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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(DECEMBER 24, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain for the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

Response to the Psalm: **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.**

Communion Antiphon: **Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

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 – David Mascarenhas (RIP) Gregory Machado (RIP) Elsie Gracias (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Cathy & Tom Campbell (RIP) Jake Alex Menezes (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Cruz & Sophia Silveira (Thanksgiving)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

05.00pm	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
07.00pm	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
10.00pm	Mass - People of St Mary's Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY

09.00am	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish
10.30am	Mass – People of St Mary's Parish

Tuesday 10.00am Mass - Rocky Britto & Natasha Vas (Intentions)
Fr Christovam Caldeira (Anniversary)
Tanya Ribeiro (Intentions)

Wednesday 09.00am Mass – Maria Alda Gurjao (Anniversary)
Francisco Gomes (Anniversary)
Reema Dias & Valente De Souza (Intentions)
Renalda D'Cunha & Boney Dias (Intentions)

Thursday 09.00am Mass - Callum Fernandes (Intentions)

Friday 09.00am Mass - Andrea Gostling (Anniversary)
Jesziah Fernandes (Intentions)
Francisco Nunes & Mikela Nunes (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 31, 2023)

SUNDAY (Sat) 06.00pm Mass – Ludivico De Souza (Anniversary)
09.00am Mass – Thanksgiving
10.30am Mass – Cruz & Sophia Silveira (Thanksgiving)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

NEW YEAR DAY: On 1st January 2024 there will be two Masses here at St Marys at 9am and 10.30am

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Rhys Da Cunha and Daison Pereira who are being baptised this week here in St Mary's Church.

FR CHRISTOPHER WHITEHEAD has been appointed Bishop of Plymouth by Pope Francis. He is currently parish priest of St John's in Bath. Many parishioners will remember Fr Christopher coming to St Marys to help at Christmas and Easter. We wish him well and pray for him as he begins this new ministry.

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

DIED RECENTLY: Please remember to pray for Frances Webb whose funeral service will be on 28th December at 11am here at St Marys. Please also remember his family in your prayers

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.

THANK YOU: You will notice that all the kneelers in the Church have been restored with new covers. With many thanks to the parishioners who did the work and contributed the cost to the parish.

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.

KNIT AND NATTERERS: Thank you to all who made donations for knitted items which came to £62.82. This will go to Future In Our Hands Charity <http://fiohnetwork.org/> Registered Charity Number 1047953. The charity supports sustainable projects for women, children and the environment mainly in India, Cameroon and Sierra Leone. Many Thanks from The Knit & Natters.

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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper Contact Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1197.47 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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, Valliton Fernandes, Andy Cavilla

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.
