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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A (NOVEMBER 12, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

Response to the Psalm: **For my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.**

Communion Antiphon: **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.**

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 – Remedios Rodrigues (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Antonio & Maria Carelli (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Ita Messenger (Anniversary) Pedro Inacio Rodrigues (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Lourence & Effie Gonsalves (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – In thanksgiving
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Milagrina Afonso (RIP)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Monica Da Costa (RIP) Jose Santan Noronha (Anniversary) Cliward Caetano (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 19, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Nifa Fernandes Diogo Fernandes
	09.00am	Mass – Victor & Antonina Melynchuk (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Giuseppe Fraone (RIP) Rosa & Peter Fraone (RIP) Concetta & Giuseppe Larvssso (RIP) Rosa Costa (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 Logan McAteer who is been 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.

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, 12th November - Kingsdown Cemetery 2-3pm

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1343 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 62(63):2-8

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord