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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JANUARY 20, 2019)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.30am and 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

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

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:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.*

Communion Antiphon:

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Nicola Allen (Anniversary)
	08.30am	Mass – Rosemary Gentilcore (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Damian Hanley (RIP)
Monday :	NO MASS TODAY	
Tuesday :	09.15am	Mass – John O’Gorman (Anniversary) + John De Sousa & Rosy De Sa (Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday	09.15am	Mass – Sion Pereira (Int) + Brazilia Fernandes (Int) + Clarinda Perpetua D’Souza (Int)
Thursday	09.15am	Mass – Franciquinha Gonsalves (Anniversary)
Friday	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Italia Clifford
Saturday	09.00am	Mass – Paixao & Virginia D’Souza (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 27, 2019)

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Benedito Fernandes (RIP) + Leena Felicidade Fernandes (RIP) + Victor & Antonina Melynchuk (RIP)
	08.30am	Mass – Paddy Reape (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Xavier Sebastian (Anniversary)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU 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

FUNERAL: Please pray for repose of the soul of Italia Clifford, who died recently – much loved mother of John and Maria and wife to Anthony. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's on Friday 25th January at 11am. Please remember to pray for her family.

Funeral Service for Doreen Harrison who died recently will be on Wednesday 23rd January at 11am. Please remember to pray for her family.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Jayden Barron and Rincio Marques who are being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

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). 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.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Declan will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 18th June 2019. Preparation to receive the Sacrament will begin after Easter. If anyone in year 9 or above, would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr Michael.

LAMPEDUSA CROSS: During this weekend, we have been entrusted with the diocesan pilgrimage cross. It is a special cross called a Lampedusa Cross and each school in our diocese will welcome it in turn. The cross is a reproduction of the Lampedusa Cross. The original Lampedusa cross was made by Francesco Tuccio who was a carpenter from the small Italian island of Lampedusa. When hundreds of refugees drowned off the coast of Lampedusa, he was moved to gather the driftwood from the wrecked boats and turn them into crosses, which he offered to survivors as a symbol of hope. As this cross travels round each of our schools in turn, it reminds us that we need to work to bring justice and hope to our world, to remember that God walks with us, even in difficult times, and of our need to pray. We have the privilege of receiving the Cross in our Church this weekend.

FILLING STATION: One of the ways we help the homeless in Swindon is to help with the provision of sandwiches and give other food directly to the homeless at what is known as the Filling Station. It is our Parishes turn on Thursday 24th January. Added donations of toiletries such as deodorant and toilet paper would be appreciated. Contact: Lucy Skittrall (07999 134233)

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 Fund.

TEMPORARY NURSERY PRACTITIONER: A new and exciting opportunity is available for an enthusiastic individual to join a thrilling new Nursery within Holy Family Catholic Primary School. This post welcomes a practitioner to work with nursery children including two year within this new Nursery. For more information and an application form please contact the school. Visits are warmly welcomed, please contact us to arrange a time. Start date: 25th February 2019 to 19th July 2019. Hours of work: Term time 8.30 am to 3.00 pm (30 minute unpaid lunch break) (possible overtime for 7.30am to 8.30am & 3.00-5.30pm) Salary: J2 £8.66 per hour. Closing Date: Wednesday 30th January 2019, 12 midday. Interviews to be held: Monday 4th February 2019

PRINKNASH ABBEY: All are welcome to the 2019 Prinknash Abbey Talks, Retreat Days, Exploring Faith Meetings and the Monthly Year of Prayer Hour led by Father Abbot Martin OSB, which begin in January. See Poster on the Church Notice Board for details of each event. "Divine Mercy Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Prinknash Abbey Chapel 3pm to 4pm. 2nd February."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend came to £1043 and £510 by standing order. Many thanks for your generosity.

YEAR OF PRAYER: The epiphanies carry on... this time at Cana. Here is the first of Jesus' signs. They reveal to us who Jesus is. What could be seen as a clear reminder of unworthiness and brokenness (water) is transformed into a symbol of rejoicing and presence (wine). Maybe there's something of a new weddedness that it to take place between God and his people once again... in Jesus. Mary's presence and, indeed, her 'instructions' to the servants give us food for our own prayer: do whatever he tells you. The Lord calls us close to him and as we open ourselves up to him, as we seek to encounter him through prayer, we seek to do his will. Prayer can be an abandonment to the will of God, a letting go so as to let God come flooding into our lives. And as we see from the wine at Cana, God always brings an abundance!