

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
YEAR A  
16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026: Mass Time**

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| <b>Sunday 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>  | <b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>SOLEMNITY OF<br/>THE<br/>ASSUMPTION<br/>OF THE<br/>BLESSED<br/>VIRGIN MARY</b> | <b>Hilda and Pat Byrne<br/>+</b>       |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b> | <b>9:30 AM</b>  | <b>WEEKDAY IN<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b>                                               | <b>Bronislaw<br/>Sobieralski<br/>+</b> |



**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: 01793630627**

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To get up to date news from our Deanery go to: [www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk](http://www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk)*

**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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| <b>Readings</b>           | : | <b>Sunday Mass Cycle Ordinary Time Week 20 -Year 2</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Prayer</b> | : | <b>Psalter 2 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  | : | A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. |
| <b>First Reading</b>      | : | Revelation 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10                                                                                                         |
| <b>Psalm Response</b>     | : | <b>On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.</b>                                                                                |
| <b>Second Reading</b>     | : | 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27                                                                                                                |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | : | <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b><br>Mary has been taken up into heaven;<br>The host of angels rejoice.<br><b>Alleluia!</b>                   |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | : | Luke 1:39-56                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | : | All generations will call me blessed,<br>for he who is mighty has done great things for me.                                            |

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.*

**Gospel**

*He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.*

## ***A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi***

*“Faith is a Free Gift of Grace not an Entitlement”*

In a world and context where everyone knew their place; the Canaanite woman went far and beyond to challenge Jesus and the status-quo with her faith; Faith which doesn't claim any right of entitlement but appeals to grace and benevolence of God. By her very words and deeds, she defined faith as a special gift of grace freely given to those who appreciate it.

Mary our mother knows what it means to plead for her children in need of every grace and blessing. Every sacrament in the church is received, not taken. It must be given or administered to those who receive it. No one is worthy or entitled to any sacramental gift of grace. By the redemptive grace of Christ, we are who we are.

Mary, the ark of God's Covenant for all peoples and nations, who was conceived without original sin, by God's grace lived out her vocation and, in the end, had the singular privilege of being assumed into heaven.

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory Collections 9<sup>th</sup> August:**

**Weekly Collection: £263.60**

#### **Weekly Offering**

We encourage parishioners, where possible, to consider supporting the parish through a direct debit or standing order. This method of giving can also enable us to claim Gift Aid, increasing your donation at no extra cost to you. One-off donations are, of course, also very welcome.

**Funeral Mass :** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs Greta Kiamtia**. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 1:30 pm** at **St Joseph's Church, Wroughton**. Please keep Greta's family and loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust fund raising Ride and Stride takes place this year on September 12th. Registration forms, lists of churches taking part are all on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust website.

**Bible Alive Group – Autumn Season:** The Bible Alive Group will choose their next book on **Wednesday 19 August at 2.30pm in the Parish Room**. New members are very welcome. Books being considered include *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, the Gospels of Matthew and John, and *The Grace-Filled Church*. For more information, contact Diana on **0781 394 0076**.

**EVANGELISATION AND DISCIPLESHIP:** Volunteering for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Clifton: Do you care about young people in the Church, particularly those age 11-18? Do you or have you thought about volunteering to work with the young people either in your Parish or further afield? For more information, please go to: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/evangelisation-and-discipleship/youth-ministry/> where you'll be able to register your interest and join a database of Youth Ministry volunteers so that we can keep in contact, share new initiatives and keep you informed about events in the Diocese: Youth Ministry Volunteer Database – Fill in form.

**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:*** *Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies.*

***Pope's Message:*** The holy father's prayer intention for the month of August is for Evangelization in the City.

*Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.*