

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
9TH AUGUST 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 9TH AUGUST	11:00 AM	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Charlie and Antoinette Farrugia +
Tuesday 11TH AUGUST	9:30 AM	MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN	Joseph Maskalaniec +



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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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle Ordinary Time Week 19 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 2 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget no the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget no the cries of those who seek you.
First Reading	:	1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Psalm Response	:	Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.
Second Reading	:	Romans 9: 1-5
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! I long for you, O Lord, My soul longs for his word. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 14: 22-33
Communion Antiphon	:	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Stand on the mount before the Lord.

2nd Reading

I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.

Gospel

Command me to come to you on the water.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

The gospel of Matthew today begins with the action of Jesus sending his disciples ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. Then he went up into the hill by himself to pray. It is interesting to see Matthew making a distinction between the crowd and the disciples. The crowd come for some specific needs, after which they depart from the Lord's presence. But the disciples do not leave. They remain, and are ever willing to be sent forth for mission.

As always, there is a connection between the first reading and the gospel of Matthew this Sunday. Elijah prefigures Jesus as the anointed one who would never be lost in the crowd. Jesus goes up the hill to pray privately, just as Elijah would go by himself into a cave, at Horeb, the mountain of the Lord. To have spent a night there was a prayerful moment. They both teach us the need to pray before the storm in order to have the courage to withstand it on arrival.

The storms of life, the torrents and the wind are familiar occurrences. The mental anguish of St Paul, which is an internal storm, shouldn't be taken for granted, either. The church in our time, in the same boat, equally face the wave of secularism and persecution. However, and whatever the challenges of every time and season occur, to recognise the Lord in the midst of it all, makes a huge difference. May we hear the gentle voice of the good shepherd, 'Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.'

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections 2nd August:

Weekly Collection: £272.60

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 1.00 pm** at **St Joseph's Church, Wroughton**. Please keep Greta's family and loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

Coffee and Chat Invitation: St John's Church warmly invites everyone to a Coffee and Chat on Wednesday 12th August in the St John's Parish Room, Priors Hill. All are welcome.

Bible Alive Film – Date Change: Please note that the showing of The Hiding Place has been moved from Friday 14 August to Friday 28 August at Harry Garrett Court, opposite St Joseph's Church. The programme includes a short film of Corrie ten Boom followed by *The Hiding Place*, telling the inspiring true story of her faith, courage, and forgiveness during the Second World War. For more information, contact Diana on 07813 940076.

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: **Chaplaincies to HM Forces**

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.