

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A
3RD MAY 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 3RD MAY	11:00 AM	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jan Juchaniewicz +
Tuesday 5TH MAY	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Marc Salomon +



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: 01793871167***

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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 EASTER week 5-Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 4 (or at Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	O sing a new song to the Lord, For he has worked wonders; In the sight of the nations he has shown deliverance, alleluia.
First Reading	:	Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm Response	:	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.
Second Reading	:	1 Peter 2: 4-9
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the father except through me. Alleluia.
Gospel	:	John 14: 1-12
Communion Antiphon	:	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel

I am the way the truth and the life.

The life of the early Christian community was a life of service. They realised very early that the service of the word and prayer were so important. However, they also knew the koinonia and the breaking of bread for the hungry, and the needy was very pivotal. Therefore, they chose seven men of good reputation to support the twelve in their duty.

In the gospel of John 14:1-12, Jesus addresses his disciples before his passion, death, and resurrection. In parallel to the choosing of the seven we have in Acts of Apostles, Jesus talks about himself going to make a preparation for the disciples. Unlike the seven deacons who will prepare and serve at the table, Jesus would go and prepare a 'place'. At this point in the life of the disciples, he has raised their minds and hearts to seek more of being in the 'place.'

It was when Thomas spoke up that it became clearer that this was not a space of time and location. It was about union and communion with the Blessed Trinity.

I am the Way (Son) the Truth (Holy Spirit) and the Life (Father of creation). Therefore, no one can have God's eternal Life in the Spirit without the Son.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections 26th April:

Weekly Collection: £272.70

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7th June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday 9th May 2026, 10 am – 11.15 am.

CONFIRMATION 2026: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on 5th May at 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

BLESSING OF HOUSES: As usual, there will be house blessings this Easter. Please, email the parish office at wroughton.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com to arrange for it. Thank you.

ACHIEVE AFRICA RAFFLE: These are available. We encourage families to take a booklet each for an opportunity to win the special painting kindly made by Angelo De Mello. Thank you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2026-2027 tax year is now available, please collect your own box. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

DR SCOTT HAHN, Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday, 26th May at 7.00pm. In addition, Dr. Scott will be signing his books which CTS will bring with them. £20 per person. Please follow this link to book; <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/oicym1qd>

ANNUAL CREAM TEAS– Saturday 6th June: Our Annual Cream Teas in aid of Prospect Hospice will take place on Saturday 6th June. We are looking for volunteers to help during the afternoon, and would be very grateful if you could sign up on the list in the porch if you are able to assist. We are also in need of donations of scones, which would be much appreciated. For more information, please speak to Anne Moss.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: The next meeting for Presentation Associates will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 1.30pm in the Convent.

CARE FOR CREATION: Our latest bulletin for May June and July is now available. Please take one on your way out.

CAFOD update: The final total for the Big Lent Walk was **£990**. Thanks to the walkers Maureen, Lisa and Brian and everyone who contributed.

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. Immaculate Conception, Stroud, with Brownhill, Painswick and More Hall.*

Pope's Message: *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of May is for that Everyone Might Have Food.*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.