

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## YEAR C

1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024 : Mass Time

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Lobo Family (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:00 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Rosario & Estela (Wedding Anv.)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST	Francis Xavier D'Souza + Rita Cabral & John D'Souza +
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	MEMORIAL OF SAINT OSMUND, BISHOP	Netta & Francis (Int.)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF ADVENT	Private Intention
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am	FUNERAL	Ana Maria Dias +
	5:00 pm	ADORATION	Flavy Crasto (Thanksgiving)
6:30 pm	WEEKDAY OF ADVENT		

### HOLY FAMILY SWINDON - CHRISTMAS LITURGY

DATE	TIME	LITURGY
24/12/2024	5:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE
“	7:00 PM	VIGIL MASS
“	9:00 PM	KONKANI CHOIR MASS
“	11:00 PM	MIDNIGHT MASS
25/12/2024	9:00 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY
“	11:00 AM	MALAYALAM MASS
26/12/2024	10:00 AM	HOLY MASS

**MALAYALAM MASSES : Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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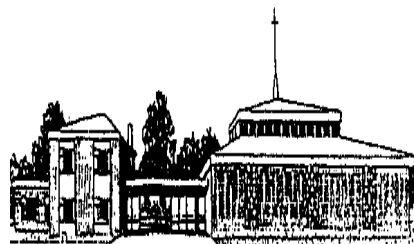
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## Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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 Hour:**

**Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.**

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<b>Readings</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle C : Advent Week 1 Year 1.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Psalter 1 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
<b>First Reading</b>	: Jeremiah 33:14-16
<b>Psalm Response</b>	: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
<b>Second Reading</b>	: Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

*I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.*

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

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.*

**Gospel**

*Your liberation is near at hand.*

Welcome to the new year of the Church's Liturgical Calendar. The Liturgy of the church is the highest form of public prayer in the life of the Church. The Holy Eucharist is at the very centre of this public worship. St Luke, whose Gospel account we begin to read in this Year C is very much centred on prayer.

It is the First Sunday of Advent. It is that time of the year when the dark nights of winter urges us to cry out for the Light of the world - Christ the hope and saviour of humankind. In the midst of the darkness of our world, Jeremiah offers us some hope that a virtuous Branch would grow for David. A shoot will spring up again. Life will be restored through him who is our integrity.

As people of hope, ours is to stay awake, praying at all times, to withstand whatever comes our way before the Lord comes to realise our hopeful expectations.

**SECOND COLLECTION : 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. – ACHIEVE AFRICA**

**ACHIEVE AFRICA PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Achieve Africa Trustees and members are very grateful to all who organised, supported and attended the Christmas Lunch this Saturday. God bless you all.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11:00 am. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10:00 am. Application forms are available on our parish website and in the parish office.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** There will be mass on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6.30 pm in Holy Family Church.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION:** There is an opportunity for confessions on **18<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Wednesday Morning at 9:30am – 12:00 Noon and **20<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Friday Evening at 5:00pm – 6:00 pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAR:** Parishioners of Holy Family Church and St. Joseph's Church are organizing a Christmas Bazar on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 11am to 3pm. There is an opportunity for all communities to get together along with your friends and family to have a taste of various Christmas sweets, food, cakes and drinks. Many more stalls, such as for Christmas decorations, cards and Holy articles will be available.

**RED BOX HOLDERS:** Would all red box holders please return their boxes to the parish office for counting and please remember to write your name on the box so we know who has donated. There are some empty boxes in the church porch to replace them with. For more information please contact Sandy on 07906075874.

**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 NOVEMBER 2024**

NOVEMBER 2024		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	145	JAN BROZKA
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	50	ERLINDA AVENDANO
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	52	CIPRIANO DOREDO
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	125	EILEEN KENNY
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	203	MANUEL COLACO

**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. Margaret Mary, Coleford. Our Lady Of Victories, Cinderford. Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon.*

**Pope's Message:** Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of December. The intention is for Pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.