

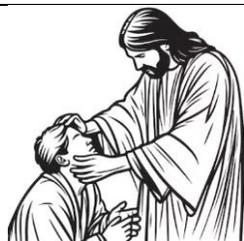
**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH AND FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
(LAETERE SUNDAY)  
YEAR A**

**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026: Mass Time**

<b>Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>FEAST OF ST JOSEPH AND LAETERE SUNDAY</b>	<b>Wladyslawa and Alfons Juchaniewicz +</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>FEAST OF ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND</b>	<b>Carmela Campisano (1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary) +</b>

**HOLY WEEK/ EASTER LITURGY**

<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross Passion of our Lord</b>	<b>12:00 noon 3:00 pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>



**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: 01793871167**

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To get up to date news from our Deanery go to: [www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk](http://www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk)*

**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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<b>Readings</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle A: LENT WEEK 4 -Year 2</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Psalter 4 (or at Priest Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. : Be joyful, all who were in mourning; : Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
<b>First Reading</b>	: 1Sameul 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
<b>Psalm Response</b>	: <b>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	: Ephesians 5:8-14
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.</b> : I am the light of the world, says the Lord. : Whoever follows me will have the light of life. : <b>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: John 9:1-41
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed , I saw and I believed in God.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*David is anointed king of Israel.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

**Gospel**

*He went and washed and received his sight.*

Does he who made the light not see? God sees everything. He knows us through and through. When he chooses us for a purpose, he looks beyond appearance.

Light is an essential part of John's gospel. Jesus is the light of the world. Through him, with him and in him, we see light. He is our vision through which we see God and our neighbour. With the Light of Christ, we see him, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Without him opening our eyes, we remain blind.

The gift of sight is often taken for granted until we lose it. The man born blind yearns to see. He approaches Jesus, and he gets his sight.

Prior to this moment, the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned"? Why would anyone be born with a disabled condition? Why am I not as 'perfect' as others? Why am I different?

The explanation John gives us in his account is that nothing is an accident. Everything is for a purpose. All perfections and imperfections open our eyes to reality as it is and for the greater glory of God.

God has made his choice by sending Jesus to come and die for us to be saved. We are invited this Lent, more than ever, to make choices of sacrifice. In this, we become Light in the midst of darkness for others to see.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH – PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUNDS**

Envelopes are available to support our retired priests.

**EASTER CONFESSIONS:** There will be opportunity for Easter Confessions on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00 pm till 8:00 pm in Holy Family Church. And on **31st March at 10am in St. Joseph's church, Wroughton.**

#### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Weekly Cash Offertory: £350.07**

**Monthly Direct Debit from Parishioners (FEBRUARY): £1,605.00**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**, 10 am – 11:15 am.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on **17<sup>th</sup> March** at 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

#### **Please Keep in Your Prayers**

We pray for our two parishioners who have recently died.

**The Funeral Mass for Patrick Connolly** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am at Holy Family Church.

**The Funeral Mass for Mary Elizabeth Bilsborough** will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Wroughton.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**FISH AND CHIP SUPPER:** To celebrate St Joseph's Day we are going to hold a Fish and Chip Supper on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00 pm in the parish Centre. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you are interested in attending. The cost is £15 that includes £5 donation to the Prospect Hospice. For more information, please speak to Anne Moss or Lisa Campisano.

**The Big Lent Walk:** Maureen, Lisa, and Brian have completed **154 km** so far and raised **£190 in sponsorship for CAFOD**. If you would like to contribute, please use the donation form at the back of the church or the QR code on the poster. Thank you for your support.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross in our parish every **Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm**. All are warmly invited to come and pray as we reflect on our Lord's journey to the Cross.

**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 Peter, Gloucester**

***Pope's Message:*** The holy father's prayer intention for the month of March is for Disarmament and Peace.

*Let us pray that the nations move to an effective disarmament. Particularly nuclear disarmament and the world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*