

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd NOVEMBER 2024 : Mass Times

Sunday 3 rd November	11.00 am	31 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Krystyna & Edward Zarczynski +
Tuesday 5 th November	9.30 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Claudine Rousseau +
Sunday 10 th November	11.00 am	32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Helen & Peter Ciupiak +



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

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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 B : Ordinary Time Week 31 Year 2.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 3 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; Be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
First Reading	: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm Response	: I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading	: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, And they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Mark 12:28-34
Communion Antiphon	: You will show me the path of life, The fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

2nd Reading

Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

Gospel

This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

St Mark's Gospel like any other gospel account, makes us understand that people came to Jesus for various reasons. Some, he called. And others came to him.

And there were the likes of the blind beggar, who responded to God's mercy and kindness by following Jesus along the road.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. All roads leading to the Father, pass through him. The innermost desire of every Hebrew is to know, to love and serve the one true God. This desire is frequently turned into prayer - 'Shema Israel' of Deuteronomy 6: 4-6.

By his response to the question posed by one of the Scribes, (Mark 12: 28-34) Jesus proves to be the eternal high priest, uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners and those who break the law. But he is more than a law keeper. He is the fulfilment of the Law. Love is his message and what he embodies. Love makes the difference. And the Saints are the multitude of men and women, who embraced the love of God and of their neighbours.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: 3rd NOVEMBER 2024 – CATHEDRAL APPEAL

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Kingsdown - Sunday 3rd November 1:00 pm.

Whitworth Road - Sunday 3rd November 2:00 pm.

Royal Wootton Bassett - Sunday 10th November after Sunday morning mass at St. Joseph's, Wroughton.

Stratton - Sunday 10th November 2:00 pm.

Wroughton - Sunday 17th November - 12:15 pm.

MASS REQUESTS: Mass intentions for the 2025 liturgical year could be easier managed if only we could make a list of all the masses we wish to book with the date and ahead of time. Also, it would be helpful to include any contact details in case there are changes.

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 and in the parish office.

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.

ACHIEVE AFRICA PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH: The annual pre-Christmas lunch for Achieve Africa this year will be on Saturday, 30th November 2024 at 12:30 pm, at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7 St. Peter's Road, Cirencester, GL7 1RE. Tickets are available after the masses. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Some of our parish community members have recently indicated their interest in joining a bible study group. One of us, Diana, is more than happy to facilitate the group with her experience in bible study. Please do look at the parish notice board for more information.

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 AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass and also after the 9.30 am Mass on 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 : *Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, St. Pius x, Withywood.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of November. The intention is for anyone who has lost a child.

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.