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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A

(May 21, 2023)

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Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, Alleluia.**

Response to the Psalm: **I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.**

Communion Antiphon: **Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.**

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 5pm - 5.30pm

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### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Gustav & Helena Bogdaniec (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – John De Sousa (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Eileen Kearns (RIP) Revlon Fernandes (Intentions)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Vitorino Pereira (RIP) Hilary & Sharon Pinheiro (Intentions) Erasmio Gonsalves (Intentions)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Juvey D'Souza (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09.00am</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service in the Church.</b>
	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>Mass - in St Mary's School Hall</b> Felix Fernandes (RIP) Mclean Cardozo (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass - George & Helen Szczerkowski (Wedding Anniversary) Regina De Sa (RIP)

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (May 28, 2023)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Constantinho L. Fernandes (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Paulina De Sa & Family (Thanksgiving) Avy Porvar (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Melvy Crasto & Royston Gonsalves (Intentions)

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**Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated**

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**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

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Mass will be held in St Mary's School Hall at 9.30am. All are welcome. There will also be Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service in the Church at 9am.

**ARTS EXHIBITION IN ST MARYS SCHOOL:** Parishioners are invited for an Arts Exhibition on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at 2:15pm. We will be showcasing and celebrating a variety of arts and performances that the children have been learning. There will also be an opportunity to taste some treats baked by the children. We look forward to seeing you all. **COME JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATION!**

**Please write your name at the back of the Church, if you will be coming to this event.**

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be no confessions on Saturday mornings for the next few weeks as Fr Michael has other commitments on Saturdays. Confessions will be only at 5-5.30pm on Saturdays.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Bonnie Hackett and Aubrey Pattison who are being baptised here this weekend.

**FR PRATAP REDDY** from India will be visiting St Marys Parish and making an appeal next weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May. All money raised will go towards supporting the education of poor children as well as developing skills to help the unemployed.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There will be a practice for all new Altar Servers on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.

**VISITATION (WAF – World Apostolate of Fatima)**

Next month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, from 1.00pm – 6.00pm the World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing to Holy Rood Parish the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue, as approved by the Bishop. This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make known the important message of Fatima. St John Paul II said the Fatima message “is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary.” All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE:** Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Poster on notice board.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN SWINDON:** Are you thinking of getting married in the Catholic Church? There's quite a bit to arrange. Marriage Care are offering two Face-to-Face daytime courses this year at St Peter's, Carronbridge Rd., Swindon SN5 7ES on 10<sup>th</sup> of June or 30<sup>th</sup> September. You can find more information and book here: [Getting married | Marriage preparation | Marriage Care](#) If you haven't already discussed your plans with a priest that's a good idea too!

**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 £ 1222.38 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.*