

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
23rd AUGUST 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 23rd AUGUST	11:00 AM	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ralph Couldridge +
Tuesday 25th AUGUST	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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: 01793630627**

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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 Ordinary Time Week 21 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 1 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
First Reading	:	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Psalm Response	:	O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
Second Reading	:	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 16: 13-20
Communion Antiphon	:	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O LORD; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David..

2nd Reading

From him and through him and to him are all things.

Gospel

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

In today's readings, we have a contrast between someone who has lost his place in the Prophecy of Isaiah and another who has been given a special place in the gospel of Matthew.

This Sunday's gospel and the one for the next Sunday form part of a single context. It is about Peter's profession of faith in Christ as the Messiah, and his struggle to accept the passion and death of Christ, as we will see next Sunday.

"Who do you say the son of man is?" Simon, son of Jonah, got it right. "You are the Christ - the Messiah, the son of the living God." It wasn't flesh and blood that revealed it to him, says Jesus. It was the Holy Spirit. And so, this won him a special place among other disciples. His name changed. He became Petrus, the Rock, on which the church will be built. The keys of the kingdom were given to him on behalf of the Church. The gates of the underworld shall never prevail against the Body of Christ.

Perhaps what may win us a special place in God's heart, above all else, is our confession and faith in the true person of Jesus Christ. May what we confess in words reflect in our actions.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections 16th August:

Weekly Collection: £229.70

Weekly Offering

We encourage parishioners, where possible, to consider supporting the parish through a direct debit or standing order. This method of giving can also enable us to claim Gift Aid, increasing your donation at no extra cost to you. One-off donations are, of course, also very welcome.

Care for Creation will be issuing their quarterly bulletin this week after Mass. Please remember to collect your copy on your way out. Thank you!

Creation Mass at St Joseph's Church Wroughton: Please note that on **Tuesday, 1 September**, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, we will celebrate the new '**Creation Mass**' liturgy, introduced by Pope Leo last year.

Glastonbury Diocesan Pilgrimage – Sunday 6 September

Join us in Glastonbury for this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage, "**Mary – Mother of the Faithful.**" The day includes the Rosary, Exposition and Confessions, Healing Prayer, and a youth procession to the Tor. Refreshments and devotional items will be available, and pilgrims are welcome to bring a picnic. The Rosary Procession will take place in the afternoon, followed by **Pilgrim Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco** in the Abbey Grounds.

All are warmly welcome. For more information please contact: glastonburyshrine.co.uk

Funeral Mass : Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs Greta Kiamtia**. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 1:30 pm at St Joseph's Church, Wroughton**. Please keep Greta's family and loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

Bible Alive Film: The next Bible Alive film, featuring Corrie ten Boom, will be shown on **Friday, 28 August at 1.45pm** at Harry Garrett Court. The film tells her inspiring story of faith and her wartime experiences helping Jews escape from Holland. All are welcome, with refreshments provided. The next film, David (the Psalmist), is on **Friday, 11 September at 2.30pm**. For enquiries, contact Diana on **0781 394 0076**.

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

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: *Christ the King, Amesbury.*

Pope's Message: *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of August is for Evangelization in the City.*

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.