

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## YEAR A

17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026: Mass Time

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Freda Carneiro & Silvestre Viegas (Wedding Anv.)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Perry Melony Miranda (Good Health)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINT DUNSTAN, BISHOP	Salvador Da Cunha (Birthday)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Robert Martins +
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Veronica Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Artura & Carmin Rodrigues (29 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anv.)



**AFRICAN MASS: EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2:00 pm**  
**MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 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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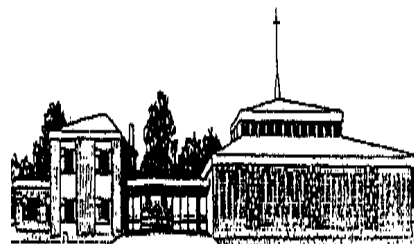
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# Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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<b>Readings</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle A: Easter Week 7 - Year 2.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Psalter 3 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.
<b>First Reading</b>	: Acts 1: 12-14
<b>Psalms Response</b>	: <b>I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	: 1 Peter 4: 13-16
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord; I am going away and I will come to you, And your hearts will rejoice. <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: John 17:1 - 11
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

*If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.*

#### Gospel

*Father, glorify your son.*

*A Message from Fr. Nnam Di Obi*

Prayer is one thing that gives us a sense of direction when perplexed. After the Ascension, the apostles prayed continuously. It means they made their daily lives a life of prayer.

In the gospel of John 17: 1-11, Jesus goes into a deep conversation with his Father. It is equally interesting to see him turning this conversation into prayer. Part of this conversation was his counsel to his disciples, which became a prayer for them.

A prayerful person is one who turns their entire life into a life of prayer.

Peter encourages the early Christians to put their life of prayer into practice. If you must suffer, let it be for the cause of right.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> MAY – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

**250 CLUB:** This is another opportunity we have as a parish community to say thank you to all who have supported our parish through this, especially the subscribers. A special thanks to Xaverina Afonso and Eve Vickers for helping with the draws and paperwork. Unfortunately, we have to bring it to a close, because of a considerable drop in subscription and other practical reasons. Once again, for this and all you do for Holy Family Church. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**ACHIEVE AFRICA RAFFELS:** These are available. We encourage families to take a booklet each for an opportunity to win the special painting kindly made by Angelo De Mello. Thank you.

**ROSARY:** Please write down your name on the notice board, if you would like to lead the rosary this month for 20 minutes before the mass. Thank you.

**BEDROCK:** The Bedrock community invites everyone for their Pentecost praise and worship, adoration with the blessed sacrament soon after evening 6:30 pm mass on Saturday 23rd May.

**NOW IS THE TIME:** A Symposium to explore the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor) at St Brendan's College, Brislington, on Saturday 30th May. Keynote speakers - Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Sir John Battle KC\*SG & Raymond Friel (CSAN). The day starts at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finishes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. You can register on the Eventbrite link: <https://dilexite.eventbrite.co.uk>

**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.

**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 (2025 - 2026): WINNERS OF APRIL 2026**

APRIL 2026		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	47	ANTHONY RUTHERFORD
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	195	SR. ANNE O'ROURKE
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	12	JULIAT DANISTAN
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	114	FLORENCE D'SOUZA
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	191	TEREZINHA DE SOUZA

**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 Rood, Swindon, St. Peter, Swindon, Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett.*

**Pope's Message:** *The holy father's prayer intention for the month of May is for that Everyone Might Have Food.*

*Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*