

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
4TH OCTOBER 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 4 TH OCTOBER	11:00 AM	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Stanislaw Zarczynski +
Tuesday 6 TH OCTOBER	9:30 AM	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Violet Frelford +

**Happy Feast Day of St Francis
of Assisi**

**Peace Prayer of
SAINT FRANCIS**

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace: where there is
hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console, to be
understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love. For it is
in giving that we receive, it is
in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



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 27 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 3 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
First Reading	:	Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm Response	:	The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Second Reading	:	Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia!
Gospel Communion Antiphon	:	Matthew 21: 33-43 The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

2nd Reading

Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

He will let out vineyard to other tenants.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

It is not by chance that we have had several readings, especially the Gospel, talking about labour and harvest. It is the harvest time, as well as the time to prepare for another planting season.

Isaiah's prophecy, which is literally a poetically rendered prose, tells a story of a friend's love for his vineyard. It was a story of a poor harvest. However, it is not told to attract our sentiment of pity for his poor harvest. He draws our attention to the injustice and lack of integrity that gives birth to poverty and distress. No doubt, Matthew 21:33-43 may have been inspired by this story of Isaiah.

In a very clever style, the offender is asked to be the judge of the situation. It is an examination of conscience. What could I have done for you that I did not do?

But in the end, the final decision is that of the Lord of the harvest. Several times at the conclusion of this biblical passage, he uses the phrase, 'I will...' Of course, whatever our actions and omissions may be, God has the final judgement.

It is never too late as St Paul encourages us to lead a life of prayer, thanksgiving, and supplication; filling our minds with whatever is pure, good, noble, and worthy of praise.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections : 27TH SEPTEMBER

Weekly Collection: £ 212.89

Second Collection: The Missionary Society of St Paul Cash Donation £247.00

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.

SECOND COLLECTION today 4th OCTOBER: CAFOD (HARVEST FEAST DAY)

PRESBYTERY FURNITURE: The Presbytery is currently being cleared of furniture and all must go this week. If anyone is interested in any of the furniture, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY: This will take place at St Mary on Quay, Bristol, on Saturday 10th October. For any enquiries regarding this event please contact: bristolcatholicwomen@gmail.com

JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTIVITIES: A meeting has been arranged at Holy Rood Church in the Community Room on Monday evening, 5th October for 7pm to talk about justice and peace issues, for anyone interested in CAFOD, Homelessness, Poverty, Foodbanks, Refugees, Climate Change, Environment, Caritas and Achieve Africa to see what we can do to encourage engagement in Swindon. Open to all ages; we'd love to see you there. Just turn up!

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2027** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Council(s). If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2027**

PRESENTATIONS ASSOCIATES: The Next meeting is on Monday 5th October at 1.30pm in the Convent (next to Holy family Church). Please join to support our sisters and find out more about their work and Venerable Nano Nagle. You are all welcome to join.

St Joseph's Care for Creation invites you to an **Ecobrick Tea Party** in the parish rooms on Friday 30th October from 2pm to 4pm. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat. Fran will be making Ecobricks for the church project and you can join in if you wish.

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: *Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol.*

Pope's Message: *The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October is for the Mental Health Ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.