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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

(SEPTEMBER 22, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord upholds my life.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

Communion Antiphon: **I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

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

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – Roman Fliski (Anniversary) Maria Antonia DSilva (Anniversary) Hendry Cunha and Vinny Fernandes (intentions) Anaida Afonso (Intentions) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – Evelyn Gonsalves (Intentions) |
| | 10.30am | Mass – Francis Rodrigues (RIP) Leanne Fernandes (Intentions) |
| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | 9.00am | Mass Thanksgiving (Veronica Waigwu) |
| Wednesday | 9.00am | Mass Sofia Grace Coutinho (Intentions) Shanna Cardozo (Intentions) Manuel Fernandes (Anniversary) |
| Thursday | 9.00am | Mass Thanksgiving (Fabian and Alistra Fernandes) |
| Friday | 9.00am | Mass Geraldine Guiry (Anniversary) Marios Fernandes (RIP) Carmelina Alves (RIP) Remedios Rodrigues (RIP) |

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 29, 2024)

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – Mিকেle Lopis (RIP) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – Deceased members of the Gonsalves and D'Souza families) |
| | 10.30am | Mass – Vivian Coelho (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, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake

APPOINTMENT: Congratulations to Father Michael McAndrew who has been appointed Canon of Clifton Cathedral Chapter. Canon Michael's Mass of Installation will be Concelebrated by the Cathedral Chapter on Wednesday 30 October in Clifton Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church Zieyan Sanchez, Jim Connors and Aaria Redkar who are being baptised this weekend.

SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP : The Saturday prayer group will begin on Saturday 5TH October. From 7pm until 7.30pm there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in silence, followed by the prayer group from 7.30pm. All are welcome

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GOVENORS:

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

THANKS: The Olive wood-carving fetched a sum of £1800. With grateful thanks to all the parishioners who bought and supported the sale of various items.

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 or phone 01793 822699.

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 £1361.90 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.*

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- **"When you pray, you speak with God,
- when you read, God speaks to you."**

- St. Cyprian

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

Second reading

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Or

cf.2Th2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Through the Good News God called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.