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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

(SEPTEMBER 29, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal  
with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

Response to the Psalm:

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.**

Communion Antiphon:

**Remember your word to your servant,  
O Lord, by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

### 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 – Mickele Lopis (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of the Gonsalves and D'Souza families)
	10.30am	Mass – Vivian Coelho (Intention)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am	Mass Karen Gonsalves (Intention)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	Mass Magnu Noronha (RIP) Zamora Kay Vas (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am	Mass Remanian Rodrigues (Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	Mass Mercy Fernandes (Intention)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 6, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Zion Vas (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Marcos Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
	10.30am	Mass – Peter Vaz (Anniversary) Winston Alemao (Anniversary) Jamie Donnelly (RIP)

**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:** Father Michael has been appointed Canon of Clifton Cathedral Chapter. Canon Michael's Mass of Installation will be Celebrated by Bishop Bosco and Con-Celebrated by the Cathedral Chapter on Wednesday 30 October at Clifton Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend the Mass. If you would like to attend, a coach has been arranged. It will leave St Marys at 10am. To reserve a seat, please put the payment in an envelope provided, with your name and phone number written on the outside of the envelope and hand it to one of the Priests or Deacons.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church Nathan Kubicki and Jophiel Cajetan Fernandes who are being baptised this weekend.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Bernard Cooney and Ann Mayo who were married here at St Mary's this weekend.

**SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP:** The Saturday prayer group will begin on Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

**NEW CARPETS FOR THE CHURCH:** We are having new carpets laid in the Church in the second week of October. While this is being done we will also have some repairs made to the Church floor. This will mean that the Church will have to be close all week, from the 7th until 11th October. So there will not be any weekday Mass celebrated in the Church that week. If anyone has a Mass intention for that week please speak to Fr Michael.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2024/25 are ready to collect from the Sacristy. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered. Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) please take a box of green envelopes.

**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](mailto:jhiggins@stjosephscollege.net)

**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.

**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.

**FAMILY FAST DAY:** Family Fast Day is this coming Friday 4th October. We are asked to do without on that day in order to help those in need. The second collection next weekend (5th/6th) October will be for CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for overseas development). For more information see the poster and envelopes at the back of the Church.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1501.70 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.*

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**"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart;  
it is a simple look toward heaven,  
it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."**

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First reading

Numbers 11:25-29

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

*The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

## Second reading

James 5:1-6

*A reading from the letter of St James*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.