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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(February 26, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory.
I will grant him length of days.**

Response to the Psalm: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Gospel Acclamation: Reader: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**
All: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**
**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Communion Antiphon: **One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

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

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – | Marie & Henry Cini (RIP) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – | Joazinho Vaz (RIP) |
| | 10.30am | Mass – | Anthony Countinho (RIP) John O'Connor (RIP) |
| Monday | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 06.00pm | Mass - | Antonio Silveira (Anniversary) Augusto & Nazia Goes (Intentions) |
| Wednesday | 09.00am | Mass – | Peggy Millard (Anniversary) |
| Thursday | 09.00am | Mass - | Norah Dias (Intentions) |
| Friday | 09.00am | Mass – | Teophilo F. S. Siqueira (Anniversary) |

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (March 5, 2023)

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – | Hugo Pereira (Intentions) Edwin Coutinho (Intentions) Socorro Cardozo (RIP) Manuel Fernandes (RIP) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – | Private Intention |
| | 10.30am | Mass – | Anna Serratore (RIP) |

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, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, 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

LENT FAST DAY: This Friday is Lent Fast Day when we are asked to consume less so that we may help those in need. The Second collection next Sunday (4th/5th) March will be for CAFOD

STATION OF THE CROSS: We will have the Stations of the Cross each Sunday of Lent at 4pm in the Church.

RECENTLY DIED:

Terry Harris – Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 7th March at 11am in St Marys
Ray Blakeman – Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 8th March at 11.30am in St Marys
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION: Bishop Declan will be coming to our Parish of St Marys in Lent. He will be with us on Thursday 23rd March at 7pm. He will lead us in prayer, preach to us and spend some time hearing confessions. There will also be several Priests available to hear confession in English and in Konkani. Please make a note of this special liturgy and make it a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter.

CONFIRMATION 2023: Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys on June 22nd 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.

SWINDON FOOD BANK: We have received a note of thanks from the Swindon Food bank for our donations in 2022. Last year St Mary's gave 639.9Kgs of Food. With many thanks to all involved. A thank you note is put up on the notice board.

ST CATHERINE PRIMARY SCHOOL: The friends of St Catherine invite you to join our Quiz Night. This will be an adult only event being held in the school hall of St. Catherine's on Friday 24th February. There will be a selection of drinks and snacks available and a raffle on the night. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £3 per head with a maximum of 6 per team. Please contact the FOSC committee on FOSC@stcatherines.swindon.sch.uk if you'd like any more information or to purchase tickets. All adults welcome.

LENT REFLECTIONS: The Bible Society has a series of audio reflections throughout Lent called the Lent Encounter. It's free and you can sign up at www.biblesociety.org.uk/lent23 It is a resource to accompany us on our journey through the Season of Lent.

MISSIO: The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11th -19th March 2023 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11th and 18th) at 10am; Sunday (12th and 19th) at 11am; Monday – Friday (13th-17th) at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are welcome to send in your petitions and / or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, telephone 01628-673178, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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, 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 £ 1018.70 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

***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.*