

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

YEAR C

13th APRIL 2025: Mass Time

Saturday 12 th April	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Denver D'Souza (B'day)
Sunday 13 th April	9:00 am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Antonio Jesus D'Souza +
Tuesday 15 th April	6:30 pm	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Nathan Afonso
Wednesday 16 th April		CRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL	

TRIDUUM LITURGY TIMES

17 th APRIL	HOLY THURSDAY	6.00 pm 8:00 pm	HOLY MASS	John & Luphina (Wedding Anv.)
18 th APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am 3.00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS PASSION OF THE LORD	
19 th APRIL	HOLY SATURDAY	8.00 pm	VIGIL MASS	Aspelia & Aivon (Wedding Anv.)
20 th APRIL	SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	9.00 am	EASTER MASS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm

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

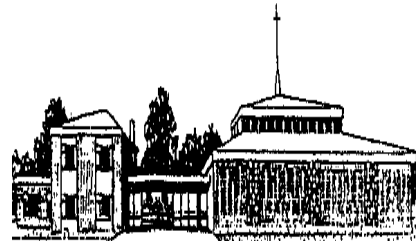
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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Parish priest Office Hours:

Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C: Lent Week 6 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
First Reading	: Isaiah 50: 4-7.
Psalm Response	: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Second Reading	: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel Acclamation	: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:
Gospel	: Luke 22: 14-23:56
Communion Antiphon	: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Fr. Nnam Obi's prayer for you this Holy Week is that each of us may be the radiant face of Christ, for He has promised that he will always be with us, to give us hope and to call each of us to rise with Him.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

2nd Reading

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke, begins by introducing the story of the trial, crucifixion and death of Christ in a 'passive tone.' "Jesus is brought to Pilate by the chief priests and elders of the people," being accused of inciting the people to revolt against the Roman authority.

Unlike the moral accusation of the woman presented to us last Sunday, he committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips; but he willingly and passionately embraced the cross to save humankind.

The drama isn't new. It has been re-enacted by Christians over and over again for many centuries. However, it is new every moment. The wounds of sin and inhumanity that go with it remain breath taking.

We are invited to follow, once more, the way of the cross. The characters in passion become yet again a mirror reflecting each one of us. Cross is cross, no matter how beautiful we would want to polish it or paint it. May our little crosses of life not overwhelm us. May we, by God's grace, be passionate about turning every cross into a sacrifice for the good of all.

HOLY WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTION: HOLY THURSDAY – ACHIEVE AFRICA
GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY SEE
EASTER MASSES – PARISH PRIEST
Easter offering Envelopes are available this weekend. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass is celebrated in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday, 16th April 2025 at 11:00 am. There will be no mass in Holy Family Church.

CONFESSION: There will be an opportunity for this Easter Confessions on Tuesday 15th April at 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

Saint Joseph's Catholic College, Lay Chaplain Vacancy - for a Lay Chaplain effective to start from September 2025 which is a full-time role, but we'll also consider candidates interested in part-time and flexible working options. Please see the Eteach link here for the full recruitment pack <https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=13362> or contact our HR team for further information at HR@stjosephscollege.net or by phone on (01793) 236053. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 30 April.

Catechesis – Open Evening online – 30 Apr 2025, 7.30pm-8.30pm.
Presentation, Testimonials, and Discussion. Join the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph to discover the 2-year Certificate in Catechesis they offer through their Apostolate, 'Light of Truth.' More information on other courses & sessions run by the sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on Tuesday 29th April at 6:30pm - 8 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am and Sunday 11th May at 2pm. The next preparation session is 26th April 2025 at 10:00am -11:00 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is at 10am. This will be led by the young people of the parish. All are encouraged to come.

Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Director of the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP) for their diocese, which will also combine the role of Junior Choir Director at Clifton Cathedral. The NSSP scheme is a national scheme that seeks to encourage singing in schools and cathedrals in the UK, especially in Catholic state schools. The successful applicant would be expected to initiate the NSSP in schools across the diocese and be committed to both school and church choral music. More information available at: music@cliftondiocese.com.

250 Club: 250 Club new applications and renewal forms for the Year 2025-2026 are now available in the parish porch. Thanks to all who subscribed last time and we encourage old and new members to subscribe. Thank you for your continuous support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2025-2026 tax year is available at our parish porch. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

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 (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF MARCH 2025

MARCH 2025		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1st PRIZE	198	SR. TERESA MOLLOY
2nd PRIZE	195	SR. ANNE O'ROURKE
3rd PRIZE	8	TREVOR ROBERTS
4th PRIZE	139	MARY ANN COOPER
5th PRIZE	136	JOSEPH RUDDICK

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. George/ St. Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton. St. John Fisher, Wellington, with Wiveliscombe.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of April. The intention is for the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationship, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.