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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B (JANUARY 21, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.**

Response to the Psalm: **Lord, make me know your ways.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.**

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

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 – Zenvia DSouza (Intentions) Melrick Fernandes (Intentions) Socorrina Da Cost (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Valliton Fernandes (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – People of St Marys Parish
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Brazilia Rodrigues (Intentions) Zion Pereira (Intentions) Clarinda D'Souza (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Cressida Gonsalves (Intentions) Diago Paulo D'Souza Raimundo (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Leia Vaz (Intentions) Petolnila Boccarro (Anniversary)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Paul Carter (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 28, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Violante Cabral (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Victor & Antonina Melynychuk (RIP) Antonio De Sa (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – John O'Gorman (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, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayer 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 remember in your prayers the soul of Paul Otikpo who died recently. His funeral service will be on 25th January here at St Mary's Church at 11am. Also remember to pray for their families.

FIRST COMMUNION 2024: Registration for First Holy Communion 2024 is now full. For all those who have registered there will be an information meeting on Saturday 27th January at 10.30am in St Mary's Church for parents and children.

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.

CLIFTON CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: The crib collection raised 380.24 for the Clifton Children's Society. We have received a letter of thanks from the Society for your support, of their work, with children and the families, who adopt them.

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 £ 1343.80 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand:

repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.