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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A (SEPTEMBER 10, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.**

Communion Antiphon: **I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of 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 – Malucha Rosario (Intentions) Malcolm & Tania Fernandes (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Santana Dias (Anniversary) Cipriano Pereira (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – John & Roman Kahan (RIP) Jessica Fernandes & Newton Fernandes (Intentions)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Deceased souls of the Albuquerque & Rodrigues families
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Maurice Vas (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Brasilia & Bernardo Fernandes (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Deceased relatives of the Cardozo family

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 17, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Hannah Mannacherry (Intentions) Shawick Coutinho (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Marcos Fernandes (RIP) Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) John Lincoln (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Denisia Pereira (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, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg

FATHER JOHN SALTER

Bishop Declan has appointed Fr John Salter to be the assistant Priest here at St Mary's. We are delighted to welcome him to our parish. John has written a brief biography for us:

'I was born into a railway family in Swindon where my father and grandfather worked in the GWR; engineering missed out on me but my daughter is a Chartered Civil Engineer. I grew-up in the Parish of S. Mark, Swindon, where I learnt and practiced the Catholic Faith. From an early age I felt a vocation to the Priesthood and underwent the usual Church of England selection process; I read Theology at King's College, London and Seminary at Mirfield from where I was Ordained Deacon at S. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1978. I served a Curacy with Alan Hopes at Saint Paul's Tottenham, became a Parish Priest in the outer-city estate of Castle Vale, Birmingham where I met and married Karen. We have two children, Rachel and Jeremy. I was then appointed Vicar of Wantage in Oxfordshire, where I served for 25 years. During that time I took a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology from Heythrop, graduating in 2006 and in the same year I was made a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Wantage is renowned as a parish of the Catholic Revival in the Church of England but I began to realise this was no longer the place for me and so on Retirement to Fairford my wife and I were received into the Catholic Church. Encouraged and supported by Fr. Michael Robertson and Bishop Declan I offered myself for the Priesthood in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis dispensed me from celibacy and I was made Deacon in October 2022 and Ordained Priest on 22nd April 2023. I am delighted the Bishop has appointed me as Assistant Priest to Fr. Michael McAndrew and the lovely people of this Parish. Please forgive my shortcomings and keep me and my wife in your prayers as I will pray for you'.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church Jairus Da Silva, Levi Anie and Otis Cook who are being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

RECENTLY DIED

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Robert Martin Lancashire who has died recently. His Funeral Service will be on Thursday, 14th September at 11am here in St Mary's Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys for confirmation on April 23rd 2024. Application forms for confirmation will be available at the beginning on October 2023.

Candidates for Confirmation must be in year 10 or above.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Application forms for First Communion will be available from the beginning of November. Any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion must be in year 3 or above.

MISSIO

The Mission Today Magazines are not being distributed to people's homes at the moment. They are available on the shelf at the back of the Church.

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 £1428 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.*

Gospel Reflection

'at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: "Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty God my sins". And we don't say: "Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners". No! "Have mercy on me!". We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table, gathering us from the crossroads, from diverse situations of life (cf. Mt 22:9-10). And among the conditions in common among those participating in the Eucharistic celebration, two are fundamental in order to go to Mass correctly: we are all sinners and God grants his mercy to all. These are the two conditions which open wide the doors that we might enter Mass properly. We must always remember this before addressing a brother in brotherly correction.' **Pope Francis**