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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YC (FEBRUARY 23, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious.**

Gospel Acclamation: **A new Commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

Communion Antiphon: **Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.**

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

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)

MONDAY NO MASS

TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Maria Menezes and family (Intention)

WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass - Gomes and Pinheiro family (Intention)

10.30am REQUIEM MASS – TOMMASO GALATI

THURSDAY 09.00am Mass - Private Intention

FRIDAY 09.00am Mass - Nazia & Augusto Goes (Intention)
Antonio Silveira (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 2, 2025)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Peggy Millard (Anniversary)
	08.00am	Mass – Norah Dias (Intention)
	09.30am	Mass – Liora Da Cunha (Intention)
	11.00am	Mass - Joseph Bernard Aikins (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, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Martin Connolly, Nicola Campbell

DIED RECENTLY: Please remember to pray for the soul of Tommaso Galati. His Requiem Mass is at 10.30am on Wednesday 26th February.

FUNERAL SERVICE: Remember to pray for soul of Antonia Quirke. Her funeral Service will be at 11am on Friday 28th February.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Alexander Czyzowicz who is 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 64 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 St 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@cliftondiocese.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 £1610.70 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.*

*"You are my shelter; you guard me from distress;
with joyful shouts of deliverance, you surround me."*

Psalm 32:7

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings – 23rd February 2025

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

‘The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord’s anointed.’

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, ‘God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.’ But David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD’s anointed and be guiltless?’ So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul’s head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, ‘Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD’s anointed.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD’s compassion is on those who fear him.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

‘Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.’

Brothers and Sisters: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

‘If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.’