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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

(SEPTEMBER 1, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

Response to the Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

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 – Asher De Araujo (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Mia Deodita De Sa (Intentions) Carissa Fernandes (Int) Thanksgiving (Melvy and Royston)
	10.30am	Mass – Wayne Armstrong (RIP) James Evans (RIP) Margaret Evans (RIP) Allan Armstrong (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Andre Pereira (RIP) Liberate Gomes (RIP) Albino Moraes & Shanna Cardozo (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Robert Millard (Anniversary)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Bernardo Fernandes (Intentions) Mark Crasto (Intentions) Santiago DCruz (RIP)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Marcal Crasto & Socorrina De Costa (Intentions) Ashlyn Pereira (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 8, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Malucha Rosario (Intentions) Deceased members of Pereira & Naidu family
	09.00am	Mass – Augustinho Pinheiro (Intentions) Fatima Lopes (Intentions) Joaquim Fernandes (RIP) Eion Vas (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Pedro Inacio Rodrigues (RIP)

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Zion Pereira and Annelie Colaso baptised here at St Marys this week.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Kathleen McGowan who has died recently. Her funeral service will be here at Kingsdown Crematorium on Monday 2nd September at 12.45pm.

PRAYER GROUP: It is hoped to restart St Mary's prayer group and there will be an initial time of prayer on Friday 6th September at 10am. Brother Liju from the Birmingham Saturday Convention will be here to lead

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.

PARISH DANCE: Many thanks to all those who supported and sponsored our Parish dance this weekend. There will be more information about the dance in next week's newsletter.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a meeting and practice for new altar servers on Saturday September 7th at 10am. If anyone would like to become an altar server please speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Terry.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1235 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

*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.*

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, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake

**"The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts."
St. John Chrysostom**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.
He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.
He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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!

Or

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

By his own choice the Father made us his children

by the message of the truth,

so that we should be a sort of first-fruits

of all that he created.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [7:1-8,14-15,21-23](#)

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,

while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,

the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord.