

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) YEAR C
27th APRIL 2025: Mass Time**

Saturday 26 th April	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Nano Nagle +
Sunday 27 th April	9:00 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Pat Farrelly & Family (INT)
Tuesday 29 th April	6:30 pm	FEAST OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, PATRON OF EUROPE	Private Intention
Wednesday 30 th April	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Linza Dias (Birthday)
Thursday 1 st May	9:00 am	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS	Francisco Goes & Clancy D'Costa (TKS)
Friday 2 nd May	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Francisco & Clancy (TKS)



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm

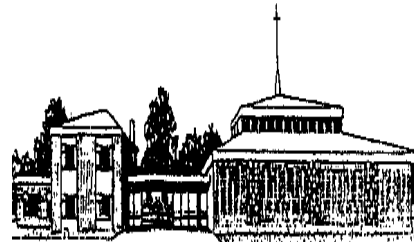
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father Obi is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:
St. Mary's: 01793 535089 / Holy Rood: 01793 522062 / St. Peter's: 01793871167

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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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Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle C: Easter Week 2 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 1 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.
First Reading	:	Acts of Apostles 5:12-16.
Psalms Response	:	Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.
Second Reading	:	Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!
Gospel	:	John 20:19-31
Communion Antiphon	:	Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

More than ever believers were added to the Lord, Multitudes of both men and women.

2nd Reading

I dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Gospel

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a Feast which is celebrated with the Solemnity of Sunday marking the end of the Easter Octave.

The readings during these First Eight Days of the Easter Solemnity are remarkable by divine appearances and revelation of the Risen Lord.

Thanks to John Paul II who gave the church this Feast in recognition of the apparitions of Sister Faustyna Kowalska. Both are saints today.

In the appearance of Jesus to his disciples this Sunday's gospel, he reveals the Extraordinary Mercy of God. Mercy, so divine and inexhaustible.

Only if we understood how merciful God is to us individually, we would become the instruments of peace and reconciliation.

BLESSING OF HOUSES: As usual, there will be house blessings this Easter. It is an opportunity to visit the sick and the house bound. Please, contact the parish office to arrange for it.

RETREATS: "Reaching to the lost Ministry" is conducting retreat on 27th April at 4pm to 8pm which is Divine Mercy Sunday.
KADOSH MARIAN MINISTERIES retreat on 2nd May starting from 5pm to 9pm.
YOUTH RETREAT on Sunday 4th May at 4pm to 8pm.
Posters are displayed on the notice board for more information.

RE Adviser - Schools & Colleges Department: The department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a part time, term-time colleague, to support the RE Led in securing high-quality Catholic education across the Diocese that ensures and supports the preservation of Catholic Schools. The role will be 2 days per week, 39 weeks per year, based at Alexander House, Bristol, but will require extensive travel around the Diocese, as well as some evening work. For further information and application form, visit Working for us | Clifton Diocese. Closing date for applications: 9th May 2025. If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact Mary Cox, Director of Schools and Colleges or Louise White, RE Lead, on 0117 902 5590.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on Tuesday **29th April** at 6:30pm - 8 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am and Sunday 11th May at 2pm. The next preparation session is 3rd May 2025 at 10:00am -11:00 am.

Catechists' Formation Course: We are running a new six-week formation course at St John the Evangelist, Bath, for new catechists and anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith & passing it onto others.
The sessions will take place on Thursday evenings (7 – 9pm), starting on 1 May. We will have refreshments from 6.30pm. Series dates are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May & 5 June.
adult.education@cliftondiocese.com / catechistsbath.eventbrite.co.uk

Portugal Consular Camp in Swindon: There will be a Portugal Consular Camp held in the first week of June at the Civil office Swindon Borough council from 2nd June to 6th June 2025. For more information kindly check on the notice board.

250 Club: 250 Club new applications and renewal forms for the Year 2025-2026 are now available in the parish porch. Thanks to all who subscribed last time and we encourage old and new members to subscribe. Thank you for your continuous support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2025-2026 tax year is available at our parish porch. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

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.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Holder Clifton Diocese
Account Number 66287197
Sort Code 52-10-03

250 CLUB (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF APRIL 2025

APRIL 2025		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	90	OSVALDO CAMELO
2 nd PRIZE	125	EILEEN KENNY
3 rd PRIZE	211	ANTHONY RUTHERFORD
4 th PRIZE	132	NUALA SZELIGA
5 th PRIZE	170	CHINAZA ONYEOKORO

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: *Sacred Heart, Tisbury, with Wardour*

Pope's Message: "Easter faith spurs us to seek the Risen Lord with hope and joy," the Pope said on Easter Sunday. He continued: "Christ is present everywhere; He dwells among us. He hides Himself and reveals Himself even today—in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unexpected situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, sharing in the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us."