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**Diocesan website:**

[www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

(JUNE 16, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

Response to the Psalm: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

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: **There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my 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 – Ida & Manjit Fernandes (RIP)  
Anthony Braganza (Intentions)  
09.00am Mass – Antonio & Lilly Cabral (RIP)  
10.30am Mass – Brito Fernandes (RIP)

**Monday** NO MASS

**Tuesday** 09.00am Mass – Adel & Aden Vales (Intentions)

**Wednesday** 09.00am Mass – Vallino Fernandes (Intentions)

**Thursday** 09.00am Mass – Brenda Fernandes (Intentions)

**Friday** 09.00am Mass – Violante Cabral (RIP)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JUNE 23, 2024)

**SUNDAY (Sat)** 06.00pm Mass – Marcos Fernandes (Anniversary)  
09.00am Mass – Maximus Pereira (Intentions)  
Freya Barreto (Intentions)  
10.30am Mass – Clive Coutinho & Janice Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

**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: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Lili Fernandes who is being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Fr Michael will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The 10.30am Mass on that day will be celebrated by our new Bishop, Bosco MacDonald. There will be cake and refreshments after the Mass.

**HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL** is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. All are invited to join a day of fun and celebration on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the School from 11am-3pm. There will be live music, a bar, food raffle, activities for children and tours of the school. For more details, poster displayed in the Church notice board.

**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](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

**RED BOX 2023:** In 2023 Parish raised £1210.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community here at our parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more.

**PARISH DANCE:** We are having a parish dance on Saturday 31 August 2024. If you would like to supply or sponsor some of the items mentioned on the list; which is put up on the notice board at the back of the Church, please call Natasha on 07720982226 between 4.30 and 8pm. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** V-Goanize invite you to celebrate a thanksgiving Mass. Fr Michael will offer the Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. This will be Sunday Mass and all are welcome.

**4<sup>th</sup> SWINDON SCOUTS ST MARYS:** Did you know that St Mary's has its own Scout Group providing activities of young people aged 6-14. The Scout Group was set up back in 1978 so that there was a Catholic group in Swindon for boys to attend (girls are a vital part of scouting now too). Our AGM is coming up in July and we are looking for new trustees. Being a trustee is a great way of helping our group with minimal time commitment but great impact ensuring the group offers the best activities in the best way. Those interested Please contact Dave Brooks at [fourthswindon@btinternet.com](mailto:fourthswindon@btinternet.com) or call 07777 626659 or email Deacon Terry. [terry.aspell@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:terry.aspell@cliftondiocese.com)

**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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £1321.10 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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*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

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Second reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*A reading from the second letter to St Paul to the Corinthians*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn15:53

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**

Mark 4:26-34

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.