

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B  
28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 - Mass Times**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Domnic & Fatima D'Silva (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Margaret & Bernard Farrell +
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Swizel Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9:00 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST	Duana Pereira (B'day)
	12:00 pm	FUNERAL	Milagrina Furtado +
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lodovico Afonso +
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	5:00 pm	ADORATION	Thanksgiving
	6:30 pm	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	

**MALAYALAM MASS: EVERY SECOND SUNDAY – 3:00 pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** : Father 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:**  
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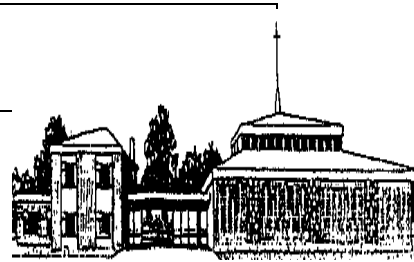
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 We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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**Parish Office Hour: Wed & Fri: 10 am -2pm**

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<b>Readings</b>	:	<b>Sunday Mass Cycle B : Ordinary Time Week - 4 Year 2.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	:	<b>Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	:	Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
<b>First Reading</b>	:	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
<b>Psalms Response</b>	:	<b>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	:	1Corinthians 7:32-35
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	:	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	:	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

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

**I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.**

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

**An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry  
about is being holy.**

**Gospel**

**He taught them with authority.**

### Listen to the Voice of Peace and Salvation

There are many voices around. Part of us may want to give in to the voice of fear and anxiety in the midst of this pandemic. But we are constantly drawn to the voice of encouragement; the voice of comfort and the positive energy that keeps us going as survivors and not victims. Oh that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts. To harden our hearts means, intentionally turning away from the direction of the voice of God, the true Shepherd. Moses reassures his people that God will always send his messengers in desperate moments. He does not leave us deserted. In the Gospel, Christ has come to reclaim what the evil one had possessed. The evil one comes to steal, to oppress and to destroy – but the Son of Man has come to deliver and to save.

### SECOND COLLECTION 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – RACIAL JUSTICE

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:** The date for the sacrament of confirmation is on Tuesday 11th June, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Application forms are available on our parish website and in the parish office. The deadline for the application is on the 12th of March 2024 which is the start of the preparation sessions.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The date for the First Holy Communion is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at 2:00 pm. The next session for the FHC preparation is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP:** The group will resume meeting every two weeks in the Convent on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 2pm – 3:15 pm. All are welcome to enjoy a friendly cuppa & chat.

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Some parts of the Church grounds are being cleared at the moment in view of the structural developments we hope to engage ourselves as a Parish Community. A lot of consultations are going on; we hope the outcome will benefit us as a parish and the community around us. We keep you updated as events unfold. We are hugely grateful for your continued support. Let us keep each other in prayer.

**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.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2023-2024 tax year is available at our parish office. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

**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

### 250 CLUB (2023 - 2024): WINNERS OF JANUARY 2024

JANUARY 2024		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1st PRIZE	182	MELIZIA COLACO
2nd PRIZE	47	A.J. RUTHERFORD
3rd PRIZE	94	FELIZARDO DIAS
4th PRIZE	20	WILMA JOAQUIM
5th PRIZE	208	VALRAN LOBO

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

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** **Immaculate Conception**, Stroud, with Brownhill, Painswick, and More Hall.

**Pope's Message:** Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January, for the gift of diversity in the church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic Church.