

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
30TH AUGUST 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 30TH AUGUST	11:00 AM	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Unknown Soldiers +
Tuesday 1ST SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Laberinto & Asprer Family (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 22 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 2 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
First Reading	:	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms Response	:	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
Second Reading	:	Romans 12: 1-2
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 16:21-27
Communion Antiphon	:	How great is the goodness, Lord, That you keep for those who fear you.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.

2nd Reading

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

Last Sunday, Peter had his moment of glory. It was a moment some people would wait for a lifetime. He was not just given access to the Kingdom but given the key to the Kingdom. What happens in today's gospel is a sharp contrast. He was given his rightful place - behind the master.

Just as the cross of Christ remains a sign of contradiction, the Rock upon which the church is built could easily be for some others, a stumbling block. Faith or the loss of it could make a huge difference here. Last week, Peter was a rock. Today, he allows himself to become a stumbling block for Christ who must obey the will of his father.

While faithfulness in God is encouraged at all times, any doubt in the person of God and what can do is to be rebuked at all times. This is the essence of the key of St Peter.

St. Paul encourages the people of Rome to remain faithful. It is not enough to profess that Jesus Christ is the son of the living God. We must acknowledge his suffering and death on the cross. His glory and his passion go hand in hand. Together and at all times, let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections 23RD August:

Weekly Collection: £255.00

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.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: The next meeting will be on Monday 7th September at 1.30pm in the Convent (next to Holy Family Church). If you are interested in supporting our Presentation Sisters, join us to find out more about their work and their founder Venerable Nano Nagle. All are welcome to join.

Creation Mass at St Joseph's Church Wroughton: Please note that on **Tuesday, 1 September**, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, we will celebrate the new 'Creation Mass' liturgy, introduced by Pope Leo last year.

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.

BEDROCK: We warmly want to invite you to a conference "MORE HOLY SPIRIT", led by the Cor Et Lumen Christi Community, taking place on 19th September from 10: 00 am to 4:00 pm at Holy Family Church. There will be praise and worship, inspiring talks, healing ministry, prophecy and Holy Mass.

Bible Alive Film: The next film, David (the Psalmist), is on **Friday, 11 September at 2.30pm**. All are welcome, with refreshments provided. For enquiries, contact Diana on **0781 394 0076**.

Children's Liturgy: We are pleased to announce that our **Children's Liturgy will start on Sunday, 20 September**. We warmly welcome all children to join us and would also be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer and help with this ministry.

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: *Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath. St Joseph, Peasedown St. John.*

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.