

## St Mary's Catholic Church

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) (DECEMBER 16, 2018)

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.30am and 10.30am

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 5pm & 7pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 8.30am & 10.30am

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

#### **Response to the Psalm:**

*Sing and shout for joy for great is your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass - Anonio Fernandes & Marian D'Souza (RIP)
	08.30am	Mass - Marcos Fernandes (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass - Maria Anello (Anniversary) + Wilson & Sophia Fernandes (Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.15am	Mass - Michael Blake (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>Mass at St Mary's Primary School</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	09.15am	Mass - Jolyen D'Souza (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.15am	Mass - Joel Fernandes & Carol Rodrigues (Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Avner Fernandes (Intentions)

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 23, 2018)

<b>Sunday</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass - Andre Pereira + Liberate Gomes (RIP)
	08.30am	Mass - Thanksgiving Mass for Vas & Rodrigues family
	10.30am	Mass - Angelo Scisci (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: Cathy Walker, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, David Edwards, Irena Fliska, John Foley, Eileen Hughes, Benny Zammit, Terri Rhind, John Ruck, Joanne Connelly, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Eileen Foley, Mary Joyce, Bill Cummins, Bill McKay, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Francisco Fernandes, Bernard McGuinness, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Xena Przybyszewski, Marie Lowe, Beth Darragh, Gill Young, Pat Devaney, Connor McLaughlin

**YEAR OF PRAYER:** 'If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet you are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.' (Maria Boulding)

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm and Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day: Morning Mass at 8.30am & 10.30am

**READERS AND MINISTERS** please sign up for Christmas Day Masses on the list kept at the back of the Church.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Would the Altar Servers please indicate which Christmas Mass they will be coming on the list in the sacristy.

**YEAR OF PRAYER:** This year we are keeping as the year of prayer, when our Bishop is calling us to grow in our prayerful encounter with the Lord. The main resource booklet is available at the back of the Church.

**BEING PART OF ST MARY'S PARISH:** If you have not registered online since October, it means we no longer have your name and address. Registering helps with applications for First Communion, Confirmation and passport signing. If you have difficulties registering online speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Elias after Mass. In registering please confirm how we may contact you and if you would like to receive the newsletter by email. Go to St Mary's Catholic Church, Swindon website ([www.saintmarysswindon.co.uk](http://www.saintmarysswindon.co.uk)). Click on the link 'Parish Registration'. That will lead you to a page headed 'Online Services' with a message from Fr Michael. Click again on 'Parish Registration' to complete the form.

**200 CLUB: Existing members** – please collect your envelope/s for the coming year from the box at the back of the church. If you would like to join the 200 Club, please enter your name on the VACANCY LIST which is at the back of the church, and an envelope addressed to you will be left, which contains a welcome letter and an envelope in which to put your £12 subscription for the year. You may give this envelope to Fr Michael or Deacon Elias. If you have any questions or need help, please ring Aaron on 07907979518 or email: Fernandes\_6@msn.com. All monies raised (apart from prize money) will be donated to the Parish Development Fun.

**ST MARY'S NATIVITY - It's a Baby! - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and 2pm.** Year 1 and Year 2 are busily working on their nativity of 'It's a Baby'. This is a delightful Christmas musical told from the perspective of a weary innkeeper, who finds he's in for a sleepless night.... You are warmly invited to the performances at 9:30am or 2pm at St Mary's school. **ST CATHERINE'S NATIVITY - Mend the Manger – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and 2pm.** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busily working on their nativity of 'Mend the Manger'. This is a delightful story which starts with the animals in the stable wanting to know who has made such a mess, and broken the manger. You are warmly invited to the performances at 9am and 2pm at St Catherine's school.

**ST MARY'S SVP** are arranging another of our popular coffee mornings to coincide with the feast of The Epiphany after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6th January 2019, in the sacristy. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and cake and take the opportunity to meet and catch up with other members of our parish community. All your contributions of cakes will be more than welcome. All the proceeds from our coffee mornings will be used to help, even if only in a small way, bring a little happiness to our Parish family. We look forward to seeing you after Mass on the 6th.



**ADVENT Family Prayer and Preparation for Christmas** - For each week of Advent we are putting into the newsletter a short prayer based on the Sunday's liturgy. This will also be prayed at the end of Children's Liturgy and we'd encourage you to pray this together as a family during the week as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives this Christmas.

**Prayer for week three: God our Father, as Christmas draws closer help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely. May the peace and joy of Christmas touch their lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**THRESHOLD SLEEPOUT** has raised £365 from St Mary's Parish. Sr Mary has thanked all those who contributed towards the cause.

**SWINDON FOOD BANK:** With Christmas fast approaching St Mary's SVP are thinking of the families with small children who have need of the Food Bank. With this in mind we turned our thoughts to Christmas 'treats' that will be beyond the reach of most of these families. Perhaps you might like to consider donating a little something extra that will bring a smile to the faces of the children at Christmas time.

**THANKS:** Missio National Director has written to thank the parishioners of St Mary's for the generous contribution to help build a future of hope to Menja community in Ethiopia where Sr Karlo is working.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend came to £967 and £512 by standing order. Many thanks for your generosity.