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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(February 8, 2026)

Entrance Antiphon: **O Come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.**

Response to the Psalm: **A light arises in the darkness for the upright.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

Communion Antiphon: **Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

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

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass
(No Confessions on Friday)
Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

08th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Jane Pereira (Thanksgiving – B'day)
08.00am Mass – Joao Gonsalves (RIP)
09.30am Mass – William Edward Coker (RIP)
11.00am Mass – Shalom Da Costa (Thanksgiving – B'day)

09th MONDAY NO MASS - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Silent Adoration – 9am-11am)

10th TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Renona Rodrigues (B'day)

11th WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – Maria Angelica Sequeira (RIP)

12th THURSDAY 09.00am Mass – Vitorino Fernandes (RIP)

13th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – Savio & Flavia Fernandes (Wedding Anniversary)

14th Saturday 09.00am Mass - Arthur Cardozo & Joyce Monteiro (25th Wedding Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 15, 2026)

15th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Biagio Chimirri (Anniversary)
08.00am Mass – Francisco Pereira & Rosario Gonsalves (RIP)
09.30am Mass – Caitan & Francis Gracias (RIP)
11.00am Mass – Archie Hemphill (Thanksgiving)

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, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

CHURCH EXTENSION MEETING: The next meeting to discuss the church extension will be held on Thursday 12 February. To enable as many parishioners as possible to attend, the meeting will start after the 9.00 am Mass and will be repeated at 6.00pm. All are invited to attend.

COLLECTION: There will be retiring collection after every Sunday Mass for the Extension of the Church. The last week Collection + Fundraising came to £836.05. Thank you for your generosity.

SLEEP OUT CHALLENGE: Four of our parishioners have completed the Sleep Out Challenge amidst bad weather conditions. They were Ana, Elizabeth, Lourdes and Natty. They have raised an amazing amount of £1568 for the Church Extension Project. We thank them for the courage, strength, determination and commitment. We are grateful to all and wish to thank the sponsors for their generosity.

CAKE, TEA & COFFE: Some volunteers have decided to prepare delicious food or snacks and sell them after every Sunday Mass. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Natasha Vas on 07720982226.

SILENT ADORATION: On Monday from 9am- 11am, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. NO MASS.

THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP have been busy knitting Lenten Crosses for lent.

This year we are asking for a small donation to charity raising money for our church extension.

The items are available after Mass during Lent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Eleanor Afonso who is being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION: Dear Parents, thank you for attending our first session this weekend and for your patience with the walking arrangements. On reflection, due to the number of children in the group this year we would ask that you bring your children to St Mary's Primary School, Bessemer Road, to drop off between 10am and 10.15am. Please collect your child from the school hall at 12Noon.

If you are not within walking distance of the school, please park your car at the Church and walk your children down to the school. Parking will not be permitted on Bessemer Road. With many thanks again for your patience and understanding. From *Concetta & the Catechists*

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: As our congregation continues to grow, we are experiencing an increased need for volunteers to warmly invited to put your name forward. Please provide your name, telephone number and email address, and specify which role you are interested in to either Fr Dominic or Deacon Elias.

QUIZ NIGHT organised by Friends of St Catherine's School, Davenwood SN2 7LL. Friday 27th Feb doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Over 18s, max 6 per team, £8pp includes food. Drinks available. Book now via FOSC events or via QR code on notice at back of church.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Bosco is to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14, February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@clifftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. Poster at the back of the Church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you have changed your address since registering as a parishioner, you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. On the home page, scroll down to 'Parishioner Registration' and follow the link. Please select 'Change of Address' (there is no need to re-register).

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. Dominic or the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last Sunday came to £1534.26. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: The first Mass intention will be printed in the Newsletter. The other Mass Intentions shall be prayed for and the names will be read on the requested day but will be offered somewhere else. Please put your Mass intention in the envelope and add your phone number and drop in the box provided at the back of the Church two weeks in advance. Do not use the card machine for Mass intentions.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to help out with lighting of Altar candles, Stewarts at Sunday Masses, filling up of candles in the candle stand, setting up the Altar for Mass and adoration and clearing the Altar after Mass and few other jobs. Please see Fr Dominic or Deacon Elias.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

‘Your light shall break forth like the dawn.’

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R4a

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or: Alleluia.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or: Alleluia.

He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or: Alleluia.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 2:1-5****‘I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.’**

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation**John 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel**Matthew 5:13-16****‘You are the light of the world.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

‘You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.’