



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(January 11, 2026)

Entrance Antiphon: **After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The heavens were opened  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
'this is my beloved Son; listen to him'.**

Communion Antiphon: **Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

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

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

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

- 11<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY(SUN)** 06.00pm Mass – Nevin Sequeira (RIP)  
08.00am Mass – Jose Vas & Brenda Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)  
09.30am Mass – Amron Vales (Intention)  
11.00am Mass – Eutemia Fernandes (RIP)
- 12<sup>th</sup> MONDAY** **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – (Silent Adoration from 9am - 11am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** 9.00am – Mass –Rose Townsend (Anniversary)
- 14<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY** 09.00am Mass – Severina Gomes (RIP)
- 15<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY** 09.00am Mass – Mary & Kevin McCall (Intention)
- 16<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY** 09.00am Mass – Maria Angelica Sequeira (RIP)
- 17<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY** 09.00am Mass – Manual & Ruzai Cabral (RIP)

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 18, 2026)

- 18<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY(SUN)** 06.00pm Mass – Michael Noble (RIP)  
08.00am Mass – Maclyn Rodrigues (Intention)  
09.30am Mass – Augusto Fernandes (Intention)  
11.00am Mass – Gregory & Synora Sanches (Wedding Anniversary)

**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 Nolley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

## FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH EXTENSION

**COLLECTION:** There will be retiring collection after every Sunday Mass for the Extension of the Church. The last Sunday collection came to £3168.82. Thank you for your generosity.

**SLEEP OUT CHALLENGE:** Ana Fernandes, Lourdes De Oliveira, Natty Araujo and Elizabeth Fernandes, will be taking part in the Sleep Out Challenge in front of St Marys Church on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 starting at 7pm in order to raise funds and support the St. Mary's Parish Church extension at Tovey Road, Swindon. Please support them in your prayers and generosity – every contribution makes a difference. Anyone who would like to join contact Ana on 07809745701.

**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. How You Can Help? You can support by buying the food and raise funds for the Extension of the Church. Your generosity and involvement - together, we can make a meaningful difference.

### **VALENTINE'S DINE & DANCE** – Sponsorship Appeal

The Parishioners of St. Mary's are hosting a Valentine's Dine & Dance on Saturday, 7th February 2026 at 6 pm at The Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon. All proceeds will go directly towards Church extension funds.

We kindly invite parishioners to support this event by sponsoring any of the following:

Beverages, Soda water (12 packs), Plain water (10 packs), Raffle prizes, Entry prize, Hall hire (£1500), Band (£600). Food is all sponsored.

Any contribution, big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Those wishing to sponsor kindly contact the Parish Office: Deacon Elias Fernandes on 07833746001 or speak to Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson.

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

**NOVENA OF ST JOSEPH VAZ** will start tomorrow January 7<sup>th</sup> here in St Mary's Church, Swindon. On Weekdays novena prayers will be recited and on Sunday after 9.30am Mass. The feast of St Joseph Vaz will be celebrated on January 16<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 9am. All are welcome to join in the novena.

**KNIT & NATTERERS:** Thank you to all who made donations for Advent Knitted items which came to £317.70. This will be donated to Prospect Hospice in Swindon which gives palliative care to the terminally ill. Many thanks from Knit & Natters.

**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@clifondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@clifondiocese.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.

**RETRouvaille HELPS MARRIAGE:** It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

**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** came to £1204.53 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.

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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.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

Thus says the LORD:  
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

*The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.

*The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

The voice of the LORD upon the waters,  
the LORD on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the LORD full of power;  
the voice of the LORD full of splendour.

*The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

The God of glory thunders;  
in his temple they all cry, ‘Glory!’  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits as king for ever.

*The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

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## Second reading

**Acts 10:34-38**

### **‘God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.’**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Cf. Mark 9:7**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’.

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**Matthew 3:13-17**

### **‘When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.’**

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’