

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 - Mass Times**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eric Tony Antao +
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 am	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Frank Bearman +
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Presentation Sister's (INT)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:00 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR	Cassy Gomes +
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joaquim Lino Gonsalves +
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	5:00 pm	ADORATION	Menino D'Silva +
	6:30pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINTS ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	

**MALAYALAM MASS: EVERY SECOND SUNDAY 3 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:*

**Saint Mary's: 01793 535089**

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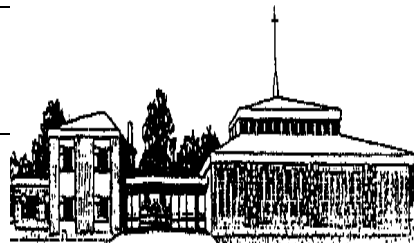
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*Parish Office Hour: Wed & Fri: 10 am -2pm*

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<b>Readings</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle A : Ordinary Time Week 33 Year 1.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Psalter 1 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: The Lord said : I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back captives from every place.
<b>First Reading</b>	: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
<b>Psalm Response</b>	: <b>O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	: Thessalonians 5:1-6
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

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

**A perfect wife - who can find her?**

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

**Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.**

**Gospel**

**You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.**

This is the penultimate Sunday of the ordinary time of the year. Indeed, we can say - blessed are they that wait till the end. This moment in time reminds us, once again, that we are a waiting people; a people of hope. However, how we wait makes the difference.

Last Sunday, we heard about the parable on the need to wait wisely and not otherwise. Today, we have another parable. This time, it is about those who wait fruitfully and productively as opposed to some who may be tempted to wait in idleness, laziness, or a waiting that is lacking in goodwill.

A talent is a coin of great value. Some were given to the first, the second, and the third servant, respectively. It isn't about the amount given or the generosity of the giver but the generosity of the heart that received the talent in good will.

The trouble with the third servant who buried the talent was his little or no relationship with the master. We could imagine these talents given to these three servants as the greatest gifts of faith, hope, and love taught by St Paul in 1 Cor 13.

These gifts are given to us, not to be preserved, but to cultivate them into good habits of multiple virtues for God and our neighbours.

This value is not necessarily in the talent. It is, fundamentally, in us. This virtue is what attracts the Lord of the harvest to any of us, whom he sees as a beautiful and virtuous bride. As we wait for the Lord, he keeps asking the question : A perfect wife - who can find her?

**SECOND COLLECTION ON 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER : CATHOLIC YOUTH (CHRIST THE KING)**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PHOTOS:** The photos of 2022 and 2023 candidates are now available to be collected from the Parish office. Donations are welcome.

**SCHOOL ADMISSION:** The children who are born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024. If it is a Catholic school than please provide a copy of the baptism certificate. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The First Holy Communion application forms for 2024 are now available on the parish website and in the parish office.

**ACHIEVE AFRICA:** The annual Christmas Lunch for Achieve Africa is on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, at 12:30pm. The tickets are available now. Thanks for your continuous support for the African children in need.

**QR CODE :** There is an opportunity for the parishioners to donate by using QR CODE which is published on the notice board. This donation will be going to our hall building. Please, support this important project through this donation. Thank you.

**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 now 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 OCTOBER 2023**

OCTOBER 2023		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1st PRIZE	136	JOSEPH RUDDICK
2nd PRIZE	32	AQUILINE LOBO
3rd PRIZE	128	GRETA TULLY
4th PRIZE	45	PETER CROZIER
5th PRIZE	154	ANCY 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 :** St. Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, with Cricklade

**Pope's Message:** Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of November, for the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.