SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

7TH DECEMBER 2025: Mass Time

Sunday 7 [™] December	11:00 AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mr Mikolaj Molyn +
Tuesday 9 th December	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY OF ADVENT	Alice Lambert +
Sunday 14 th December	11:00 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Edward Zarczynski +



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession

If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call: St. Mary's: 01793 535089/Holy Rood: 01793 522062/ St. Peter's: 01793871167

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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time. We pray for God's special blessing on you. We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings Eucharistic Prayer	:	Sunday Mass Cycle A: ADVENT WEEK 2Year 1 Psalter 1 (Priest Choice)	
Entrance Antiphon	:	O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.	
First Reading	:	Isaiah 11:1-10	
Psalm Response	:	In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.	
Second Reading	:	Romans 15: 4-9	
	:	Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.	
Gospel	:	Mathhew 3:1-12	
Communion Antiphon	:	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.	

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

With righteousness he shall judge the poor

2nd Reading

Christ saves humanity.

Gospel

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

In this Second week of Advent, Matthew introduces to us, someone special. It is John the Baptist. John the Baptist in Matthew's gospel narrative is special and symbolic. The text of Matthew 3 we have this Sunday begins with this phrase, "In due course John the Baptist appeared..." It was about the timing of God; the appointed time. It was not a coincidence that he should appear. The word 'appear' equally shows the time limits of his mission. Prophets and Kings and Patriarchs would appear and disappear but God remains in the person of Jesus Christ - Jesus, yesterday, today and forever. John is a sign and symbol of reconciliation between the old and the new. John the Baptist asks the Old to prepare the way for the New. He is the voice crying out in the wilderness; a voice of change, of justice, peace and reconciliation.

He warns the Pharisees and the Sadducee's to change from their old ways and embrace New Life. It is not enough to say, "We have Abraham for our father."

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY 7th DECEMBER – POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE NEXT WEEK: 14TH DECEMBER – ACHIEVE AFRICA

CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2025- ST JOSEPH WROUGHTON				
24 TH December Wednesday - Christmas Vigil	10:00pm			
26 th December Friday	11:00am			

ACHIEVE AFRICA CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025: The Annual Achieve Africa Pre Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday, 14th December 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Primary School. This special event offers an opportunity to come together in the spirit of Christmas to share joy, fellowship, and generosity. Tickets will be available after Mass, and proceeds will go toward supporting children in need. Your participation and kindness will help make this Christmas a brighter and more hopeful season for many. Thank you for your continued support of Achieve Africa.

MASSES: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 8^{th} Dec. at 6.30 pm in Holy Family Church.

READERS & MINISTERS ROTAS: The latest rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are ready to collect from the table at the porch. Please take your copy before or after mass.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE: We are selling our beautiful Christmas cards now! Get into the holiday spirit and send warm wishes to your loved ones with these festive designs. Available for a limited time. Don't miss out on the chance to spread some cheer this season!

MUSIC AT MASS: We are hoping to introduce some different hymns for everyone to sing during mass to enhance the service. Singers will sing them during communion or after the end of Mass. Please try and listen to them so you can join in when they are used at Mass.

NB- The People's Mass setting is **NOT** responsorial, please sing **ALL** of it. Singing hymns is a good way for you to contribute to the mass so please make sure you have a hymn book. Thank You. Any suggestions will be welcome.

St Joseph's Care for Creation Group invites you to join them in adding a daily act of kindness to your advent activities. For ideas see the December calendar at https://actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december#download-block-anchor. Or the hard copy displayed in the church porch / parish rooms.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 11:00am and Sunday 7th June at 2pm. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 13th Dec. at 10am at Holy Family Church.

CONFIRMATION: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026 is on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00pm. This will be held at Holy Family Church.

PARKING: At busy times, such as Sunday Mass, do consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. Please keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and avoid blocking people's residence and shops.

TEA & COFFEE : Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after mass on Sundays and Tuesdays

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Holder Clifton Diocese

Account Number 66287375 Sort Code 52-10-03

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, and those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Gregory the Great/St Thomas More, Cheltenham.

Pope's Message: Throughout December, our pope's prayer intention is for Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.