

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026: Mass Time

Sunday 13TH SEPTEMBER	11:00 AM	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Tessie Lanaza and Leonardo dela Cruz +
Tuesday 15th SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS	Ricky Zarczynska- Schaffer +



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 24 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 4 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.
First Reading	:	Sirach 27: 30-28:7
Psalm Response	:	The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Second Reading	:	Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 18:21-35
Communion Antiphon	:	How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

2nd Reading

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel

I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

At some point, in a 'God-discussion,' a little child of five years old spoke up with a tiny, gentle voice saying, "Everyone knows about God. It's just that they have forgotten." (From the book, 'Moments of Life' p.10, written by me)

Indeed, we all have knowledge of God and about God. We have so many memories of his love and mercies. It is just that we choose often to forget. But paradoxically, we often keep the bad memories of hurt and pain alive, which could breed resentment and anger.

In the first reading this Sunday, we are reminded to remember. Remember God's covenant. Remember his commandment centred on love. Remember dissolution and death, and remember the last things and stop hating. The psalmist prays that the soul may remember God's graciousness and never forget his mercies.

Only if Peter knew this, he wouldn't have asked the question on how many times he ought to forgive his offender. When we allow resentment, we count offences. When we count, we never forget. St Paul would add one more thing in his letter to the people of Rome to remember, 'The life and death of each one of us has influence on others.' Forgiveness is living for others and dying for others.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections : 6TH SEPTEMBER

Weekly Collection: £275.30

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.

**SECOND COLLECTION today 13th SEPTEMBER: CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.
NEXT SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER: BISHOP'S CONFERENCE**

EDUCATION SUNDAY: Bishop Bosco has written a new special letter of appeal for more volunteers to step forward and become Governors / Directors at schools. A copy is available on the parish notice board.

CARE FOR CREATION– Clouts Wood Visit: Our Care for Creation group has arranged a short guided tour of Clouts Wood with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on **Friday 18 September at 6pm**. The walk will last no more than one hour, and bat detectors will be available. If you would like to join us, please contact Steve at steveaftelak@gmail.com.

CLIFTON CATHEDRAL: On 26th and 27th September the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco will be visiting Clifton Cathedral. Poster is on the parish notice board for more information.

ST. CARLO – OUR FRIEND IN HEAVEN: The Carlo event is taking place at Holy Rood Church on Saturday, 19th Sept. at 2–5pm. We invite all teenagers, young people and adults to join us for a special afternoon with St Carlo. There will be a presentation on his life, Adoration and Veneration of a First-Class Relic of St Carlo.

THE MISSION APPEAL: The Missionary Society of St. Paul will make the mission appeal on 26th and 27th September. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. Please support them generously.

NEW HYMNS AT MASS: Over the next few Sundays, we will introduce some new hymns. Our wonderful choir will sing each new hymn during Communion or after Mass, and the following week it will become a congregational hymn. Your singing is a joy and an uplifting part of our Mass. Please remember that the People's Mass is not responsorial and everyone is encouraged to sing throughout. Please pick up a copy of the Mass setting from the porch. **Thank you! - Frances**

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO DIED RECENTLY: We remember in our prayers Mrs Ann Collins, whose Reception into Church will take place on 15th September at 4.30pm. Her Funeral Service will be held on 16th September at 11.00 am, followed by Kingsdown Crematorium.

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. John the Evangelist, Bath.*

Pope's Message: *The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of September is for The Care for Water.*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.