



St Mary's Catholic Church

Tovey Road Swindon SN2 1LQ

Tel: 01793 535089

Parish Priest: Fr Michael McAndrew - Email: swindonstmarys@me.com

Fr John Salter

Deacon Elias Fernandes

Deacon Terry Aspell

Deacon Paul Thompson

Assistant Priest- John.Salter@Cliftondiocese.com

Parish Administrator - eliasfernandes@mail.com

terry.aspell@cliftondiocese.com

paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com

Parish website:

www.saintmarysswindon.co.uk

Deanery website:

www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk

Diocesan website:

www.cliftondiocese.com

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

(FEBRUARY 4, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.**

Response to the Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation:

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.**

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 – Jamie Donnelly (RIP) Alfredo & Veronica Gonsalves (Intentions) Camelina Fernandes (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Joao Gonsalves (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Joan Popkiss (RIP) Clive Popkiss (RIP) Ernie Popkiss (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.30am	Mass – Valliton Fernandes
Wednesday	10.30am	REQUIEM MASS - MICHAEL NOBLE
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Terry Harris (RIP) Isabelle Harris (RIP) Shalom Da Costa (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Levin Fernandes (Intentions) Yohan De Souza (Intentions) Gennady Fernandes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 11, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Deceased members of Rossi Family Renora Rodrigues (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Ray Blakeman (Anniversary) Valien De Souza (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Lourenco Fernandes (Intentions) Lourdes De Sa (Intentions)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR 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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mass on Tuesday this week is at 9.30am.
On Wednesday morning there is a Requiem Mass at 10.30am.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayer the soul of Mick Noble, who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 7th February at 10.30am.

Please remember to pray for Jamie Donnelly who died recently. His funeral service will be at 11am on Monday 19th February. Please keep their families in your prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday this year is on 14th February. Mass with distribution of Ashes will be celebrated here at St Marys at 7.30am, 9am and 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will start during lent, each Sunday. Starting from Sunday 18th February during Lent, and will begin at 4pm in the Church followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA will be held on Thursday 8th February in Holyrood Church at 2pm for the Victims of Human Trafficking and for those who seek to combat this Trade. It will last 30-45 minutes. All are welcome.

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION: Bishop Declan invites you to join him during this season of lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At one of the five venues across the diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Poster at the back of the Church with all details. He will lead us in prayer and spend some time hearing confessions. There will also be several Priests available to hear confession in English and in Konkani. Please make a note of this special liturgy and make it a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August : The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment is full by 31st May 2024.

VACANCY: Head of Theology Vacancy at St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School Would you like to be part of a forward-thinking, supportive school community where your professional development is a priority? Governors of this outstanding 11-16 Catholic school are seeking to appoint for September 2024, a practising Catholic who is a dynamic and inspirational Head of Theology and PSHE to lead an 'outstanding' RE Faculty (Section 48 inspection October 202). To discuss the post or to arrange a school visit, please contact Mr Daniel Leiblich, Deputy Headteacher, on 0117 3772050 or email recruitment@stberns.bristol.sch.uk. Application packs are available on the school website www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk

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 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 £ 1490 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146(147):1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second reading I Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.