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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A (NOVEMBER 19, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

Response to the Psalm: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.**

Communion Antiphon: **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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 – Nifa Fernandes Diogo Fernandes
	09.00am	Mass – Victor & Antonina Melynchuk (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Giuseppe Fraone (RIP) Rosa & Peter Fraone (RIP) Concetta & Giuseppe Lorusso (RIP) Rosa Costa (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Analie D'Souza (Intentions) Antonio Pires (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Carlos de Araujo (Thanksgiving)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Agnelo Vales (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Agnelo Gonsalves & Anna Christina Vaz (Intentions) Joshua De Sousa (Intentions) Maria Menezes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 26, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Henry Praski (RIP) Shawnel Moraes (Intentions) Coutinho family (Thanksgiving)
	09.00am	Mass – Ferdinand & Gertrude Iwuoha (Wedding Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Francisco D'Souza (Intentions) Giulio & Rosina Anello

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

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to Caelan & Ethan Flannelly who will receive holy Communion for the first time this Sunday.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers Baby Keagan Hurst who died recently. His funeral service will be held on Monday 13th November at 10am here in St Mary's Church. Please remember to pray for his family.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Reannsa Rodrigues who is 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.

ADVENT KNITTED ITEMS:

The Knit & Natter Group have been busy knitting items with a small message of hope. Please feel free to take one for yourself or even better take one and give it away to someone who is sick, lonely, housebound homeless or in need of a friend. We hope they may spread a little joy this season. The items are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful effort.

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

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1028.40 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 127(128):1-5**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Second reading**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Rv2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.

Alleluia!

Or

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 25:14-30***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord