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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(DECEMBER 31, 2023)

Entrance Antiphon: **The shepherd went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**

Response to the Psalm: **He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.**

Gospel Acclamation: **At various times in the past and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.**

Communion Antiphon: **Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

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 – Ludivico De Souza (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Thanksgiving
	10.30am	Mass – People of the Parish
Monday	09.00am	Mass - Francisco De Sa (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass - Cruz & Sophia Silveira (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday	10.00am	Mass - Jerry Coelho & Santalin Rodrigues (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Kathleen Townsend (Anniversary)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Jerry Coelho (Intentions) Xavier Pinheiro (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Thanksgiving
Saturday	10.30am	Mass - Maria Santana Vas (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 7, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Peter Vas (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Sam Dias (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Joe McGrory (RIP) Tracie McGrory (RIP) Valinksha De Souza (Intentions)

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, Valliton Fernandes, Andy Cavilla

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.

MARIA SANTANA VAS: Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Maria Vas on Saturday 6th January at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

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 the repose of the soul of Patrick Reardon and Nigel De Souza who has died recently.

The Requiem Mass for Patrick will be on 10th January, 12.15pm here at St Marys Church.

The Funeral Service for Nigel will be on 12th January, 12.45pm at Kingsdown crematorium.

Please also remember to pray for their families.

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.

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 & Natterers.

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 mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £ 943.23 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.*
