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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A (NOVEMBER 5, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation.**

Response to the Psalm: **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

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

Communion Antiphon: **You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

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 – Victorina Vas (RIP) John Peter Fernandes (RIP) Carmelina Fernandes (RIP) Val Machado (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Lucia Cerroni (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (RIP) Steve Kingsley (Anniversary)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Sophia Waigwa (Intentions) Franciela Vas (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Violante Cabral (RIP)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Benjamin De Sousa (Anniversary) Stanley Bonamis (Anniversary)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Shamir Fernandes & Rekha Silva (Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 12, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Remedios Rodrigues (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Antonio & Maria Carelli (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Ita Messenger (Anniversary) Pedro Inacio Rodrigues (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

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers Daniel Peter Mcgahey who died recently. His funeral service will be held on Monday 13th November at 11am here in St Mary's Church. Please also remember to pray for his family.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Richard John Long and Noa Shine who are baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

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 during the month of November. 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.

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 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 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.

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

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

Sunday 5th November - Whitworth Road Cemetery at 11.30am

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1252.90 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.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130(131)

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever.

Second reading

I Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Sam 3:9, Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or:

Mt23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have only one Father, and he is in heaven;

you have only one Teacher, the Christ!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord