

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

19th JANUARY 2025: Mass Time

Saturday 18 th Jan.	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ana Saverina Rodrigues +
Sunday 19 th Jan.	9:00 am	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	D'Silva Family +
Tuesday 21 st Jan.	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR	Sr. Agnes O'Grady (INT)
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Salvador Mascarenhas +
Thursday 23 rd Jan.	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Noah Gonsalves (B'day)
Friday 24 th Jan.	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Will & Kathleen Bermingham +

MALAYALAM MASSES : Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 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:
St. Mary's: 01793 535089 / Holy Rood: 01793 522062 / St. Peter's: 01793871167

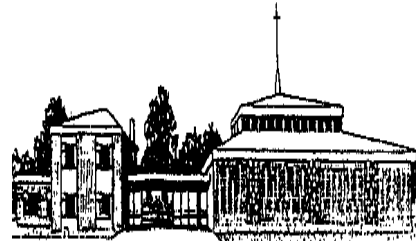
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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 : Ordinary Time Week 2 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
First Reading	: Isaiah 62:1-5.
Psalms Response	: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Second Reading	: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!
Gospel	: John 2:1-11
Communion Antiphon	: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The Bridegroom rejoices over the bride.

2nd Reading

The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel

This, the first of the signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.

As the bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so shall your Lord God rejoice over you! These uplifting words flow from the Prophecy of Isaiah as we read this Sunday.

The God of providence offers his gifts freely to all, especially in areas we lack. We are given all sorts of gifts, but it is the same Spirit coordinating and working in us and through us.

Jesus didn't 'perform' signs and wonders like any 'gifted' person of his time. John teaches us that in his life time on earth, Jesus gave signs that God's glory may be seen; and that all may believe in the one who sent him. The first of these signs was given at Cana in Galilee.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office. The first preparation session will start on 4th February 2025 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The preparation programme is on the parish notice board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am. The next preparation session will be on 25th January 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Encounter 25: Planning Event on 1st February 2025: Encounter 25 is a Diocesan programme from 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit Ministries', and will run between Easter and Pentecost. All are welcome to our initial planning event on 1st February 2025 between 9.30 am and 1 pm at St Bernadettes, 731 Wells Rd, Bristol BS14 9HU. It would be good to have representatives from every Parish. For more information, email pentecost@cliftondiocese.com

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: This will include six sessions for the formation of catechists, beginning at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening.

16 January – Introduction to catechesis
23 January – Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis
30 January – The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism
6 February – Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible
13 February – Methods and Resources
20 February – Preparing a Catechetical Session
This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. To sign up for the series, please contact pressandmedia@cliftondiocese.com

DEMISE: In your prayer please remember Waldemar Stanislaw Drab who died recently. Funeral will be on the 24th of January at 9.15 am in Kingsdown Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen

Pilgrim Cross - Walking pilgrimage from Oxford to Walsingham 11th-20th April (including Holy Week 2025): in this Jubilee Year of Hope when pilgrimage is being encouraged why not consider a UK walking pilgrimage starting not too far from home? Click here (<https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/event/oxford-leg-24/>) to find out more; click here to register; or email Deacon Eric: eric.holliday@cliftondiocese.com

Volunteer driver needed to support pilgrimage walk: Do you have a full driving licence? Would you be comfortable driving a small van? Might you feel called to be one of the drivers of the support vehicle for the local leg of Pilgrim Cross for a week or a few days? The group walk from Oxford to Walsingham (Friday 11th - Saturday 18th April 2025). If so, please get in touch with Deacon Eric on 07779 329173 or eric.holliday@cliftondiocese.com.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH: A very big thank you to all the volunteers in our parish community. We cannot thank you enough for the gift of your time and talents. However, we are mindful that our parish priest and the entire pastoral team have a duty of care for our staff and for those who volunteer to support us in any way. We have carefully discerned that some are beginning to be burdened by their voluntary services. Recently, we have received a good number of brilliant recommendations in the suggestion box; part of it being the need to make some changes and to relieve some volunteers of their duties. Therefore, without prejudice to the excellent services of our volunteers, we invite anyone who wishes to be relieved of their duties in the parish, especially those in the finance and pastoral committees of the parish, to inform our parish priest as soon as possible. We do hope that any decision taken in this regard will rightly be understood as having been carefully made with prayer and discernment.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

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

DECEMBER 2024		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	113	BLANCHE METTHEWS
2 nd PRIZE	159	ANN DOYLE
3 rd PRIZE	238	FRANCISKINA DE MELLO
4 th PRIZE	213	LYDIA FERNANDES
5 th PRIZE	144	ULA BRZOZKA

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. Peter, Gloucester.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of January. The intention is for the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.