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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (SEPTEMBER 15, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

Response to the Psalm:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.**

Communion Antiphon:

**how precious is your mercy, O God!  
The Children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

### 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

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass –	Bernardo and Brazilia Fernandes (Wedding Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass –	Michael Lopis (RIP) Edward Fernandes (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass –	Dominic, Priscilla and Glenn Gonsalves (Intention)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass	Vallery Dsouza (Int) Denizia Pereira (Int) Francisco Xavier Pereira (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass	Deceased souls of 15 Westbrook Road
Thursday	09.00am	Mass	Deceased members of the family of Francisco Da Costa Treza DSilva (Intention)
	<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS - Francis Joyce</b>	
Friday	09.00am	Mass	Francisco Xavier Da Costa (Ann) John Brady (RIP)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 22, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass –	Roman Fliski (Anniversay) Maria Antonia DSilva (Anniversary) Hendry Cunha and Vinny Fernandes (intentions) Anaida Afonso (Int)
	09.00am	Mass –	Evelyn Gonsalves (Int)
	10.30am	Mass –	Francis Rodrigues (RIP) Leanne Fernandes (Int)

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please remember in your prayer the repose of the soul of Francis Patrick Joyce who has died recently. His Requiem Mass will be here at St Marys on Thursday 19th September at 12noon

**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GOVERNORS**

Are you looking for a rewarding development opportunity on Education Sunday? Would you like to make a positive difference to the young people in our Catholic community? If so, St Joseph's Catholic College is looking for passionate people like you to join its school governing board.

As one of the largest secondary schools in Swindon, St Joseph's recently retained its 'Good' Ofsted rating and celebrated its best ever GCSE results just a few weeks ago. The school is looking for governors to support and challenge the school's leadership team to continue to make improvements and ensure it is operating in the best way possible. If you would like to find out more about the role please email Jessica Higgins, Chair of Governors, at: [jhiggins@stjosephscollege.net](mailto:jhiggins@stjosephscollege.net)

**PARISH DANCE:** Many thanks to all parishioners who worked so hard to make a success of our Parish dance at the end of August. In total £6698 was raised for our Parish development fund. This will be used to do work on the floor of the Church and to lay new carpet. A huge thanks to all who organised, donated, bought raffle tickets and those who supported with their presence at the dance.

Raffle Prizes: Many thanks to all those who supported our Parish Raffle. The winning ticket numbers are 1st Prize - £500 – 4829. 2nd Prize -£300 – 3660. 3rd Prize - £200 – 1863

**ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC NURSERY**

St. Catherine's is a teacher led nursery, fully integrated into St. Catherine's Primary school. We work with children from 3 years old - following the Early Years Curriculum and setting them up for success, whichever school they move on to. If you would like to arrange a visit to look around our nursery, please email [admin@stcatherines.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcatherines.swindon.sch.uk) or phone 01793 822699.

**HOLY FAMILY 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Holy Family School's 60th anniversary celebration will be taking place on Sunday 15th September 11-3pm. This is the new date as it was postponed from June due to bad weather.

All are welcome, there will be live music, food, tours of the school and lots for the children to do. Activities and food and drink will have a cost. See the poster at the back of the Church. Holy Family Catholic School, Marlowe Ave. SN3 2PT Time:11am – 3pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**CHRISTIAN OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS:**

This Saturday and Sunday (14th and 15th September) there will be a sale of Olive Wood Carvings after Mass. This is run by the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) and is based in Nottingham. Their goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holyland, to stay at work as olive wood carvings is one of the most important source of income for them, and 90% of the Christians rely on this.

So by selling their produce here in their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities.

**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.

**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 £2069.12 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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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.*

*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*

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**"A single act of love makes the soul return to life."**

**- St. Maximilian Kolbe**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who will dare to condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**Second reading**

James 2:14-18

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

**Or**

Ga6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,

through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.