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SUNDAY MASS TIMES
 6.00pm (Sat) 8.30am 10.30am

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

STATION OF THE CROSS
 Sunday: 3.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday – Mass of Last Supper 8pm

Good Friday
 Liturgy of the Lords Passion 3pm and 6pm

EASTER

Saturday Evening – Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
Easter Sunday:
 Morning Mass 8.30am & 10am and 12noon

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - B MARCH 18, 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Response to the Psalm:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Reader: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

All: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Margaret Ryan (Anniversary)
Sunday	08.30pm	Mass – James Mullins (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Kenneth Gonsalves (Intentions) + Mervyn Stephens (Intentions)
Monday	NO MASS TODAY	
Tuesday	09.00am	LITURGY OF THE WORD + EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Marcella Noble (Anniversary)
Thursday:	09.00am	Mass - Private Intention
Friday:	12.00noon	REQUIEM MASS – Ken Rees
Saturday:	09.00am	Michael Blake (Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 25, 2018)

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Mary England (RIP) + Eileen Smith (RIP)
	08.30am	Mass – Kevin Murray (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – John Torpey (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, Joshua Crabb, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Alfie and Harry Crabb, 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, Bill Sheffield, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Eileen Foley, Mary Joyce, James Malcolm, Bill Cummins, Bernard Snell, Sophie Hembert, Bill Mckay, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Ernie Popkiss, James Armstrong, Francisco Fernandes, Bernard McGuinness, Margaret Bates, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Patricia Fox, Imelda Nangle, Maria Pidlisnyj

WELCOME: We Welcome Bishop Crispian Hollis to our parish this weekend. He is celebrating our Sunday Masses while Fr Michael is away on a course.

MINISTERS: Many thanks to all those who have filled in the form indicating their availability over Easter. We still need more ministers of Communion to volunteer for the 10am and 12noon Mass on Easter Sunday. List at the back of the Church.

SINGERS: The singing will need support at the 6pm Liturgy on Good Friday and at the 12noon Mass on Easter Sunday. If you are able to help speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Elias

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Sunday 18th March, St Mary's and St Catherine's Primary School Chaplains will lead the Stations of the Cross here in St Mary's Church starting at 3.30pm. The School Chaplains are a group of children who take responsibility in the School for leading the others in prayer and faith activities.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Rees and Dorothy Crabb, who have died recently. Ken's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 23rd of March at 12noon. Dorothy's funeral has yet to be arranged.

CHRISM MASS this year is on Wednesday 28, March at 11am, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. It also happens to be the Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Declan Lang in 2001. All those who wish to travel on the coach please add your name to the list at the back of the Church. The cost per seat (person) is £7. The amount will be collected on the coach, which is scheduled to leave St Mary's at 8.45am.

ST MARY'S SVP would like to thank you very much for taking the time to join us after the 10.30 Mass last Sunday, Mothering Sunday, to enjoy tea and cake and the chance to buy some quite delicious home-made jams. As we are a charity your kind donations enable us to provide support, in many way, for those in need and work towards a kinder society for our parish community. Thank you once again, your support is invaluable.

200CLUB DRAW: The winners are No22 Kevin Grant £20. No193 Mrs M F Kelly £10 and No84 Pam Iles £5. Congratulations!

MISSIO: "Would all Missio promoters please collect their envelopes, containing the latest magazines, from the sacristy. Many thanks "

HOLY WEEK: Please note the times of the Holy Week Liturgies:

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 8pm

Good Friday: We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and 6pm. Both Liturgies will be identical with the veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

The Easter Vigil will be at 8pm on Holy Saturday.

On Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am, 10am and 12noon.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT will be on Fri 23rd March, 7pm at St Mary's School hall. Tickets will be £5 per person, available at the end of each Sunday Mass. We'd be grateful for donations for raffle prizes. Please leave prizes in the Sacristy. Any Questions please contact Marc on 07810 228648.

CONFIRMATION 2018: Bishop Declan will be coming to our Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19th June 2018. Anyone, in Year 9 and above who would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Michael for an application form.

REUNION OF ST.JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: on Saturday 29 September 2018 in the evening, 60th birthday St Joseph's Swindon reunion, for September 1969 starters turning 60 between September 2017 and August 2018 approx. Contact for further details: Krystyna Bartoszevska (nee Bujas) kbartoszevska66@gmail.com 07988714456

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: last weekend came to £1335 and £510 by standing order. Many thanks for your generosity.

YEAR OF MISSION: *Covenant is renewed in this Sunday's first reading. You could say that the Covenant is re-written and re-inscribed but not in a way that God's People had imagined. Remember that image from two Sundays ago and the gift of Law on Mount Sinai. There the Law was written on those two tablets of stone; now it is to be written on the human heart. God plants his law deep within us writing it upon the very core of our being. In doing so God shows mercy, compassion and forgiveness towards his people in giving them a new start. But maybe during this Year of Mission we need to take note of the request made to Philip in the Gospel, 'We want to see Jesus'. It may not be articulated in such a way, but is that the request of today? Are there people looking for Jesus, wanting to find him and come near to him? The answer is 'yes'. As disciples, we are the ones who can point people to the Lord; we can enable people to find him and encounter him in us if our lives are centred on the law of love planted within us. We mustn't be afraid of allowing others who search to encounter the Lord through us!*