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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(Sunday, November 22, 2026)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

6:00pm (Saturday)
8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday- 9:30am-10:00am
5:00pm-5:30pm

Entrance Antiphon:
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

THIS SUNDAY MASS TIMES

06:00pm Mass – Joao Cardozo (Thanksgiving)
08:00am Mass – Pele Costa & Abigail Pereira (1st Wedding Anniversary)
09:30am Mass –Departed souls of 103 Churchward Avenue
11:00am Mass –Baby Gonsalves (RIP)

THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

23rd MONDAY	**NO MASS** **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
24th TUESDAY Sts Andrew Dung-Lac –Priest and Companions, Martyrs	09:00am Mass – Franny & Constancio Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
25th WEDNESDAY	09:00am Mass – Vallito Fernandes (RIP)
26th THURSDAY	09:00am Mass – Cristalina De Souza (RIP)
27th FRIDAY	09:00am Mass – Francisco D'Souza (Birthday)
28th SATURDAY	09:00am Mass – Deacon Elias Fernandes (Intention)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 29, 2026)

06:00pm Mass – Jeronimo Gonsalves (Birthday Intention)
08:00am Mass – Departed souls of 72 Dean Street
09:30am Mass – Departed souls of 152 Wheeler Avenue
11:00am Mass – Giulio & Rosina Anello (Anniversary)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the morning mass. Your help will 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, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew Mcarthy, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox, Darren Farthing

ST MARYS CHANNEL:
Join the Marys Channel on WhatsApp for updates and information on various activities happening in the parish, weekly newsletter and messages from the Clergy.

SCAN ME!

MASS INTENTIONS: Only the first Mass intention will be announced in the Newsletter. All other intentions will be included in the Intercessory prayers. For other Mass Intentions, if you wish to make a donation for the Church Extension, please mention on the envelope and drop it in the Mass intention box. Since we are not allowed to take Mass stipend for more than one Mass. Thank you.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of John Ruck our Parishioner, who has died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held on 30th November 2026 here at St Marys at 11am, followed by burial at Lower Stratton Cemetery. Please also remember to pray for his family.

ADVENT KNITTED ITEMS: The Knit & Natter Group have been busy knitting items with a small message of hope. This year we are asking for a small donation towards the Church extension project. We hope they may spread a little joy this season. The items are available after Mass during Advent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

READERS practice on Sunday 22nd November at 12.30pm.

ALTAR SERVERS practice on Sunday 13th December at 12.30pm.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST practice on Sunday the 6th December at 12.30pm.

EVANGELISATION AND DISCIPLESHIP: Inviting married couples to a day of reflection on **23 January 2027**, This is a day for couples to spend time together rediscovering the joy in their marriage and working together to cherish it. Celebration of Marriage Family Mass will be on 6 February 2027 at Clifton Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Bosco. Our day will be led by Katherine Bergin and will take place in the **Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral**; **10am to 3.30pm** (Refreshments available from 9.30am). Soup, bread and refreshments will be provided for lunch. To register for the day, please use the Eventbrite link: https://marriedcouples.eventbrite.co.uk Places are limited to twenty couples, so please do book early!

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE: The governing body of St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2028-29 school year and would welcome any comments by 31 January 2027. A copy of the draft policy and full details of the proposed change can be viewed on the College Website: www.stjosephscollege.net/parents/admissions

SLEEP OUT: Ana Fernandes, together with her colleagues Lourdes, Natty, Meural, Minoshka, Alaska and Silvester, will be taking part in the Sleep Out Challenge. We are raising funds to support the extension of our St Mary's Parish Church on the 4th of December 2026. We kindly ask for your prayers and generous support. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference and help us reach our goal. Thank you.

ST MARYS CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
This Christmas, we are planning to create a selection of beautiful festive hampers to sell in support of our Church Development Fund. We warmly invite all parishioners to support this initiative by donating items that can be included in our hampers.
Suggested donations include: *Chocolates and sweets, biscuits and festive treats, Shower gels, bubble baths, soaps & hand washes, shampoo & conditioners, Body lotions & moisturisers, Deodorants, hand creams, Perfumes, Scented candles, Christmas socks and small festive gifts, Bottles of wine, alcoholic and non- alcoholic drinks, Christmas decorations, Any other suitable gifts or treats!*
No perishable and used items should have a good expiry date.
Please bring all donations to the Sacristy. Raffle tickets will be sold after every Mass from this Sunday at £2 per coupon. The draw will take place after the Carol Service (19th December at 4:45pm).Let us come together as a parish community and share in the joy of giving. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity and continued support.
CAROL SERVICE: *There will be a Carol Service on Saturday 19th December 2026 at 4:45pm in St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome!*

FIRST COMMUNION FORMS are now available to be picked up from the sacristy. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Holy Communion. Children that were not baptised in St Mary's please make sure to bring a copy of their baptism certificate along with their form. The last date for registration is9/01/2027. Catechist for First Communion please give your name and phone number in the Parish office/ Val Machado on 07404 490437. Newcomers are welcome. Any query please email Val Machado - FHC.swindon.stmary@Cliftondiocese.com

YOUTH (14-25 years)- Youth Mass is on this Sunday 15th of Nov at 9:30am. You are welcome to come and join the choir or just come and have a chat after Mass. Registration and parental consent forms can be picked from the sacristy.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday came to £1532.87 and Church extension came to £ 1725. Many thanks for your generosity.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions call on Mobile 07720982226 between 4.30pm- 8pm and book a date.