# THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
# YEAR A
# 8th NOVEMBER 2026: Mass Time

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| **Saturday 7th Nov.** | **6:30 pm** | **VIGIL MASS – THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Melba Martins (Thanksgiving)** |
| **Sunday 8th Nov.** | **9:00 am** | **THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Natalina Fernandes (Good Health)** |
| **Tuesday 10th Nov.** | **6:30 pm** | **MEMORIAL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** | **Patrick Farrelly +** |
| **Wednesday11th Nov.** | **9:00 am** | **MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP** | **Anthonio Jesus De Souza +** |
| **Thursday 12th Nov.** | **9:00 am** | **MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR** | **Sr. Lucy Troy +** |
| **Friday 13th Nov.** | **5:00 pm**<br>**5:30 pm**<br>**6:30 pm** | **HOLY ADORATION**<br>**ROSARY**<br>**WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Ranvil Cardoso +** |

***AFRICAN MASS: Every* 1st Sunday of the Month @ 2:00 pm**

***MALAYALAM MASSES:* Every 2nd Sunday of the Month @ 3:00 pm**
**& 3rd Saturday of the Month @ 3:00 pm**

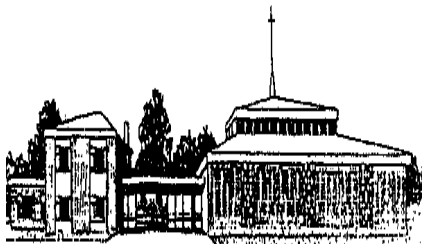
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Obi is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

*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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# Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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***Parish priest Office Hours:***
***Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.***


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| **Readings**<br>**Eucharistic Prayer** | :<br>: | **Sunday Mass Cycle A: Ordinary Time Week 32 - Year 2.**<br>**Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)** |
| **Entrance Antiphon** | : | Let my prayer come into your presence.<br>Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. |
| **First Reading** | : | Wisdom 6:12-16 |
| **Psalm Response** | : | **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.** |
| **Second Reading** | : | Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| **Acclamation Before The Gospel** | : | **Alleluia, alleluia!**<br>Stay awake and be ready,<br>For the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.<br>**Alleluia!** |
| **Gospel** | : | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| **Communion Antiphon** | : | The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.<br>Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,<br>near restful waters he leads me. |

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

***1st Reading***

*Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*

***2nd Reading***

*Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*

***Gospel***

*Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*

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

November is the month we remember our loved ones who have gone ahead of us to meet the Lord. In our limited human understanding, we often wonder what has happened to them.

Our faith professes that the life they had with us is changed, not ended. This is why we do not grieve for them like those who have no hope. (Thessalonians 4:13-18)

However, our hope is not a mere wishful thinking on what we have little or no control about. Our Christian hope is rooted in the faith and trust we have in God who has promised us eternal life. Who is God? What is in God that makes anyone believe in him and his promises?

He is the one for whom every soul thirsts and yearns. (Psalm 62) He is the wisdom ever sought by the learned and the clever; revealed to the childlike and humble of heart. He is the mystery surrounding every reality and yet not hiding himself. God as wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. God's wisdom is readily seen by those who love. (Wisdom 6:12-16)

The children of light are the sons and daughters of wisdom. Their light never grow dim. They are ready to meet the master when he arrives. Love is the oil that lasts till the end of our lives' waiting.

Our earthly life may come to an end, but God's love for us will never end. This, we must remember, forever.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** Whitworth Road Cemetery - Sunday 8th Nov. at 1 pm.

**DEMISE:** We keep in our prayer Sr. Lucy Troy who recently died in Matlock. There will be a special mass offered for her in Holy Family Church Swindon on Thursday 12th Nov. at 9 am. Her funeral will be on Saturday 14th Nov. in Presentation Convent Matlock, at 11am. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

**BEDROCK:** You are invited for a tea, coffee and cake, to have a chat, meet friends and to build a community at the Convent on Sunday 8th Nov. after 9am mass.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR:** 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.
Raffel Tickets will be available after Mass, 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.

**TELLING OUR STORY:** A Conference to explore how our parishes can flourish in Communion for Mission and the challenges we face. Our keynote speaker will be Fr Jerome Ajakaiye, who will offer his thoughts and encouragement as a Parish Priest. This will take place at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge on Saturday 14 Nov. at 10am - 3pm. To register, link: https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk

**PHOTOS:** First Holy Communion and Confirmation photos of the candidates are available to be collected from the Parish office. Donations are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The dates for the First Holy Communion in 2027 are on Saturday 22nd May at 11:00 am and Sunday 23rd May at 2 pm. 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.

**MASS REQUESTS:** November is the month we remember our loved ones and family members who have gone before us. If you have mass intention for the departed souls, please collect the envelopes and contact the parish office.

**PARKING:** Please Park considerately and legally when using the Church. Parking is available in the car park behind the church, and also in our primary school car park on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings. It is important that footpaths and pavements are kept clear, particularly for people with reduced mobility.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** We are encouraging our parishioners, those who are able, to consider setting up direct debit / standing order, which could also attract gift aid (Tax return) from the government to support our parish. You are equally welcome to make a one-off donation to the parish.

**PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS**

**Account Holder Clifton Diocese**
**Account Number 66287197**
**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. Nicholas of Tolentino,** *Easton***. St. Joseph,** *Fishponds.* ***St. Patrick,*** *Redfield, Bristol.*

***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.*