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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (OCTOBER 13, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

Response to the Psalm: **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.**

Communion Antiphon: **The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

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 – James Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
	09.00am	Mass – Petria Farcasi (RIP) Teresa Blaj (RIP) Fabrizio Barreto (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass - Amalia Araujo (Anniversary) Severo Crasto (Intention) Caleb Fernandes (Intention)
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass - Paul McGrory (Anniversary) Artimiza Gonsalves (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Mass - Catarina Afonso (RIP) Pedro Menezes (RIP) Maria Fernandes (RIP) Esparance Carvalho (Anniversary)
Friday	9.00am	Mass - Simon Szczerkowski (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 20, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Zsiha D'Souza (Intention) Hansee Fernandes (Intention) Zoie Vaz (Intention) Augusto Pereira (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Raj Porvar (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – People of the Parish

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, Emmanuella 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday morning. There will be a time of silent prayer before the Sacrament from after Mass until 11am.

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 30th 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 Raven Poole, Sydney & Xeraphina Dyminska and Revel Aguiar who are being baptised this weekend.

RECENTLY DIED: Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Patricia Chinnock. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday 24th October at 12.30pm here in St Marys. Also remember her family in your prayers.

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 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 £ 1429.30 and £500 in standing orders. The Second collection which was towards Cafod came to £671.66. 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.*

*"The instrument through which you see God is your whole self.
And if a man's self is not kept clean and bright, his glimpse of God will be blurred."*

C.S. Lewis

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(90):12-17

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.