

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
25TH OCTOBER 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 25 TH OCTOBER	11:00 AM	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Yasmine Szewczyk (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 27 TH OCTOBER	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sally Aitkins (Thanksgiving)



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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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 30 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 2 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; Turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
First Reading	:	Exodus 22:21-27
Psalm Response	:	I love you, LORD, my strength.
Second Reading	:	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, And my father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 22: 34-40
Communion Antiphon	:	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.

2nd Reading

You turned away from idols to serve God and wait for his Son.

Gospel

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

The Gospel reading this Sunday follows that of the previous Sunday. It is one of those questions thrown at Jesus to entrap him. Jesus understood well, the rule on being mindful of what you say or it will be held against you. However, he knew that only the truth could set us free. He was determined to say the truth and stand by it.

The Herodians were interested in knowing whether to pay tax or not. The Sadducees wanted more clarification on the resurrection that they didn't believe in, while the Pharisees were interested in the commandment and the Law of Moses.

The question was to know the greatest of the commandments. It was just to test Jesus. They already knew about this, themselves. They recited it every day in the "Shema Israel." "Listen Oh Israel, the Lord your God is one God. You shall love him with all your mind, heart, and soul." Jesus repeated it to them but added something which they easily ignored...the love of neighbour. The Love for God fulfils the law only when it is expressed in our sincere love for others.

The conflict and lack of peace in our world have nothing to do with our ignorance of the Law. It is perhaps our inability to apply the spirit of the law in our sincere love and respect for our neighbours, including the widows and the strangers.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections : 18th October

Weekly Collection: £ 332.85

SECOND COLLECTIONS: MISSIO (World Mission Sunday) £227.20

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 NEXT SUNDAY 1st NOV. – CATHEDRAL APPEAL

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Royal Wootton Bassett Cemetery – Sunday 1st November at 11am

Wroughton Cemetery – Sunday 1st November at 12pm.

Kingsdown Cemetery - Sunday 1st November at 1:00 pm.

Stratton Cemetery – Sunday 1st November at 2:30 pm.

Whitworth Road Cemetery - Sunday 8th November at 1:00 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now accepting Mass intention requests for the 2027 Liturgical Year. If you would like to arrange a Mass intention, please contact the parish office to obtain a request form and envelope. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The dates for the First Holy Communion in 2027 are on Saturday 22nd May at 11:00am and Sunday 23rd May at 2pm. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on **12th December 2026 at 10am** in Holy Family Church.

CONFIRMATION: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 is on Tuesday 25th May 2027 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office.

MARRIAGE COURSE: Fr. Obi is offering marriage course online for couples who are preparing to get married in the Catholic Church. You are invited to participate online, no matter the country of residence. Certificates are issued at the end of every course. For more information contact, nnamdi.obi@cliftondiocese.com

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: On the approach to Christmas, please will you consider donating children's toys, food and clothes to the Haven (for the homeless). Gifts to be left at the convent. Many thanks.

CARE FOR CREATION: On Saturday, 31st October, there is a Swindon Community Day for climate and nature at Christ Church Community Centre in Old Town, from 11-5pm. We hope that as many of us can go to this day of practical ideas, inspiration and how we can work together for the environment, climate change for a greener, healthier place to live.

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. Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol, with St. James Priory

Pope's Message: The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October is for the Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.