

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **YEAR C**

7th SEPTEMBER 2025: Mass Time

Saturday 6 th Sept.	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gill Loveday (Intention)
Sunday 7 th Sept.	9:00 am	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Declan D'Silva (Birthday)
Monday 8 th Sept.	6:30 pm	FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Domnic D'Silva & Family (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 9 th Sept.	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Souls in Purgatory +
Wednesday 10 th Sept.	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Cruz & Sophia (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 11 th Sept.	9:00 am	SCHOOL MASS	Staff, Parents & Pupils
Friday 12 th Sept.	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Nicolau Da Costa + (3 rd Anniversary)



Wishing you all a Happy Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary.

AFRICIAN MASS: EVERY 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 3:00 pm

MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 2nd & 3rd 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

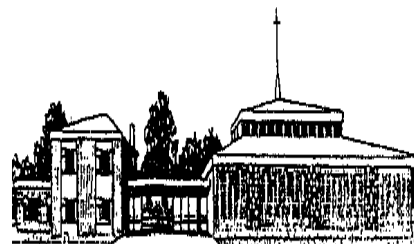
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C: Ordinary Time Week 23 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 3 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
First Reading	: Wisdom 9: 13-18
Psalms Response	: O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation.
Second Reading	: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 14:25-33
Communion Antiphon	: Like the deer that yawns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

2nd Reading

Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.

Gospel

Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

The reality of life can seem to be pretty predictable, to some extent. We often know what will likely happen, but at the same time we don't know when, how, and where.

But Jesus, during his time, had a way of resetting and reprogramming mind-sets. He shakes the table every now and again. By so doing, he comforts the afflicted and discomforts the comfortable. This is the wisdom of God made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

In the gospel today, the advocate of love shocks his audience. Yes, you must not love your father, mother, brothers and sisters. Why? That's the catch, and that's the point. It's not about hate. It is about what you must give up to follow Christ. It is all about detachment. If God is at the centre of your life, every other thing is secondary, including your loved ones.

People prepare well for building projects. People don't just wake up and go into battle. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Spiritual Exercise is the key in our preparation for the way of the cross. Every spiritual exercise; every sacrifice we make is what we give up to embrace the love of Christ.

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE – 13th & 14th Sept.

AFRICAN MASS: The Swindon African Catholic Community invites you to their monthly mass on this Sunday 7th September at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Please note that there will be mass on Monday, 8th September 2025 at 6:30pm.

MALAYALAM MASS: The Malayalam community will be celebrating the feast of the nativity of Mary on Sunday 14th Sept. at 2:30 pm. All are welcome.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP: The Thursday social group will resume meeting fortnightly from September 11th in the convent from 2pm - 3.15pm. All welcome for a cuppa and chat with old and new friends.

PHOTOS: The First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidate's photos are now available to be collected from the Parish office. Donations are welcome.

EDUCATION MASS: The Diocesan annual Education Mass will be celebrated this year on Education Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Bristol, at 6.00pm on Sunday 14th September. The singing will be led by the pupils of Downside School. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass, particularly teachers, pupils, governors & anyone else who is involved in our schools & colleges in any way. Catholic education is a wonderful achievement – and so should be celebrated!

SAFEGUARDING: The safeguarding coordinator, Janice Pearson from Clifton diocese will be joining us on Sunday the 14th September at 9 am mass in Holy Family Church and 11am mass at St. Joseph's Wroughton, to talk about safeguarding.

MISSION MASSES IN THE CLIFTON DIOCESE: During this Jubilee year of Hope, Missio will be celebrating three Mission Masses in the diocese. The main diocesan celebration will be Mass with Bishop Bosco at 7pm on Tuesday 16 September at Holy Family Catholic Church, Southsea Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP. If you'd like any more information or if you could help in any way at one of the Masses, please email redbox@missio.org.uk

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 AUGUST 2025

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PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	122	JAMES BRYANT
2 nd PRIZE	87	ANN DOYLE
3 rd PRIZE	228	CHRISTINE DILELLA
4 th PRIZE	113	BLANCHE MATTHEWS
5 th PRIZE	187	GERALDINE WANLESS

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. Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol.*

Prayer Intention for the Universal Church: *The prayer intention for the month of September is for our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*