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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(February 15, 2026)

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 are those who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Gospel Acclamation: **I Thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets
of the kingdom to little children.**

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

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

015th 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)

16th MONDAY NO MASS - **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** (Silent Adoration – 9am-11am)

17th TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Mary Teresa Flynn (RIP)

18th WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – John & Kathleen Taylor (Intention)

19th THURSDAY 09.00am Mass – Paulina Vaz (70th Birthday)

20th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – Anushk Monteiro (thanksgiving)

21st Saturday 09.00am Mass - Milagrina Rebeiro (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 22, 2026)

22nd SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Mia Souza (B'day)
08.00am Mass – Nevaeh Fernandes (B'day)
09.30am Mass – Mathew Smith (Anniversary)
11.00am Mass – Tony Carell (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 Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS:

COLLECTION: There will be retiring collection after every Sunday Mass for the Extension of the Church. The last week Collection + Fundraising came to £1045.26. Thank you for your generosity.

WINNERS OF RAFFLE DRAW: Congratulations to all the winners of the Raffle draw: 1st Prize £500 (No.2925), 2nd Prize £200 (No.00712), The following numbers have won the 3rd Prize £100 each (No.00576, 09826, 02519). Please collect your prizes from the Parish Office by showing the counter foil of the Raffle ticket.

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.

LENT begins this year on the Wednesday 18, March. On Ash Wednesday there will be two Masses here at St Marys at 9am and 6pm.

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 Rylan Fernandes, Fiora Vas, Kyler Carvalho, Zyron Gonsalves, Miriam D'Costa and Alric Barreto who are being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

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.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING: Tuesday 3rd March - 7pm in the church for all those who have registered. We regret that we are unable to accept any new applications this year.

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@cliftondiocese.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 £ 1560.42. 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Sirach 15:15-20

‘He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.’

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

‘A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.’

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him’ —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

‘It was said to those of old; but I say to you.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.” But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply “Yes” or “No”; anything more than this comes from evil.’