the gifts and cards received at Christmas. Fr Michael thanks parishioners for their generous Christmas offering.

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 are now available. See Fr Michael or any of the Deacons. Any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion must be in year 3 or above.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DROP-IN, 14th January: The National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) and Great Western Hospital will come to our Parish of St Marys and will have a stand before and after both Masses on 14th January. Take a moment to talk to health care professionals, get a blood pressure check and find out how research taking place in the West of England is changing lives for the better.

PILGRIM CROSS is an Easter pilgrimage for all ages that walks every year to Walsingham - an ancient site of pilgrimage in Norfolk. We live and walk in community for one, three or seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the ruins of Walsingham Abbey.

The pilgrimage is a way of celebrating Easter like no other and the friendships you make during the week last a lifetime, but what we appreciate most is the opportunity to step out of the busyness of everyday life for a week and just be. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think, we look forward to meeting you on Pilgrim Cross. For more details contact Marguerite Holliday on 07505 368 218. Poster on notice board at the back of the Church.

THANK YOU: You will notice that all the kneelers in the Church have been restored with new covers. With many thanks to the parishioners who did the work and contributed the cost to the parish.

KNIT AND NATTERERS: Thank you to all who made donations for knitted items which came to £62.82. This will go to 'Future In Our Hands Charity' <http://fiohnetwork.org/> Registered Charity Number 1047953. The charity supports sustainable projects for women, children and the environment mainly in India, Cameroon and Sierra Leone. Many Thanks from The Knit & Natters.

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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1347.70 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

153:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Or

Jn1:41,17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 1:35-42***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.