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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(DECEMBER 3, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon:

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

Response to the Psalm:

**God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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 Fernandes (Intentions) Belarmina De Sa (Intentions) Menino Salvador Fernandes (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Paul Surman (RIP), Stanley Pinto (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Francis, Marcelino, Ignatius and Bradley Rodrigues (Intentions)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Roque Fernandes (Anniversary) Stanley Pinto (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Aurie Pereira (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Violante Cabral (RIP) Ricky Gonsalves (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Jack Guiry (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 10, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Salvador Rodrigues (RIP) Raguel Silveira (Intentions) Blyton De Souza Princia Fernandes (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Caetano Fernandes (RIP) Dominic Gonsalves (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Felix Fernandes (Anniversary) Lucinda Mendes (Anniversary) John O'Connor (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, Nellie Blake

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Micaiah Vaz and Avielle Mascarenhas who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

READERS: A copy of the readers rota for December 2023 and January 2024 is available at the back of the Church.

READING AT CHRISTMAS: There will be 8 Masses here at St Marys over the Christmas weekend from Saturday evening until Monday morning. Would readers please print their name on the list at the back of the Church indicating which Masses they are willing to read at.

ADVENT: At the back of the Church is copy of a Reverse Advent Calendar. It gives suggestions for each day of Advent when you can consider items of food which you might be able to donate to the Food bank in this Holy Season.

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 are now available. See Fr Michael or any of the Deacons. Any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion must be in year 3 or above.

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.

GOAN SWINDON ASSOCIATION is organising a Christmas Dance on 25th December 6pm at Punjabi Community Center, Swindon SN2 7BB. Poster on notice board 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.

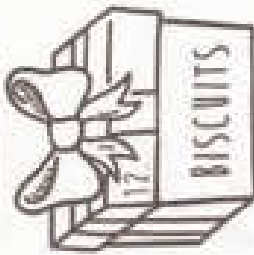
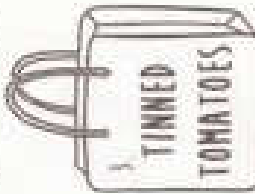
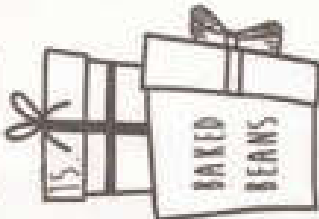
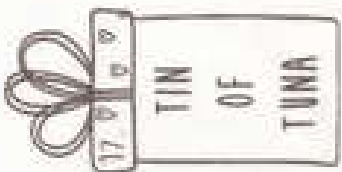
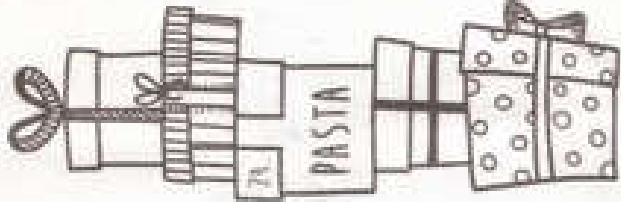
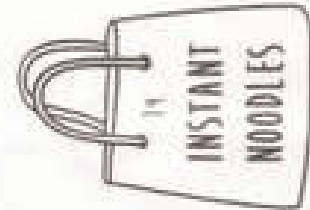
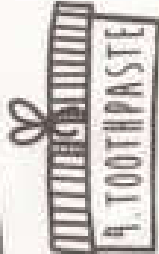
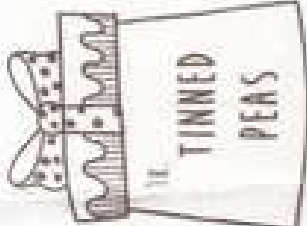
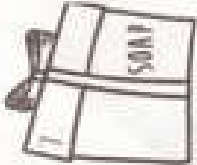
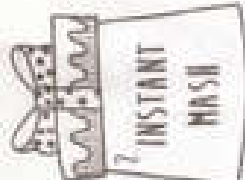
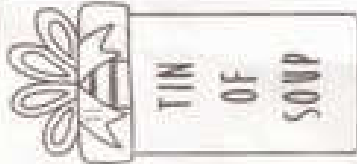
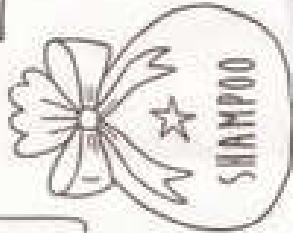
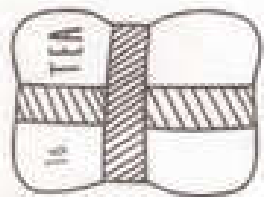
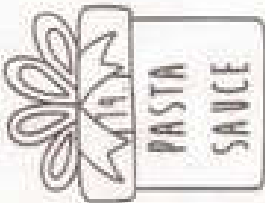
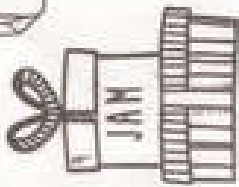
GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2023/24 are ready to collect from the Sacristy. Please ensure you take your correct box as they are all numbered. Non-Gift Aiders (non-tax payers) please take a box of green envelopes.

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.

FREE ZUMBA SESSIONS for female Asian carers. See Poster on the board at the back of the Church. If you would like to attend, to reserve a space call 01793 531133 or email: monica.chumber@swindoncarers.org.uk or kiran.chumber@swindoncarers.org.uk

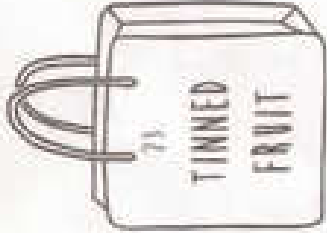
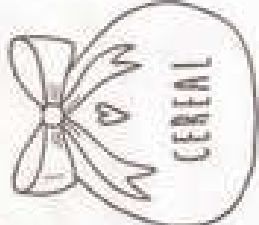
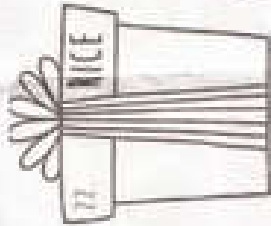
PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1130.55 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

*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.*



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

During Advent add an item and bring it to church for the Food Bank.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

First reading

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

*God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second reading**I Corinthians 1:3-9***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation**Ps84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 13:33-37***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.