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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

(December 18, 2022)

Entrance Antiphon: **Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the just one;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

Response to the Psalm: **Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".**

Communion Antiphon: **Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

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 – Concetta Trovato (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Caridade Fernandes (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass - Maria Anello (Anniversary) Melrick Fernandes & Merveny Crasto (Intentions)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Maureen O'Neill (Anniversary)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Angelo Scisci (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Thanksgiving
Friday	09.00am	Mass – McDonnell Family (Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (December 25, 2022)

SATURDAY	05.00pm	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
SUNDAY	07.00pm	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
	10.00pm	Mass - People of St Mary's Parish
SUNDAY	09.00am	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
	10.30am	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish

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:

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

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Griffin who has died recently. Her funeral service will be on Friday, 23rd December at 9am in Kingsdown Crematorium

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Shanaya Rodrigues who is being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

CAROL SINGING: V-Goanizz are organising their 3rd Annual Christmas Carols Singing event. All are welcome to witness young talents of Swindon singing Christmas carols at Sikh Community Centre, Kembrey Street. SN2 8AZ. Lottery prizes 65" TV, Ipad and Tablet and lots more. For further details call Natasha 07720982226.

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.

RECYCLE: If you have anything that can be recycled, such as Clean re-useable clothing, Curtains, Bedding, Towels, Footwear, Books, Toys, DVDs, CDs, baking trays, pans. Please contact Theresa on 07964230132.

FILLING STATION: Thanks for all who helped feed the homeless at the filling station this weekend.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE: The governing body of St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 1024-25 school year, and would welcome any comments by 31 January 2023. A copy of the draft policy and full details of the proposed changes can be viewed on the College Website: www.stjosephscollege.net/parents/admissions

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £684 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.