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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (NOVEMBER 17, 2024)

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: **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.**

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 – Deceased souls of 70 Morris Street Monica Da Costa (Anniversary) Isaac MacDonald (intention) Isidoro D’Cruz (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Ezekiel Pereira (Intention) Cliward Goes (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – Deceased souls of 5 Donnington Grove
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Braganca family (Thanksgiving) Abel Fernandes (Intention) Florinda Dias (Anniversary)
Wednesday	09.00am until 11am - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (NO MASS)	
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Deceased members of the Barretto & Gomes families Antonio Francisco Pires (Intention)
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Xavier Pinheiro (RIP)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (NOVEMBER 24, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Maria Adelaide Fernandes (Anniversary) Sacramenta Colaco (Intention)
	09.00am	Mass – Valliton & Aruba Fernandes (RIP) Shawnel Moraes (Intention)
	10.30am	Mass – Joshua De Sousa (Intention) Florinda Dias (Anniversary)

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

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.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church Lucas Fernandes and Arlo Meader who are being baptised this weekend.

THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on this Wednesday from 9am until 11am. There will be **No Mass**.

READERS: If anyone would like to read at Mass, there will be a meeting in the Church on Saturday 23rd November at 10.30am. This is primarily for new readers but is also to look at the new Lectionary which we will begin to use at Mass on December 1st. If you would like to read at Mass please speak to Fr Michael or one of the Deacons.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024 will be available to collect next weekend 23rd & 24th November. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion. Young people must be in Year 10 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 Poster on the notice board.

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.

The governing body of St MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2026-27 school year. Proposed changes from the existing arrangements can be found on the [school website](#). You are invited to provide any comments you may wish for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 12.00 Noon on 20 December 2024. Comments should be sent to Mrs Luisa Weston at lweston@st-marys.swindon.sch.uk and St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bessemer Road East, Swindon, SN2 1PE

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The governing body of the school are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2026-27 school year. Proposed changes from the existing arrangements can be found on the [school website](#). You are invited to provide any comments you may wish for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 12.00 Noon on 20th December 2024. Comments should be sent to Mrs Reeny Fernandes at Consultation@holycross.swindon.sch.uk and at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Queens Drive, Swindon, SN3 1AR

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Follow the link below to update your passport if you got Biometric Residence Card (BRC). <https://www.gov.uk/update-uk-visas-immigration-account-details>

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.livesworthyliving.org.uk Poster on notice board for more details.

PILGRIMAGE WALK: Those interested contact by email: sudentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com Poster on the board.

RED BOX: If anyone would like their Red Box emptied, bring it to the Church before November 30th.

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 £ 1326.72 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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.

"The world promises us pleasure, but it is only in Jesus that we find joy."

- Saint Thérèse of Lisieux