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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

(JULY 28, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

Response to the Psalm: **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

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 – Jose De Sa (Anniversary) Francisco De Sa (Anniversary) Joaquina Braganca (Anniversary) Steve & Gina Hobbs (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Selistina Crasto (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Peter Moran (RIP)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Ansley Gonsalves (Intentions) Salvador Dias (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Matilda Rodrigues (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Violante Cabral (Anniversary)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Sarai Pereira (Intentions) Fabian Gomes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 4, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Francisca Gracias (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Fatima Gurjao (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Vencilon Pinto (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: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, 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

WEDDING: Congratulations to James Quittelier and KirstyBain who were married here at St Mary's this week.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Orla Nowicka, Gabriella Sofia Baden and Alven Fernandes who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend end.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: Many parishioners are asking about First Communion and Confirmation in 2025. Enrolment for the sacraments will be in November and December 2024 and the Catechesis will begin in January.

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 in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Parish Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 a book sold after every weekend/Sunday Mass. (Tickets are also available from the parish office). All proceeds go to the Parish Development Fund.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a meeting and practice for new altar servers on Saturday September 7th. If anyone would like to become an altar server please speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Terry.

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 to find out more. There is also Missio magazine at the back of the Church. Please take one.

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 £1365.74 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

*You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.