

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C  
26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025: Mass Time**

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| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 6:30 pm                      | VIGIL MASS – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME       | Neshwin Gonsalves (Birthday)                     |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.    | 9:00 am                      | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                    | Ambel Dias Do Rosario (5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct.   | 6:30 pm                      | FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES             | Sucorro Mascarenhas +                            |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct. | 9:00 am                      | WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                             | Netta & Francis (INT)                            |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 9:00 am                      | WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                             | Maria Classey DeSouza (Thanksgiving)             |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.    | 5:00pm<br>5:30 pm<br>6:30 pm | HOLY ADORATION<br>ROSARY<br>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Zayton Fernandes (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)      |



**AFRICIAN MASS: EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 3:00 pm**  
**MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 3:00 pm**

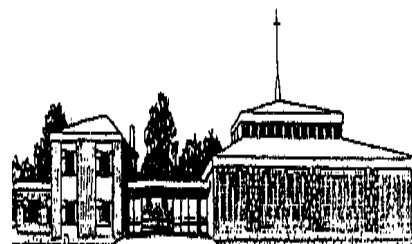
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A priest is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

**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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 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 C: Ordinary Time Week 30 Year 1.</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Eucharistic Prayer</b> | : <b>Psalter 2 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  | : Let the hearths that seek the Lord rejoice;<br>turn to the Lord and his strength;<br>constantly seek his face.                                               |
| <b>First Reading</b>      | : Ecclesiasticus 35:15-17, 20-22                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Psalms Response</b>    | : <b>The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.</b>                                                                                                         |
| <b>Second Reading</b>     | : 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | : <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b><br>God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,<br>And entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.<br><b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | : Luke 18: 9-14                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | : We will ring out our joy at your saving help<br>and exult in the name of our God.                                                                            |

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.

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

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

#### Gospel

The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.

Not long ago, we had a weekday reading from Luke 9:18. It was very interesting to know that St Luke's account of Jesus questioning his disciples on who people were saying that he was, took place after praying in their presence. There is something about prayer and identity. Prayer reveals who we are. True prayer flows from the innermost heart. And so, how we pray, what we pray for, where and when we pray say a lot about us. It reveals our relationship with ourselves, God and others.

The Gospel of St Luke we read this Sunday reveals a typical prayer of a humble person and another who is not very humble. The Pharisee's prayer was a litany of his good works. It's about what he had done and accomplished. On the contrary, the tax collector's prayer was not about what he had done well; it's about who he was - a sinner.

A sinner is one who has offended God and neighbour by word, deed or omission. Apart from the Lord's Prayer, the tax collector's prayer had become one of the most simple but powerful prayers of all time: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Indeed, this man went home, at rights with God. The other did not.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER – CATHEDRAL APPEAL**

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Kingsdown - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1:00 pm.  
Whitworth Road - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1:00 pm, Stratton - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1:00 pm

**SPECIAL MASS:** We are celebrating all Saints Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. at 9am and all Souls Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. at 6:30 pm.

**AFRICAN MASS:** The Swindon African Catholic Community invites you to their monthly mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering Essential Training for Catechists. Parishioners can join us on Saturdays, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, online, from 9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. Anyone interested can sign up for the series by clicking on the Zoom link here. More information on other courses & sessions run by the sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

**VACANCIES | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges:**  
Salary - £17,306.00 Annually (FTE) - National Living Minimum Wage  
Closing Date - 11:59pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025, Start Date - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Positions Available – 2, Interview Date - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
For further information please use the link below  
Further Details - Charlotte Blanch, CEO of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust.  
Telephone: 07962 521428 Email: [c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk](mailto:c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11:00am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10am.

**CONFIRMATION:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026 is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office.

**WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 – CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR:**

Schools and parishes across England and Wales are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, a special three-day event from 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> November, marking the Jubilee Year. This year's programme includes a World Youth Sunday Livestream for schools (formerly World Youth Funday), Social Saturday, and celebrations in parishes for World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. Designed to support youth ministry and Catholic formation, the event offers a meaningful way to highlight the role of young people in the Church. Developed in partnership with the Jubilee for Schools project, CAFOD, CSAN, and CES and aligned with the Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) Framework, it's a valuable opportunity to strengthen links between schools, parishes, and the wider Church. For more information and registration head to <https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/>

**ROSARY:** 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. And 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.

**PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS**

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

**250 CLUB (2025 - 2026): WINNERS OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

| SEPTEMBER 2025        |     |                      |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| PRIZE                 | MN  | NAME                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE | 143 | JASLEN GONSALVES     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE | 48  | EILEEN HALLER        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE | 44  | PAULINE POMFRET      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE | 13  | R. ANTONIO FERNANDES |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE | 42  | SEBY RODRIGUES       |

**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:** *Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston. St. Bernard, Shirehampton.*

**Prayer Intention for the Universal Church:** *The prayer intention for the month of October is for collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that, believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.*