# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
# YEAR A
# 29TH NOVEMBER 2026: Mass Time

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| **Sunday 29TH NOVEMBER** | **11:00 AM** | **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** | **Rhoda Hazel Halpin +** |
| **Tuesday 1st DECEMBER** | **9:30 AM** | **MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALEXANDER BRIANT, MARTYR** | **Lorraine Mc Elvearey + Patricia Conway (INT)** |

***ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH WROUGHTON- CHRISTMAS LITURGY***

24TH December Christmas Eve Mass: 10:00 pm

25th December Christmas Day Mass: 11:00 am

1st January New Years Day Mass: 11:00 am

***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 B: First Sunday of Advent Year 1** |
| **Eucharistic Prayer** | : | **Psalter 1 (Proper of Season or Priest Choice)** |
| **Entrance Antiphon** | : | To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.<br>in you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.<br>Nor let my enemies exult over me;<br>and let none who hope in you be put to shame. |
| **First Reading** | : | Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8 |
| **Psalm Response** | : | **Bring us back, O God;**<br>**Let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.** |
| **Second Reading** | : | 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 |
| **Gospel Acclamation** | : | **Alleluia, alleluia!**<br>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy<br>And give us your saving help.<br>**Alleluia!** |
| **Gospel** | : | Mark 13: 33-37 |
| **Communion Antiphon** | : | The Lord will bestow his bounty,<br>And our earth shall yield its increase. |

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1st Reading**

*O that you would rend the heavens and come down.*

**2nd Reading**

*We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel**

*Stay awake for you do not know the master of the house will come.*

## *A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi*

The Light which We Long to See is Already Shining

The Gospel Striking Message this weekend is that humanity is realising the need for the light in the midst of darkness. We must actively prepare to embrace the light which is already shining.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory Collections : 22nd November 2026**
**Weekly Collection: £ 150.51**
**Second Collection: CATHOLIC YOUTH £ 79.80**
**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.

**We kindly ask that all cash donations be made in British pounds (£) only, as our bank is unable to accept foreign currency.**

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 29TH NOVEMBER -ACHIEVE AFRICA**

**CARE FOR CREATION**: Join us today for a craft stall selling a wide range of upcycled gifts for all ages. All proceeds will go to Achieve Africa and Prospect Hospice.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FAYRE:** The Annual Achieve Africa Christmas Event will take place on Saturday, 26th December 2026, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Holy Family Primary School, Park North, SN3 2PT. This special event offers an opportunity to come together in the spirit of Christmas to share joy, fellowship, and generosity.
Raffle Tickets will be available and proceeds will go toward supporting children who are in need in Africa. Your participation and kindness will help make this Christmas a brighter and more hopeful season for many children.

**MASSES:** The Feast of Saint Francis Xavier is on Thursday 3rd Dec. at 9am and 6:30pm.
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 8th Dec. at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES:** On the approach to Christmas, please will you consider donating children's toys, food and clothes to the Haven (for the homeless). Gifts to be left at the convent. Many thanks.

**CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:** All hall bookings must be made through the parish email address: wroughton.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com. Please ensure that you receive confirmation of your booking before using the hall. This will help us avoid double bookings and scheduling conflicts. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The dates for the First Holy Communion in 2027 are on Saturday 22nd May at 11:00am and Sunday 23rd May at 2pm. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on **12th December 2026 at 10am** in Holy Family Church.
**CONFIRMATION:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 is on Tuesday 25th May 2027 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE:** Christmas cards are available to purchase, with all proceeds going towards supporting St Joseph's Church.

**CHRISTMAS TREE AND FLOWERS DONATION:** As we begin preparing our church for the Christmas season, we warmly invite parishioners to contribute towards our Christmas tree and flowers at St Joseph's Church. Any donation, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

**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**

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| **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: Our Lady of the Rosary****, Lawrence Weston*
***Pope's Message:*** *The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of November is for the Proper Use of Wealth.*
*Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.*