

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

1st DECEMBER 2024 : Mass Times

Sunday 1 st December	11.00 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Baltazar & Maria Virginia +
Tuesday 3 rd December	9.30 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST	Departed souls from Salomon Family +
Sunday 8 th December	11.00 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Alice Lambert +

CHRISTMAS LITURGY – ST JOSEPH, WROUGHTON

FRIDAY 24 th DECEMBER	10.00 pm	Christmas Vigil
SATURDAY 25 th DECEMBER	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession

If Father Nnam Di Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Holy Family : 01793 297 256
 Saint Mary's: 01793 535 089
 Holy Rood: 01793 522 062
 Saint Peter's: 01793 871 167

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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 : Advent Week 1 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 1 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: To you, I lift up 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	: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm Response	: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Second Reading	: Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Communion Antiphon	: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

2nd Reading

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel

Your liberation is near at hand.

Welcome to the new year of the Church's Liturgical Calendar. The Liturgy of the church is the highest form of public prayer in the life of the Church. The Holy Eucharist is at the very centre of this public worship. St Luke, whose Gospel account we begin to read in this Year C is very much centred on prayer.

It is the First Sunday of Advent. It is that time of the year when the dark nights of winter urges us to cry out for the Light of the world - Christ the hope and saviour of humankind. In the midst of the darkness of our world, Jeremiah offers us some hope that a virtuous Branch would grow for David. A shoot will spring up again. Life will be restored through him who is our integrity.

As people of hope, ours is to stay awake, praying at all times, to withstand whatever comes our way before the Lord comes to realise our hopeful expectations.

ACHIEVE AFRICA PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Achieve Africa Trustees and members are very grateful to all who organised, supported and attended the Christmas Lunch this weekend. God bless you all.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are grateful to one of our parish members, Marie, a primary school teacher who is willing to lead the children's liturgy every Sunday in St Joseph's. Parents are welcome to be with their children during the liturgy.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION: There is an opportunity for confessions on 17th Dec. Tuesday at 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm in Holy Family Church. The application forms are available online.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 14th December 2024 at 10:00 am in Holy Family Church, Swindon. Application forms are available on our parish website www.stjosephwroughton.co.uk

THE BIBLE ALIVE IN ADVENT: Come and join us for a cuppa and to draw closer to Jesus through the Sunday Gospel at St. Joseph's Parish Room, Wroughton on Wednesday's starting from 27th Nov. to 18th Dec. at 2:30 pm – 4pm. Please bring your Bible. For more information contact Diana on 07813940076.

CHRISTMAS BAZAR: Parishioners of Holy Family Church and St. Joseph's Church are organizing a Christmas Bazar on Saturday 14th December 2024 from 11am to 3pm. There is an opportunity for all communities to get together along with your friends and family to have a taste of various Christmas sweets, food, cakes and drinks. Many more stalls, such as for Christmas decorations, cards and Holy articles will be available.

SECOND COLLECTION : 30th Nov. & 1st Dec. – ACHIEVE AFRICA

RED BOX HOLDERS: It's nearly time for the annual return of red boxes so it would be good to collect all your boxes for counting. Last year our spare change supported Missio to the tune of £440.66 and we thank you once again, not just for the content of your boxes but also for each prayer that the coins represent.

You can either give your box to me, Fran O'Flanagan, at mass or contact me to arrange a collection on 0777333285.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH: A very big thank you to all the volunteers in our parish community. We cannot thank you enough for the gift of your time and talents. However, we are mindful that our parish priest and the entire pastoral team have a duty of care for our staff and for those who volunteer to support us in any way. We have carefully discerned that some are beginning to be burdened by their voluntary services. Recently, we have received a good number of brilliant recommendations in the suggestion box; part of it being the need to make some changes and to relieve some volunteers of their duties. Therefore, without prejudice to the excellent services of our volunteers, we invite anyone who wishes to be relieved of their duties in the parish, especially those in the finance and pastoral committees of the parish, to inform our parish priest as soon as possible. We do hope that any decision taken in this regard will rightly be understood as having been carefully made with prayer and discernment.

PARKING: At busy times, such as at 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.

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link : *St. Margaret Mary, Coleford. Our Lady Of Victories, Cinderford. Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of December. The intention is for Pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.