

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR A  
22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 22 <sup>ND</sup> February	11:00 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Krystyna Zarczynska +
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY OF LENT	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/  
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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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<b>Readings Eucharistic Prayer</b>	:	<b>Sunday Mass Cycle A: LENT WEEK 1 -Year 2 Psalter 1 (or at Priest Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	:	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
<b>First Reading</b>	:	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
<b>Psalm Response</b>	:	<b>Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	:	Romans 5:12-19
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	:	<b>Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	:	Matthew 4: 1-11
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	:	One does not live by bread alone, But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

The creation and sin of our first parents.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.*

**Gospel**

*Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

Welcome to the Holy Season of Lent. As usual, this season has begun with Ash Wednesday. Was it not a humbling experience to have ashes placed on our foreheads, which reminds us of our humble beginnings and humble endings?

We read from Genesis 2. God comes first. Then dust, from which man was fashioned by God.

God planted a beautiful garden and placed man and woman in charge.

Then comes the troublemaker. It is called serpent - the most subtle of all creatures. That's all it's got - subtle presence to lure us away from God's love. It could be a product of our imagination; as well as vanity, power, pride, and wealth. It appears and disappears, leaving us feeling naked and vulnerable when we have fallen for it. That's what happened to man. He fell.

On the contrary, we have the second Adam who was tempted in everything, but he overcame. He was led into the desert. Matthew reminds us of the desert where the people of Old journeyed for 40 years to gain their freedom. Fast forward to modern time, it is the desert created by human greed where the environment is constantly and cruelly exploited.

This is another opportunity of Lent to repent from selfishness, draw closer to God, and reconcile with our neighbour. Temptation happens all the time, especially during Lent. Armed with the weapons of self-restraint with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us march on with the Lord to the victory of the Cross.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - CAFOD:** Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday **28<sup>th</sup> February** 2026, 10 am – 11:15 am at Holy Family Church.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next session will be on **3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. at Holy Family Church.

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES:** The next Presentation Associates meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.30 – 2.15pm in the convent. Following this, everyone is welcome to join us at 2.30 – 4pm, for a short reflective Lenten service with prayers, music and hymns. Tea and coffee will be served at the end.

**CAFOD:** Would you like to be a sponsored walker for CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK? Set your own target, walk when and where you want; and pool your achievement with St Joseph's Care for Creation Team. For more information please message Brian at 07989 667106.

#### **ENCOUNTER – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 9.30 to 1pm**

Join us for inspiring testimony from Harry Sadd aged 16 and how he is using social media to evangelise other young people. All welcome. For more information email [Encounter@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Encounter@cliftondiocese.com) or call Ann 07815 751 556.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:** Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - St Mary, Glastonbury, 5<sup>th</sup> March - Sacred Heart, Tisbury, 10<sup>th</sup> March - Immaculate Conception, Devizes, 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph, Tewkesbury, 24<sup>th</sup> March - Christ the King, Thornbury.

**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**

<b>Account Holder</b>	<b>Clifton Diocese</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>66287375</b>
<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>52-10-03</b>

**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. Dominic, Dursley/ St Joseph, Nympsfield.**

**Pope's Message:** *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of February is for children with incurable diseases.*

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*