

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
8TH FEBRUARY 2026: Mass Time**

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| Sunday 8 TH February | 11:00 AM | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Jan and Danuta Juchaniewicz + |
| Tuesday 10 TH February | 9:30 AM | MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN | Bob Gamble + |



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: Ordinary Time Week 5-Year 2 |
| Eucharistic Prayer | : | Psalter 1 (or at Priest Choice) |
| Entrance Antiphon | : | O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord. |
| First Reading | : | Isaiah 58: 6-10 |
| Psalm Response | : | A light rises in the darkness for the upright.1 |
| Second Reading | : | 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 |
| Gospel Acclamation | : | Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. whoever follows me will have the light of light. Alleluia. |
| Gospel | : | Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Communion Antiphon | : | Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things. |

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

2nd Reading

I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.

Gospel

You are the light of the world.

Following Last Sunday's sermon on the mount, this Sunday's readings from Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111/112, 1Cor 2:1-5 and Matthew 5:13-15 speak of Justice and Light as redemptive elements for humanity. If you are just and true, your light will shine.

In the sermon on the mount, Matthew 5:1-12, the Lord identifies our true happiness in what happens to us and who we are (subjective), while in the context of verses 13-16, it is about what we do to others (objective). It is not enough to be good; we need to do good. Passive life of forbearance, gentleness, and kindness may not be enough, sometimes. We need to engage also in acts of justice.

You are the light of the world and the salt of the land. Sunlight shines from above the earth, while salt is below the earth. Shine as bright and as far as possible, while being grounded in humility and acts of justice.

Salt has four outstanding material and spiritual (sacramental) elements: Purity, Healing, Preservative, and Taste.

Go out to the whole world and light up the nations; purify, heal, safeguard the vulnerable, and add taste to the world where so many are losing the taste of true Faith, Hope and Love.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be a mass at St Joseph Wroughton on **18th February at 11:00 am**. And masses at Holy Family Church at 9:00am and 6:30 pm.

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 **28th February** 2026, 10 am – 11:15 am at Holy Family Church.

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 **10th February** 2026, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Holy Family Church.

RITE OF ELECTION: This year's Rite of Election takes place in our Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 21st February. On this first Saturday of Lent, as at the start of every Lent, our diocesan family will gather at the cathedral together with our bishop to celebrate the Rite of Election, where those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Bosco.

Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life: Our diocesan family will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February (12 noon) and Bishop Bosco is inviting all families to join us to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life.

DIOCESAN DAY 2026: Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on **4 July** for our Diocesan Day celebration entitled: 'The Joy of Love' at **Downside School & Abbey**. We will have **Patti Boulaye OBE** as our keynote speaker, as well as a children's & young people's programme. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box for the children). Our Diocesan Day Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3.30pm, with the day ending around 4.30pm. There will be a maximum of 400 tickets. If you would like to join us for the day, please register via: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering/safeguarding requirements, booking through Eventbrite is essential. The closing date for tickets is 24 June unless fully booked beforehand.

Bible Alive Group — Lent Study : The Bible Alive group will be using *Cover to Cover – Living Faith: Invitations from the Cross* for Lent. The book costs **£8.27 from Eden Bookshop**, and an order will be placed next week. Meetings begin **Ash Wednesday (18 February) at 2.30 pm in the Parish Room**. All are welcome. The book may also be used for personal study.

Film Showing — *The Miracle Maker* Friday 13 February at 1.45 pm, Harry Garrett Court (across the road). A Gospel film featuring **Ralph Fiennes** as the voice of Jesus. All are welcome and refreshments provided. **Please contact Dianna on 07813940076.**

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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| 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: : ***The Abbey Church, Downside, with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.***

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.