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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

(OCTOBER 15, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **If you, O Lord should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

Response to the Psalm: **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.**

Communion Antiphon: **When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.**

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 – Petria Farcasi (RIP) Theresa Blaj (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Artimesa Gonsalves (Anniversary) Celina De Sa (RIP) Jose Pereira (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Simon Szczerkowski (RIP)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Tereza Gracias & Augusto D'Silva (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Deceased relatives of Baptista and Sucorina Fernandes
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Astra Vidot (Anniversary) Zoie Vaz (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Thanksgiving (Effie Fernandes and family) Samuel Fernandes (Intentions) Silbar Fernandes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 22, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Mariane Fernandes (RIP) Maria Piedade Silveira (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of the Vas and Rodrigues families
	10.30am	Mass – Sevarina De Mello (RIP)

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

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Zamora Vas and Mia Desa who are being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

FIRST COMMUNION: We pray for Zion Vas who will receive Jesus for the first time at 10.30am Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: The second collection last weekend came to £808.50.

MISSIO Mission Magazine is now available at the back of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024: Bishop Declan will be coming to St Marys for confirmation on April 23rd 2024. Application forms are now available and can be collected after Mass.

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.

READERS ROTA: The New Readers Rota for October and November is available at the back of the Church.

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2023/24 are ready to collect from the Sacristy. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered. Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) please take a box of green envelopes.

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 order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Last week the offertory collection came to £1351.50 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – THE JOY OF THE CATECHIST: In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, the diocese is offering a day to explore the ministry of catechesis. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, there is opportunity to look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. The date is **Saturday 28 October** at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. The day will begin with prayer at 10am, refreshments from 9.15am and the day will end at 4pm. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367

Angelus

PRIEST: *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,*

RESPONSE: **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

PRIEST: *Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: **Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace....

PRIEST: *And the Word was made flesh,*

RESPONSE: **And dwelt amongst us**

Hail Mary, full of grace....

PRIEST: *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

RESPONSE: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

PRIEST: Let us pray: *Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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.

TWENTY – EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.***

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second reading**Philippians 4:12-14,19-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation**Jnl: 14,12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Or:

cf.Epl:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind,

so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:1-14***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord