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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(January 18, 2026)

Entrance Antiphon: **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

Response to the Psalm: **Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him
he gave the authority to become children of God.**

Communion Antiphon: **You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass
(No Confession on Fay)

Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

18th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Michael Noble (RIP)
08.00am Mass – Maria Rocha & Savio Rodrigues (Wedding Anniversary)
09.30am Mass – Augusto Fernandes (Intention)
11.00am Mass – Gregory & Synora Sanches (Wedding Anniversary)

19th MONDAY **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – (Silent Adoration from 9am - 11am)

20th TUESDAY 9.00am – Mass –Ranvil Cardozo (RIP)

21st WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – Souls in Purgatory

22nd THURSDAY 09.00am Mass – John De Sousa & Rosy De Sa (Wedding Anniversary)

23rd FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – Sebastian Fernandes (Intention)

24th SATURDAY 09.00am Mass – Cressida Gonsalves (Intention)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 25, 2026)

25th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Elise Gemmell (RIP)
08.00am Mass – Mary & Kevin McCall (Intention)
09.30am Mass – William Edward Coker (RIP)
11.00am Mass – John O’Gorman (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, Gill Young, Peggy Ntley, 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 + Fundraising came to £762.84. Thank you for your 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. 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, Raffle prizes, Hall hire (£1375), Band (£600). 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 Ransel Fernandes who is being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FORMS: Application deadline has passed and any applications received now will be kept for next year, for both Communion and Confirmation.

RETREAT On Healing - Mind, Body and Soul ministered by Bro. Vincent Lisboa. On Friday, 23rd January from 3pm-6pm here in St Mary's Church. All are invited.

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 & Natterers.

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.

RETRouvaille HELPS MARRIAGE: It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026. 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 £1388.99 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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

‘I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come.’

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
‘I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.’

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

‘Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.’

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

to all who did receive him,

he gave the authority to become children of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’