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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

(November 27, 2022)

Entrance Antiphon: **To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

Response to the Psalm: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."**

Gospel Acclamation: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord will bestow his bounty, and out earth shall yield its increase.**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Sacramenta Colaco (Intentions) Regina Albert (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Intentions of Tony Fernandes and family
	10.30am	Mass - Francisco D'Souza (Intentions)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – WALTER HARRIS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Jerome Gonsalves (Intentions)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Nathan George & George Abraham (Thanksgiving)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Augusto & Claudina Leitao (RIP) Filomena Leitao (RIP)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Kevin Murray (Anniversary) Bella De Sa (Intentions)
<b>Saturday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Deceased members of Rudden & Smith family

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (December 4, 2022)

<b>SUNDAY</b>	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Alfreda Chojanacka (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Kevin Murray (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Ethan Fernandes (Intentions) Hannah Fernandes (Intentions)

**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:

Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Ruth Sellars, Lucy Murray, Eileen Foley, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Francisco Fernandes, Andrew McCarthy, Kathleen Lenehan, Marie Lowe, Beth Darragh, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Peter Hazel, Mick Noble, Josie Dyson, Barbara Fawcett, Jerome Gonsalves, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Walter Harris, Pat Fox, Breda Brown

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** There will be five Masses here at St Marys for Christmas.

**Christmas Eve:** 5pm. 7pm and 10pm

**Christmas Day:** 9am and 10.30am

**READERS:** If anyone is able to read at Christmas Masses please sign your name on the list at the back of the Church, at the Mass you wish to read.

**FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** Saturday is the feast of St Francis Xavier and Mass will be celebrated at 9am here in St Marys Church.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Ava Leigh Davis who is being baptised here at St Mary's Church.

**RECENTLY DIED:**

Please remember in your prayers

WALTER HARRIS – Requiem Mass Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's Church at 11am.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON – Funeral Service at Kingsdown Crematorium. 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15am.

BERNARD THOMAS DOWDS – Funeral Service at Kingsdown Crematorium. 30<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon.

ITA MESSENGER – Requiem Mass Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December in St Mary's Church at 10.30am.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**CONFIRMATION 2023:** Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys in June 2023 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. If anyone in year 10 or above would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr Michael for an application form.

**ADVENT LITURGY:** St Joseph's College invites you to an Advent Service, which will be held in Holy Rood Church on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm. We hope you will be able to join us this advent as we prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts this Christmas time. Come Lord Jesus Come!

**ADVENT KNITTED ITEMS** -The Knit & Natter Group have been busy knitting items with a small message of hope. Please feel free to take one for yourself or even better take one and give it away to someone who is sick, lonely, housebound homeless or in need of a friend. We hope they may spread a little joy this season. The items are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

**RED BOXES:** If anyone would like their Red Boxes emptied, please bring to the Church by end of November. Once emptied, they will be left in the Sacristy for collection. Please ensure your names are on them.

**FILLING STATION:** Our next opportunity to help feed the homeless in Swindon will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. All letters are ready for collection this weekend and if any parishioners who is not already involved, would like to offer their help please contact: Lucy Skittrall (07999 134233)

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2022/23 are ready to collect from the Sacristy. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered. Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) may please take a box of green envelopes.

**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. Michael or contact the parish office.

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £1178 and £500 in standing orders and the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection towards Clergy Training Fund came to £276. Many thanks for your generosity.

**CARD READER:**

Parishioners can now donate to parish funds with a contactless card reader kept at the back of the Church.

1.Choose the Fund you wish to donate to

2.Select the amount you wish to donate

3.Put your card next to the reader

4.The machine will ask you if you wish to gift Aid your donation. If yes you enter your details. You only have to do this the first time you use the machine.

***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.*