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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(March 26, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

Response to the Psalm: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Gospel Acclamation: Reader: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
All: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
who ever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Communion Antiphon: **Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

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 – Andre Pereira and Liberate Gomes (RIP)
09.00am Mass – Alex Goes (Intentions)
10.30am Mass – Rosaria Gonsalves (RIP)
Francisco Pereira (RIP)
Royston Gonsalves (Int)

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 06.00pm Mass - Ariana Goes (Intentions)
Joshue De Sousa (Intentions)
Izaias Fernandes (Intentions)

Wednesday 09.00am Mass – John Rosario (Intentions)

Thursday 09.00am Mass - Domingos De Araujo (Anniversary)
Vance Coelho (Intentions)

Friday 09.00am Mass – David (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (April 2, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat) 06.00pm Mass – Morag Hendesson (RIP)
09.00am Mass – Simon Szczerkowski (RIP)
10.30am Mass – Concetta Zarola (Anniversary)

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

TRIDUUM: The times of the Liturgies for the Triduum are:

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Easter Vigil: Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday: Mass 9am and 10.30am

NOEL STURLA RIP: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Noel Sturla who has died recently. Noel was Head teacher of St Marys School in the late 70's and early 80's before he moved to Holy Family parish to be Head teacher there. His Requiem Mass will be in St Peter's Church on Friday 31st March at 11am.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers Mariquinha Vas. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 13th April at 11am here in St Marys. Please also keep her family members in your prayers.

READERS ROTA If anyone is able to volunteer to read at the Liturgies on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, please sign the list at the back of the Church.

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.

VACANCY: Mid-day Supervisor Assistant at Holy Family Primary School.

The Governing body is looking to recruit a skilled and caring Mid -day Supervisor Assistant.

Closing Date: Friday 14th April 2023. Interview Date: Monday 24th April 2023

Apply via eteach: Midday Supervisory Assistant - Eteach

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.

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 £1303 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

'Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel, saying: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die".

"I am the Resurrection": to drink from the source of life is to enter into communion with the infinite love which is the source of life. In encountering Christ, we enter into contact, indeed, into communion with life itself and we have already crossed the threshold of death because, beyond biological life, we are in touch with true life.

The Church Fathers have called the Eucharist the medicine of immortality. And so it is, for in the Eucharist we come into contact, indeed, we enter into communion with the Risen Body of Christ, we enter the space of life already raised, eternal life. Let us enter into communion with this Body which is enlivened by immortal life and thus, from this moment and for ever, we will dwell in the space of life itself.' - Pope Benedict XVI

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.