



# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (OCTOBER 6, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.**

Response to the Psalm: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

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

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.**

### 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 – Zion Vas (Intention) Rizelle Da Silva (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Marcos Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Sible Silveira (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – Peter Vaz (Anniversary) Winston Alemao (Anniversary) Jamie Donnelly (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>	

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 13, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – James Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
	09.00am	Mass – Petria Farcasi (RIP) Teresa Blaj (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (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

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** The second collection this weekend (5th/6th October) will be Towards CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for overseas development). For more information see the poster and also envelopes at the back of the Church.

**APPOINTMENT:** Father Michael has been appointed Canon of Clifton Diocese. Canon Michael's Mass of Installation will be Celebrated by Bishop Bosco and Con-Celebrated by the Cathedral Chapter on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at Clifton Cathedral at 12noon. 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 **£5** 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 Hazel Fernandes, Isla Rose Bolt, Shannon Fernandes, Elliot J Miranda and Juliette Malgorzata who are being baptised 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 closed all week, from the 7th until 11th October. From **7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October there will be no 9am Mass** here is St Mary's Church. 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 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.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1861.20 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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"The rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth...  
the Rosary prayer rises like incense  
to the feet of the Almighty."

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First reading**

Genesis 2:18-24

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 127(128)

*May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our life.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace!

**Second reading**

Hebrews 4:12-13

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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 10:2-16**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

