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## EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YC

(MARCH 2, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon:

**The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

Response to the Psalm:

**It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.**

Communion Antiphon:

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

### 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

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Peggy Millard (Anniversary) Anna Delvecchio (RIP) Norma Donnelly (RIP)
	08.00am	Mass - Norah Dias (Intention)
	09.30am	Mass – Liora Da Cunha (Intention) Nicole D'Silva (Intention)
	11.00am	Mass - Joseph Bernard Aikins (RIP)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass – Alesandrina Pereira (Thanksgiving)
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
	07.30am	Mass – People of the Parish
	09.00am	Mass - People of the Parish
	06.00pm	Mass - People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass - Hugo Pereira (Intention) Alroy Pereira (RIP)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass - Jack Crasto (RIP)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 9, 2025)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Marie & Henry Cini (RIP) Shane Pereira (Intention) Valente De Souza (Intention)
	08.00am	Mass – Caetano Coutinho (RIP)
	09.30am	Mass – People of the Parish
	11.00am	Mass - Nazia Goes (Intention)

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

**DEACON TERRY AND MARION ASPELL**

Deacon Terry has been appointed to the Parish Deacon at St George's Parish in Warminster. There is no resident Priest in Warminster and so Deacon Terry will live in the Presbytery and work with the Parish Priest of Salisbury in running the Parish. Terry will gradually make the transition to Warminster and so he will be with us for a while longer. We will find a way of thanking him more fully at some point in the future.

**WELCOME:** We welcome Fr Peter Smith to our Parish. Fr Peter is from the Diocese of Birmingham and will be helping with Sunday Mass this weekend.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Zairah Faith D'Souza who is being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

**LENT** begins this year on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

#### **LENTEN CROSSES KNITTED ITEMS –**

The Knit & Natter Group have been busy knitting items for Lent.

This year we are asking for a small donation to charity raising money for Swindon Prospect Hospice. The items are available after Mass during Lent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

**SAVE THE DATE: St Catherine's School**, Davenwood, SN2 7LL FOSC are holding a Quiz Night at the School on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. £8 ticket pp includes food. Drinks available. Tickets can be purchased soon. Details to follow.

**MUSIC AT MASS:** Deacon Terry's move will mean that we no longer will have an organist at the 9.30am Mass. Do we have any musicians or singers who can help at this Mass? Any ideas please speak to Fr Michael.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** is on 21<sup>st</sup> 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): 100 miles, 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](mailto:eric.holliday@cliftondiocese.com) Those who would like to take part please contact by email: [studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto: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 £1822.21 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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**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

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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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*"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...*

*What is it that stands between us and God?"*

*Catherine Doherty*

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Readings – 2nd March, 2025

#### First reading

Sirach 27:4-7

**‘Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.’**

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person’s filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter’s vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person’s mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

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#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. **R** cf. 2a

*It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

*It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.  
Planted in the house of the LORD,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

*It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

Still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

*It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

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#### Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**‘He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.’**

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
Alleluia.

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**Gospel**

**Luke 6:39-45**

**‘Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.’**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: ‘Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

‘For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.’

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