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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A (SEPTEMBER 17, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

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 – Hannah Mannacherry (Intentions) Shawick Coutinho (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Marcos Fernandes (RIP) Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) John Lincoln (RIP) Francisco Xavier Da Costa (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Denisia Pereira (Intentions)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Silveira (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of the De Melo family
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Vinny & Hendry Cunha (Intentions) Anaida Afonso (Intentions) Symino Botelho (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Manuel Fernandes (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 24, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Walt Harris (RIP) Amora Florindo (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Evelyn Gonsalves (Intentions) Ruel Silveira (Intentions) Sofia Grace Coutinho (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Leanne Fernandes (Intentions)

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

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church Zenaura Rodrigues who is being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

RECENTLY DIED

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Patricia Dougherty who has died recently. Her Funeral Service will be on Thursday, 21st September at 11am here in St Mary's Church.

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

We welcome Fr John Salter to our Parish. Fr John has been appointed Assistant Priest here at St Marys.

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.

***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

'From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful. When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" . Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn.

Jesus wished to introduce the teaching of this parable into the Our Father. He linked the forgiveness which we ask from God with the forgiveness that we should accord our brothers and sisters: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors". God's forgiveness is the symbol of his "overflowing" love for each of us. It is the love that leaves us free to distance ourselves, like the prodigal son, but which awaits our return every day. It is the resourceful love of the shepherd for the lost sheep. It is the tenderness which welcomes each sinner who knocks at his door. The Heavenly Father — our Father — is filled, is full of love and he wants to offer it to us, but he cannot do so if we close our heart to love towards others.'

Pope Francis

***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, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg*