

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
YEAR C
26TH OCTOBER 2025: Mass Time**

Sunday 26 TH October	11:00 AM	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Anna Pike +
Tuesday 28 TH October	9:30 AM	FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES	Sally Aitkins (Birthday)
Sunday 2 ND November	11:00 AM	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Hilda and Pat Byrne +



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 C: Ordinary Time Week 30 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 2
Entrance Antiphon	:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; Turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face
First Reading	:	Sirach 35: 15-17, 20-22
Psalm Response	:	The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.
Second Reading	:	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.
Gospel	:	Luke 18: 9-14
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

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.

2nd Reading

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

Gospel

The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.

Not long ago, we had a weekday reading from Luke 9:18. It was very interesting to know that St Luke's account of Jesus questioning his disciples on who people say he was, come after he had prayed in their presence. There is something about prayer and identity. Prayer reveals who we are. True prayer flows from the innermost heart. And so, how we pray, what we pray for, where and when we pray say a lot about us. It reveals our relationship with ourselves, God and others.

The Gospel of St Luke we read this Sunday reveals a typical prayer of a humble person and another who is not very humble. The Pharisee's prayer was a litany of his good works. It's about what he had done and accomplished. On the contrary, the tax collector's prayer was not about what he had done well; it's about who he was - a sinner.

A sinner is one who has offended God and neighbour by word, deed or omission.

Apart from the Lord's Prayer, the tax collector's prayer had become one of the most simple but powerful prayers of all time: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Indeed, this man went home at rights with God; the other did not.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER- CATHEDRAL APPEAL

FUNERAL MASS FOR CLARE ANNE STEPHENS

The funeral service for Clare Stephens will take place at **St Joseph's Church, Wroughton, on Wednesday, 5th November, at 11:00 a.m.**

Following the service, interment will be held in the churchyard at **St Joseph the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton, at 12:30 p.m.**

Family, friends, and all who knew Clare are warmly invited to gather in thanksgiving for her life, to offer prayers, and to share in remembrance of her kindness and faith.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 – CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR: Schools and parishes across England and Wales are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, a special three-day event from 21st- 23rd November, marking the Jubilee Year. This year's programme includes a World Youth Sunday Livestream for schools (formerly World Youth Funday), Social Saturday, and celebrations in parishes for World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. Designed to support youth ministry and Catholic formation, the event offers a meaningful way to highlight the role of young people in the Church. Developed in partnership with the Jubilee for Schools project, CAFOD, CSAN, and CES and aligned with the Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) Framework, it's a valuable opportunity to strengthen links between schools, parishes, and the wider Church. For more information and registration head to <https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/>

A Gentle Reminder about Parish Purchases

After our recent diocesan finance audit, we've been asked to remind everyone that any purchases for the parish should first be discussed with the Parish Priest and the Finance Committee. This helps us keep good records and make sure all spending is properly approved. Thank you so much for your understanding and for all the generous ways you continue to support our parish community.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians on Wednesday 19th November at 6.45pm in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald as main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. #RedWednesday week offers a chance as Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Service and Parade Sunday, 9th November

Join us for our Remembrance Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. at St John and St Helen Church, Church Hill, Wroughton. Following the service, there will be a parade at 10:35 a.m. from the church to the War Memorial.

For more information, please contact Amanda Woodhead on 01793 814735.

MESSAGE FROM ST JOSEPH'S CARE FOR CREATION: Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy are running an 'Energy Cafe' at Wroughton Church Hall, Priors Hill on Wednesday 29th October 10:30-12:00. Drop in for advice, give-aways and refreshments. Save money at home and at church.

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 of the Rosary***, Lawrence Weston, ***St Bernard***, Shirehampton
Pope's Message: Throughout October the prayer intention is for collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that, believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.