

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026: Mass Time**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>ST</sup> February</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Anne Marie Sworn +</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>RD</sup> February</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Gregory Salomon +</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/  
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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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<b>Readings</b>	:	<b>Sunday Mass Cycle A: Ordinary Time Week 4 -Year 2</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	:	<b>Psalter 4 (or at Priest Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	:	Save us, O Lord our God! and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
<b>First Reading</b>	:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
<b>Psalm Response</b>	:	<b>Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia.</b> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. <b>Alleluia.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	:	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	:	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

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

*I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.*

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

*God chose what is weak in the world.*

**Gospel**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

Following last Sunday's gospel on Jesus, who started his ministry around the region and territory of Galilee, it is geographically fitting to be presented with the sermon on the mount this Sunday which is believed to have taken place near Capernaum, in the same region.

How can one preach or reflect on the sermon of Jesus? What can we add or remove? It is a clear message that speaks for itself. Yet, it is not as simple as it may seem. How can the poor be happy? Who could ever be happy in the midst of persecution and sorrow of any kind?

The very Church of the Beatitudes near Galilee is incredibly modern. But at the same time, it takes you back to the simplicity of that very spot where Jesus sat, surrounded by the people who listened to his teaching, which made a deep impression. This church has eight windows, which represent the eight Beatitudes of our Christian attitudes. Each window symbolises our different reflection of Christ's Light and Good News to the world and becomes the windows through which the world sees Christ in us.

It is not about what we have or lack; it is not about what we do and what happens to us. It is about our attitude to the circumstances of everyday life. That's what makes us Christians and distinguishes saints from sinners.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION: 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 - RACIAL JUSTICE.**

**SPECIAL MASS:** The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February mass is at 6:30pm in Holy Family Church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** There will be a mass at St Joseph Wroughton on **18<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 am**. And masses at Holy Family Church at 9:00am and 6:30 pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup> February** 2026, 10 am – 11:15 am at Holy Family Church.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The first preparation session will start on **3<sup>rd</sup> February** 2026, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Holy Family Church. Application forms are available online and in the parish office.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** We are now encouraging our parishioners, those who are able, to consider setting up direct debit / standing order, which could also attract gift aid (Tax return) from the government to support our parish. You are equally welcome to make a one-off donation to the parish.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** This year's Rite of Election takes place in our Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. On this first Saturday of Lent, as at the start of every Lent, our diocesan family will gather at the cathedral together with our bishop to celebrate the Rite of Election, where those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Bosco.

**Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life:** Our diocesan family will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February (12 noon) and Bishop Bosco is inviting all families to join us to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life.

#### **Bible Alive Group — Lent Study**

The Bible Alive group will be using *Cover to Cover – Living Faith: Invitations from the Cross* for Lent. The book costs **£8.27 from Eden Bookshop**, and an order will be placed next week. Meetings begin **Ash Wednesday (18 February) at 2.30 pm in the Parish Room**. All are welcome. The book may also be used for personal study.

**Film Showing — *The Miracle Maker* Friday 13 February at 1.45 pm, Harry Garrett Court** (across the road). A Gospel film featuring **Ralph Fiennes** as the voice of Jesus. All are welcome and refreshments provided. **Please contact Dianna on 07813940076.**

**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**

<b>Account Holder</b>	<b>Clifton Diocese</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>66287375</b>
<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>52-10-03</b>

**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:** : ***Immaculate Conception***, Devizes, with Lavington

**Pope's Message:** *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of February is for children with incurable diseases.*

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*