

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A
30th NOVEMBER 2025: Mass Time**

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| Sunday 30 th November | 11:00 AM | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) | Marie Morrison + |
| Tuesday 2 nd December | 9:30 AM | WEEKDAY OF ADVENT | Eliseo Serrano + |
| Sunday 7 th December | 11:00 AM | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Mr Mikolaj Molyn + |



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 A: ADVENT WEEK 1. -Year 1 |
| Eucharistic Prayer | : | Psalter 1 |
| Entrance Antiphon | : | To you I lift my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. |
| First Reading | : | Isaiah 2:1-5 |
| Psalm Response | : | Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. |
| Second Reading | : | Romans 13: 11-14 |
| | : | Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. |
| Gospel | : | Matthew 24: 37-44 |
| Communion Antiphon | : | The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. |

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

2nd Reading

Salvation is nearer to us now.

Gospel

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Advent begins today.

It is the First Sunday of Advent in this Year A of St Matthew. We will have the opportunity of exploring the gospel account of St Matthew.

What is unique about St Matthew's gospel? It is the bridge between the Old and the New. He is one who is never ashamed of his background, history and origin. He invites us all to appreciate the history of our salvation. It wasn't coincidence that the messiah would come from the Jewish people though never welcomed by many of his own. Noah's Ark is a reminder of the link we have with the Old. The New Man comes to save us from the flood of the moment.

Isaiah invites us to come "let us walk in the light of God". Faith is a journey; A transition from the Old to the New. We walk from darkness into Light. That light is symbolised in the Advent Candle we light up this weekend. 'The time is now,' says St Paul to the Romans, 'Our salvation is nearer than it was when we were converted.'

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY 30TH NOVEMBER – CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

THANK YOU FATHER JOSEPHAT : We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Father Josephat Ezeanolue CsSP** for his time with us at **St. Joseph's** over the past three months. Your presence, dedication, and pastoral care have truly enriched our parish community. We are deeply thankful for the guidance, prayers, and service you have so generously offered. May God continue to bless you abundantly in all that you do.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE: We are selling our beautiful Christmas cards now! Get into the holiday spirit and send warm wishes to your loved ones with these festive designs. Available for a limited time. Don't miss out on the chance to spread some cheer this season!

ACHIEVE AFRICA CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025: The Annual Achieve Africa Pre Christmas Lunch will take place on **Sunday, 14th December 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Primary School.** This special event offers an opportunity to come together in the spirit of Christmas to share joy, fellowship, and generosity. Tickets will be available after Mass, and proceeds will go toward supporting children in need. Your participation and kindness will help make this Christmas a brighter and more hopeful season for many. Thank you for your continued support of Achieve Africa.

MASSSES: Feast of Saint Francis Xavier is on Wednesday 3rd Dec. at 9am and 6:30pm. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 8th Dec. at 6.30 pm in Holy Family Church.

MUSIC AT MASS: We are hoping to introduce some different hymns for everyone to sing during mass to enhance the service. Singers will sing them during communion or after the end of Mass. Please try and listen to them so you can join in when they are used at Mass.

NB- The People's Mass setting is **NOT** responsorial, please sing **ALL** of it. Singing hymns is a good way for you to contribute to the mass so please make sure you have a hymn book. Thank You. Any suggestions will be welcome.

THE CATHEDRAL MASS: Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful to have Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

Bible Alive invites you to "Step into Scripture: The Christmas Story," a series of meditations on the Christmas story, beginning this week. This reflective series will continue until the last week of Advent. The cost is £8.99, and will be available after mass. Refreshments will be provided, so come along for a time of reflection and fellowship as we prepare for the Advent season. For more details, contact **Diana on 07813 940076.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 11:00am and Sunday 7th June at 2pm. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 13th Dec. at 10am.

CONFIRMATION: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026 is on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00pm. This will be held at Holy Family 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

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| 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 Mary of Glastonbury, Glastonbury/ St Michael, Shepton Mallet/ Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar / St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.*

Pope's Message: *Throughout December, our pope's prayer intention is for Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.*