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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

(OCTOBER 29, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.**

Response to the Psalm: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.**

Communion Antiphon: **Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.**

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 – Ryszard Bogdaniec (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Deceased members of Surman family
	10.30am	Mass – Antonio Wacłakski (RIP)
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Stanwick Coutinho (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Shayne De Araujo (Intentions)
	06.00pm	Mass - People of the Parish
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Agnelo Gustav Vas (Intentions) Glenn Gonsalves (Intentions)
	06.00pm	Mass - Deceased relatives of the Blaj and Farcasi families
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Francis and Natalin Fernandes (Intentions) Carmelina Fernandes (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 5, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Victorina Vas (RIP) John Peter Fernandes (RIP) Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) Thresiamma Xavier (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Victor and Antonina Melynychuk (RIP) Lucia Cerroni (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (RIP) Steve Kingsley (Anniversary)

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

ALL SAINTS DAY: Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints and there will be two Masses that day at 9am & 6pm.

ALL SOULS DAY: Thursday is All Souls Day and Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: During the month of November we remember all those who have died. The book of remembrance will be at the front of the Church from November 1st. On the first page of the book are the names of those whose funerals have been in our parish in the past year. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered in prayer.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Valent Anthony Fernandes and Alvita Rema Palha who are being married here this weekend.

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 Cemetery at 11.30am

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1320.30 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading

I Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf.Ac.16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Or:

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:34-40***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord