

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
18th OCTOBER 2026: Mass Time**

Saturday 17 th October	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eric Antao +
Sunday 18 th October	9:00 am	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Arlindo & Angelica De Sa +
Tuesday 20 th October	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Robert Martins +
Wednesday 21 st October	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ursula D'Souza +
Thursday 22 nd October	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Cayden Koshy (10 th Birthday)
Friday 23 rd October	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Dylan D'Silva (Birthday)



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

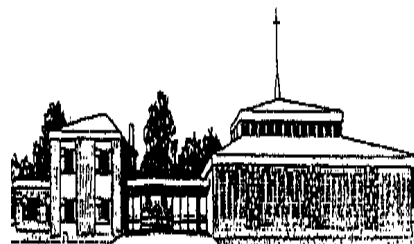
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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	:	Sunday Mass Cycle A: Ordinary Time Week 29 - Year 2.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 1 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
First Reading	:	Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Psalms Response	:	Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.
Second Reading	:	Thessalonians 1:1-5
Acclamation Before The Gospel	:	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, Holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	Matthew 22:15-21
Communion Antiphon	:	Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.

2nd Reading

Remembering your faith, love and hope.

Gospel

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi

Today we have something very familiar to us. It is about church and state or religion and civic responsibility. Do they have anything in common? Are they on a par with each other? Where can I draw a line between faith and morals and the lifestyle of the society and the modern world?

The question put to Jesus in the gospel today about paying tax to Caesar is a familiar one we get as Christians. Who do we obey? God or human authority? But when we get questions like this, there seems to be some presumption that these are two equal powers that struggle and fight for our allegiance. The Lord says, No. There is only one authority and power to which all others must submit. "I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me."

To compare Caesar with God is a disrespect to God. Rather, give back to Caesar what belongs to him and give back to God what is God's. A simple logic about it is to remember that Caesar and all that he possessed belong to God, and God alone. Caesar has come and gone. God reigns forever. We must obey those in authority for the smooth ordering of our lives in the society. This is not the same as worshipping any human or replacing God for them. Superstition is a form of idolatry. It is attributing to creatures, qualities that belong to God alone. And God is a jealous God. He does not want anything under and above the skies to take the glory that is his due.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER: We pray for Pope Leo's Healing and Recovery. May Our Lady, health of the sick grant him, every healing and comfort. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION ON 17th & 18th Oct.– MISSIO (world mission Sunday)

SOCIAL GROUP: The next meeting will be on 22nd October 2026 at 2:00 pm until 3:15 pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

MASS REQUESTS: Mass intentions for the 2027 liturgical year could be easier managed if only we could make a list of all the masses we wish to book with the date and ahead of time. Also, it would be helpful to drop any contact details in case there are changes.

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.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Wroughton Cemetery – Sunday 1st November at 12pm

Kingsdown Cemetery - Sunday 1st November 1:00 pm.

Whitworth Road Cemetery - Sunday 8th November 1:00 pm.

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.

MARRIAGE COURSE: Fr. Obi is offering marriage course online for couples who are preparing to get married in the Catholic Church. You are invited to participate online, no matter the country of residence. Certificates are issued at the end of every course. For more information contact, nnamdi,obi@cliftondiocese.com

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.

ROSARY: In the month of October, we will be reciting the rosary every day 20 minutes before mass. Please write your name on the notice board if you would like to lead the rosary. We also pray rosary on Zoom every day at 9pm. Meeting ID: 85049555482 and Passcode: 584039.

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: Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol.

Pope's Message: The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October is for Mental Health Ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.