



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(January 25, 2026)

Entrance Antiphon: **Sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.**

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.**

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be  
radiant let your faces not be abashed.**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

### CONFESIONS

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

**25<sup>th</sup> 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)

**26<sup>th</sup> MONDAY** **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – (Silent Adoration from 9am - 11am)

**27<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** 9.00am – Mass –Camilo Fernandes (RIP)

**28<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY** 09.00am Mass – Peggy Ryan (RIP)

**29<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY** 09.00am Mass – Antonio De Sa (RIP)

**30<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY** 09.00am Mass – John and Kathleen Taylor (Anniversary)

**31<sup>st</sup> Saturday** 09.00am Mass - Victor & Antonina Melynczuk (Intention)

## NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (FEBRUARY 1, 2026)

**01<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY(SUN)** 06.00pm Mass – Elise Gemmell (RIP)  
08.00am Mass – Tommaso Galati (RIP)  
09.30am Mass – Danny McMullan (RIP)  
11.00am Mass – Eileen Smith (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

## **FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH EXTENSION**

**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 Sunday Collection + Fundraising came to £1178.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAKE, TEA & COFFEE:** 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.

**VALENTINE'S DINE & DANCE** – (15 days left) 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 (£1500), 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 Catholic Church Sabera Pereira who is being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

**WEDDING:** We congratulate Jessica Dourado & Tawanda Rwapunga who are getting married this weekend here in St Marys.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please pray for repose of the soul of Marie Lowe our parishioner, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 6 February at 11am here in St Marys. Please also remember to pray for her family.

**COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** Application forms deadline has passed and is now closed.

**READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** As our congregation continues to grow, we are experiencing an increased need for volunteers to assist during every Mass. In particular, there is a significant requirement for additional Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at the 09.30 and 11.00 Masses each week. If you are interested in joining the team as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, you are warmly invited to put your name forward. Please provide your name, telephone number, and specify which role you are interested in to either Fr Dominic or Deacon Elias.

**QUIZ NIGHT** organised by Friends of **St Catherine's**, 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.

**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](mailto: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](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** last Sunday came to £1393.35. Many thanks for your generosity.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** on Thursday 29th January, evening from 6 pm onwards. We are also looking for organist and singers.

**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First reading

Isaiah 9:1b-4

#### In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple.

*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

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### Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

#### **'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Cf. Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**Matthew 4:12-17**

**‘Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.’**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’