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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YC (FEBRUARY 16, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Response to the Psalm: **Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.**

Communion Antiphon: **God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

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 – John & Marlene Carvalho (Intention) Megan Rodrigues (Intention) Jovito Rodrigues (Intention) |
| | 08.00am | Mass – Caitano Gracias (RIP) |
| | 09.30am | Mass – Isaac Rodrigues (Anniversary) |
| | 11.00am | Mass - Toni Carelli (RIP) |
| MONDAY | NO MASS | |
| TUESDAY | 09.00am | Mass – Albert Leitao (Anniversary) |
| WEDNESDAY | 09.00am | Mass - Mattie Smith (Anniversary) Rosario D'Souza (RIP) |
| | 11.00am | REQUIEM MASS – RANVIL CARDOZO |
| THURSDAY | 09.00am | Mass - Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) Zezita Vas (Intention) |
| FRIDAY | 09.00am | Mass - Alyssa Dias (Intention) Aayan Redkar (intention) |

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 23, 2025)

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – Sabena Coutinho (RIP) Antony Coutinho (RIP) |
| | 08.00am | Mass – Mary & Kevin McCall (Intention) |
| | 09.30am | Mass – Victorino Pereira (Anniversary) |
| | 11.00am | Mass - Cruz Silveira & Sophia Silveira (Thanksgiving) |

DIED RECENTLY: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Ranvil Cardozo, who died recently. His Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 19th February at 11am. Please also remember his family in your prayers.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Zaelan Vales and Amaiah Rebelo who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

LENT begins this year on the 5th March. On Ash Wednesday there will be three Masses here at ST Marys at 7.30am, 9am and 6pm.

READERS ROTA: The new Readers Rota for February and March is now available. There are spare copies at the back of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 73 of our Children have now begun their preparation to receive their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayer.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Bosco is coming to our Parish in July to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Registration is now complete and 62 of our young people will be confirmed. Please keep them in your prayer.

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION: Bishop Bosco is coming to Swindon in March to lead a Liturgy of Reconciliation. There will be a Liturgy of the Word, examination of conscience and time for confession. There will be several Priests to hear confession. This will be held in Peter's Church, Swindon, Thursday 20th March at 7pm.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE is on 21st May 2025 for 7 nights and is £829 per person. For more details please contact Mario Pereira: 07985 553325. Rosie De Sa 07424716644. Poster on the notice board.

PILGRIMAGE WALK carrying the Pilgrim Cross from Oxford to Walsingham 11th-20th April (including Holy Week 2025):100miles, in this Jubilee Year of Hope when pilgrimage is being encouraged why not consider a UK walking pilgrimage starting not too far from home? Click here (<https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/event/oxford-leg-24/>) to find out more; click here to register; or email Deacon Eric: eric.holliday@cliftdiocese.com Those who would like to take part please contact by email: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com Poster on the board.

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: The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1569.45 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Martin Connolly, Nicola Campbell

"it is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."

St Aloysius Gonzaga

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings – 16th February 2025

First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.’

Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,
and who ponders his law day and night.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

‘If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.’

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

‘Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.’

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’