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TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

(OCTOBER 22, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

Response to the Psalm: **Give the Lord glory and power.**

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

Communion Antiphon: **Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**

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 – Marianee Fernandes (RIP) Maria Piedade Silveira (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of the Vas and Rodrigues families
	10.30am	Mass – Sevarina De Mello (RIP)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Cruz & Sophie Silveira (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Mericia Fernandes (Intentions) Valent Fernandes (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Cypriano De Sousa (Intentions) Adriel De Souza (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Jim Darragh (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (OCTOBER 29, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Ryszard Bogdaniec (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of Surman family
	10.30am	Mass – Antonio Wacłowski (RIP)

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

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Lenora Pereira who is being baptised here at St Mary's this week.

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

READERS ROTA: The New Readers Rota for October and November is 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.

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

MISSIO RED BOX: If you would like your Red Box emptied, please bring it to church before the 30th November. Please ensure your name is on your box. Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES:

Sunday, 5th November - Stratton St-Margaret Cemetery 12-1pm

Sunday, 5th November - Wroughton Cemetery 12-12.30pm

Sunday, 5th November - Whitworth Road Cemetery 2-3pm

Sunday, 12th November - Kingsdown Cemetery 2-3pm

POLISH BLESSING OF GRAVES: There will also be blessing of graves in Polish

Saturday 4th November - Kingsdown Cemetery at 3pm

Sunday 5th November - Whitworth Road at 11.30am

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1300 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 – NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading

I Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father
how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to
you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn17:17

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

Alleluia!

Or:

Ph2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

You will shine in the world like bright stars
because you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord