

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C

2nd FEBRUARY 2025 : Mass Times

Sunday 2 nd February	11.00 am	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Michael Bowles +
Tuesday 4 th February	9:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Georgy Salomon + (1 st Death Anv.)
Sunday 9 th February	11:00 am	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jan Danuta Juchaniewicz +

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession

If Father Nnam Di Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Holy Family : 01793 297 256
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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C : Ordinary Time Week 4 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, Reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.
First Reading	: Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm Response	: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!
Second Reading	: Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 2:22-40
Communion Antiphon	: My eyes have seen your salvation, Which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

2nd Reading

He had to be made like his brothers in every respect.

Gospel

My eyes have seen your salvation.

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To get up to date news from our Deanery go to: www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk

In the prophecy of Jeremiah, at some point, he goes back to the basis of his calling. Like all of us, he was called from his mother's womb. Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I knew you. I consecrated you. I chose you. I commissioned you for a purpose.

Every messenger, before Christ, was sent to prepare the way for the Lord, Malachi 3:1-2.

Now is the appointed time. The Lord enters into his own temple. Because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the incarnate Word has taken our flesh, to purify our mortal bodies so that we might become a worthy offering, pleasing to God – A people freed and redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, Hebrews 2:14-18.

“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.” Luke 2:39.

Bible Alive Group for Lent: Are you thinking of making the best Lent this year? Why not join the Bible Alive group as we share a cuppa, pray and explore our Lenten book, Journey through Lent with Luke, by Nancy Koester, £4.99. Our friendly group meets at 2.30 in the Parish Room each week from Ash Wednesday, 5 March to 16 April (Holy Week). You will be very welcome, meet new and perhaps old friends, and over the weeks will draw a little closer to our Lord Jesus. If you can't join us, consider getting the book to read at home, it is available on Amazon for £4.99. To register for the group or ask any questions call me, Diana, on 07813940076.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th - 18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their society patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at 10am every day of the Novena except Sunday when it is at 11.00 am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill Website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena.

The Novena prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs.

You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena director at 6, Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Fran has a copy of the booklet and the suggest format for petitions should you wish to see them.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The first preparation session will start on 4th February 2025 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The preparation programme is on the parish notice board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am. The next preparation session will be on 8th February 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Holy Family Church Swindon.

TEA & COFFEE : Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after mass on Sundays and Tuesdays.

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.

PARKING: At busy times, such as at Sunday Mass, do consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. Please keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and avoid blocking people's residence and shops.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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Account Number	66287375
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Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link : *St. Benet, Kemerton / St. Joseph, Tewkesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchcombe.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of February. The intention is for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.