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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

(FEBRUARY 11, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Response to the Psalm:

**You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

Communion Antiphon:

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

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 – 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)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Angela Posca (RIP) Francesco Facciuto (RIP) Valanka Dias (Intentions)
ASH WEDNESDAY		
	07.30am	Mass - Especiosa Pires (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass - David Gonsalves (RIP)
	06.00pm	Mass - Maizy Fernandes (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Stephen Sloan and all the Deceased relatives of the Sloan family.
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Silestina Crasto (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 18, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Bonatous family – (Thanksgiving)
	09.00am	Mass – Manuel Anton Fernandes (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Toni Carelli (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: Peter Hazel, 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, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

LENT: Lent begin this week and on Ash Wednesday there will be Mass with the distribution of Ashes here at St Marys at 7.30am, 9am and 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross each Sunday during Lent. Starting next Sunday (18th February). Stations will begin at 4pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: During Lent there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday after morning Mass until 11am. There should always be someone present, during this time of prayer.

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. It will be held at one of the five venues across the diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. 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. Poster at the back of the Church with all details.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Lincoln Fernandes who is been baptised here at St Marys this weekend.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for Jamie Donnelly who died recently. His funeral service will be at 11am on Monday 19th February. Please also remember to pray for his family.

ST CATHERINE'S QUIZ NIGHT- Friday 1st March 7pm at St Catherine's School, Davenwood, SN2 7LL. Over 18's only. £3 per ticket. Enjoy licenced bar, snacks and raffle. Go to website for tickets- <https://www.pts-events.co.uk/friendsof-stcatherines>.

SEEKING GOD: A monastic experience for men & women aged 18-35 from Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March at Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard Brownhill, Stroud. For details contact Sr Hilda on 01453 883084 or email: brownhillbookings@bernardine.org - *Poster on notice board at the back of the Church.*

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH (10-18 March 2024) at St Joseph Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, with a special Novena Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessings on the work of the missionary outreach, and for intentions for all who support the work. For contact details and information *see poster at the back of the Church.*

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. *See Poster 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 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 £ 1413.29 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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

*You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second reading**I Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Eph 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 1:40-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.