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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(March 12, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

Response to the Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice:
"Harden not your hearts."**

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!
Lord you are really the Saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Communion Antiphon: **For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.**

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 (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass –	Rosa Florinda Fernandes (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass –	Rosaria Gonsalves (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass –	Giovanni Tucci (Anniversary) Jonas De Sousa (Intentions)
Monday	NO MASS		
Tuesday	06.00pm	Mass -	Kenneth Gonsalves (Intentions) Calida Gonsalves (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass –	Ruth De Souza (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass -	Rosy De Sa (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass –	Gerry Darragh (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (March 19, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass –	Shanessa Fernandes (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass –	Victor and Antonina Melynychuk (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass –	Valanka Coelho (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, 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

CAFOD COLLECTION last Sunday came to £794.20. Many thanks for your generosity towards Cafod.

STATION OF THE CROSS: We will have the Stations of the Cross each Sunday of Lent starting at 4pm in the Church followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Jacob Bolton and Liliana Jacobowska who have been baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

RECENTLY DIED:

Margaret Huws – Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 21st March at 11am in St Marys
Please keep her and her family 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.

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

RISE THEATRE is back at Holy Rood with a new play: RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company will be performing their original play 'Faithful Companions' in the parish on 14 March at 7.30pm. 'Faithful Companions' explores the inspirational true story of Marie Madeleine d'Houët, foundress of an international Society of Catholic sisters called the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Visit www.risetheatre.co.uk/faithfulcompanions to watch the trailer. Tickets are £5 for anyone +11 years old. For tickets please contact hrym.swindon@cliffondiocese.com or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre

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 £1154 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.*