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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (NOVEMBER 3, 2024)

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:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
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 – Deceased members of the Blaj and Farcasi families Glenn Gonsalves (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Lucia Cerroni (Anniversary) Daniella Fernandes (Intention) Mark Crasto and Eliska De Souza (wedding Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Ignatius Rodrigues (RIP) Dennis Sanches (Intention)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Victorina Vas (Anniversary) John Peter Fernandes (RIP)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass - Wilfred Hughes (Anniversary) Leo DCruz (Intention) Aicus Nazareth (Thanksgiving)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Sophie Waigwa (Intention)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Domnick De Souza (Intention) Valancy Fernandes (Intention)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 10, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Maurice Vas and Marilyn D'Crux (Intention) Benjamin De Souza (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Remedios Rodrigues (Anniversary) Shamir Fernandes and Rekha Silva (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – Frank Buchanan (RIP)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Martin Connolly, Colin Sobers

Fr Paul Gonsalves RIP

Fr Paul Gonsalves, the parish priest of Devizes and a Fransalian priest hailing from Goa, passed away suddenly on Saturday, 19th October. His Requiem Mass has been scheduled to take place at Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception Church, Devizes, on 4th of November, Monday at 11am. Following the Mass, his body will be prepared for repatriation to India, where he will be laid to rest. For those wishing to attend the Requiem Mass in person, we have 30 seats available. Please contact Joseph Pereira to register, as seating is limited. His contact number is: 07443067675
The Mass will be livestreamed for those who wish to join remotely. The viewing link will be made available on their parish website: <https://devizes.clifftondiocese.com/>

MASS TIMES: Due to the increased number of people coming to St Marys we are adding one Mass on Sunday. From beginning of Advent (1st December) there will be four weekend Masses at St Marys. Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 11am.

THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT every Wednesday after 9am Mass until 11am.

THE NEW LECTIONARY: The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages and to provide a text for use at Mass that is easier to read. It will mean that you notice a change to the rhythm of the readings we have grown used to, a change in phrases that we are so accustomed to. If you use a Missal with the readings in it, whilst the selection of readings remain the same the translation will differ. We will begin using the New Lectionary on December 1st.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Fr Francis Colaco of St Peter's is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 6th – 10th May 2025. The cost of this pilgrimage will be £769.00 per person sharing a room. This includes 5 days and 4 nights with half board in a 3* hotel in Fatima.
If you are interested, please contact Eileen Mochan on 07469 940371 ASAP . Alternatively, you can contact All Saints Travel on 01793 881166 or 07703059009. To book online www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/FM0987

SEBASTIAO FERNANDES: There will be a Mass on Sunday 10th November at 5pm for the repose of the soul of Sebastiao Fernandes who died recently. Would you please keep him and all his family in your prayers. All are welcome at this Mass.

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 from this weekend. 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new Gift Aid yellow envelopes (for tax payers) for 2024/25 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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Kingsdown - Sunday 3rd November 1:00 pm. Whitworth Road - Sunday 3rd November 2:00 pm
Stratton - Sunday 10th November 2:00 pm

ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Government is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: Many parishioners are asking about First Communion and Confirmation in 2025. Enrolment for the sacraments will be in November and December 2024 and the Catechesis will begin in January.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Each week parishioners donate to Swindon Food Bank. We are in need of Parishioners who would go on the rota to deliver to the food bank in West Swindon. If you are able to help please speak to Fr Michael. 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 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.

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1660.70 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.*

"Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles."

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.