

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B: 28th April 2024

Mass Times

Sunday 28th April	11.00 am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maura & Michael McCluskey +
Tuesday 30th April	9.30 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Patrick & Martha McAlindon +
Sunday 5th May	11.00 am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jan Juchaniewicz +



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession.

If Father Nnam Di Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Holy Family : 01793 297 256

Saint Mary's: 01793 535 089

Holy Rood: 01793 522 062

Saint Peter's: 01793 871 167

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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: Weekday Mass Year 2. Psalm 1
Eucharistic Prayer	:	2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
First Reading	:	Acts 9: 26-31
Psalm Response	:	You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Second Reading	:	1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	John 15: 1-8
Communion Antiphon	:	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

2nd Reading

The commandment of faith and love.

Gospel

I am the vine, you are the branches.

To Be Sincere and Fruitful, Remain in God's Love

Let your love be sincere. If your conscience doesn't condemn you, then you have nothing to worry about.

Our consciences are like the vineyard of the Lord.

The Lord God prunes our consciences with care, to be balanced and healthy in order to produce much fruits that will last in eternity.

One thing is to be part of the vine, another is to remain as the branches we are meant to be.

Saul joins the Christian community as a new convert. It is not about your past or when you become a Christian; we are encouraged to remain in God's love. Faith, Hope and Love are important Christian virtues. The greatest of these is LOVE.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session in the 2024 First Holy Communion programme will be a Rehearsal **next Saturday, 4th May 2024 at 10 am** at Holy Family Church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The 2024 Confirmation programme is now underway. The next session is **Tuesday, 30th April 2024, from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm** at Holy Family Church.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: There will be an escorted pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & County Mayo from **12th – 17th May 2024**. For further details see the poster in the porch or contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 (23rd August to 30th August): The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August. Details are on the Diocese website at www.cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes, or email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or call 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Payment in full by **31st May 2024**.
See the poster and leaflets in the Church porch.

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Join the Bishop for Mass in Clifton Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 25th May at 12 noon**. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2024, then please contact us at : adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.

MOTHERS PRAYERS DAY: You are warmly invited to a Mothers Prayers Day at **Sacred Heart Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AH** on **Saturday 25th May** from **11.00 am to 3.30 pm**. 'Mothers Prayers is a beautiful way of praying together for our children, which we mothers have found very helpful and comforting.' Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Mothers Prayers booklets and materials available. Limited free parking in the Church grounds. For more information please contact Pat Connolly on 07854 566735 or email patcon60@gmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection **next Sunday, 5th May** for **CCS Adoption** (formerly the **Children's Society**).

YOUTH GROUP: We are looking to start up a Youth Group at St. Joseph's. Any young people who would be interested in getting involved in the church and getting together as a group regularly, please put your name down on the list provided in the church porch or email wroughton.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com. More information to follow soon.

Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support Officer: The Clifton Diocese Curia offices are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen its central finance and property functions. The role is a part-time, 2year fixed term contract, to be worked over 25 hours per week and based at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. For further information please go to Working for us | Clifton Diocese or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 10th May 2024**.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding: Vacancy for an individual to join the Safeguarding Committee and sit in on the Risk Allegation Review meetings. Suitable volunteers should have in depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health/mental health. Voluntary role requiring a commitment of one 2hour meeting approximately five times per year for the Safeguarding Committee and also the Risk Allegation Review Meeting. For more information please contact Janice Pearson janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or call 07887 990385.

Body Reception into the Church:

Since the pandemic, we naturally stopped receiving bodies into the church overnight for funerals. And since some of our parishioners are asking for it, we could now resume this long term practice. However, we need to understand that certain days may not be practically possible to receive bodies into the church, considering any church activities, preceding funerals. For more information, please speak to the parish priest.

PARKING: Please park considerately and legally when coming to St. Joseph's. At busy times, such as Sunday Mass, please consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. It is important to keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and not cause a nuisance to our neighbours.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass and also after the 9.30 am Mass on Tuesdays.

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: University, College and School Chaplaincies of Clifton Diocese.

Pope's Message: Throughout April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.