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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

(December 11, 2022)

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

Response to the Psalm: **Come, Lord, and save us.**

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.**

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

Sunday	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Roy & Beryl Thompson (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Felix Fernandes (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass - Vanessa Pereira (Intentions) Clifton Gonsalves & Serry Afonso (Intentions)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Velanky Pinheiro (Intentions) Jesus Gonsalves (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Camilo Dias (RIP) Maria Pereira (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Mary Joyce (Anniversary) John Joyce (RIP) Raynor Rodrigues (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Alisha Fernandes (Intentions) Marcos Fernandes (RIP) Wilson & Sophia Fernandes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (December 18, 2022)

SUNDAY	06.00pm (Sat)	Mass – Concetta Trovato (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Caridade Fernandes (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Maria Anello (Anniversary) Melrick Fernandes & Merveny Crasto (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, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Francisco Fernandes, Andrew McCarthy, 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, 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. We now have readers for each Mass except 10.30am on Christmas day.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Matthew Cabral and Christina Paul who are married here at St Mary's this weekend.

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 a registration form.

FIRST COMMUNION 2023: First Communion for all children in current year 3 and above will be in the month of May/ June 2023. Registration forms are now available. Please speak to Fr Michael after Mass.

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.

MISSIO TODAY: For those who deliver Missio magazines, there is a pack of magazines with your name on, at the back of the Church.

FILLING STATION: Our next opportunity to help feed the homeless in Swindon will be on Thursday 15th 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 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 £1040.30 and £500 in standing orders. 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.*