

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026: Mass Time**

Sunday 27 TH SEPTEMBER	11:00 AM	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Elnora Sweczyk and family
Tuesday 29 TH SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	FEASTS OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	NO MASS



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 24 -Year 2
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 1 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal us according to the bounty of your mercy.
First Reading	: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm Response	: Remember your compassion, O Lord.
Second Reading	: Philippians 2: 1-11
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! : My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Matthew 21: 28-32
Communion Antiphon	: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

When wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.

2nd Reading

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

The readings this Sunday are a continuation with the subject of the justice of God we have had for a couple of Sundays now. God's justice can only be understood when we are able to grasp the mystery of his mercy and compassion.

House of Israel, am I unjust to forgive a wicked man who repents? Am I unfair to keep the just in a straight and narrow way?

The gospel parable is clear. Even humans in our limited sense of justice could easily understand it. It is not about those who are first to say yes to the faith and later renounce it. It is about those who would eventually say yes and stick to the end. If Jesus says, "Tax collectors and sinners are making their way into the kingdom of God," then there is hope for some of us.

But we must not take the moments of grace for granted. St Paul urges the Philippians to be united in love and one common purpose. If what we have in common means anything to you, the life of Christ we share, then have the same mind as Christ. Though he was at one with God, he did not count equality with God the Father. Something we should imitate. Humility was the way he took.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collections : 20TH SEPTEMBER

Weekly Collection: £ 234.32

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 27TH SEPTEMBER: THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Tuesday 29 September NO MASS: Please note that there will be **no Mass** on Tuesday 29 September. However, there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.

PRESBYTERY FURNITURE: The Presbytery is currently being cleared of furniture in preparation for being let. 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

THE MISSION APPEAL: The Missionary Society of St. Paul will make a mission appeal on 26th and 27th September. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. Please support them generously

BIBLE ALIVE: Bible Alive begins its six-week autumn course on Wednesday 30 September at 2.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Room. We will explore *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. Everyone is welcome and no previous Bible knowledge is needed. For more information, please contact Diana on 0781 394 0076.

CARE FOR CREATION: Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from Monday, 21st September to Sunday, 4th October. The annual event highlights the challenges faced by farmers and workers in developing nations and encourages each of us to "Do it Fair," by buying Fairtrade products at our supermarket or local store.

FUNDRAISER-We warmly invite you to be part of the Annual Dine & Dance Fundraiser in support of the **St Mary's Church** Extension Project on Saturday, 3rd October 2026, at the Punjabi Community Centre, from 6:00 PM onwards.
GRAND RAFFLE DRAW: Raffle tickets are also available with exciting prizes to be won. The draw will take place during the Dine & Dance on 3 October 2026. Please contact St Marys Parish Office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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: *St Joseph, Bridgewater/ Our Lady and English Martyrs, Burnham on Sea.*

Pope's Message: *The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of September is for The Care for Water.*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.