

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C
8th DECEMBER 2024 : Mass Times**

Sunday 8 th December	11.00 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Alice Lambert +
Tuesday 10 th December	9.30 am	WEEKDAY OF ADVENT	Pat & Hannah Family (INT)
Sunday 15 th December	11.00 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Sobieralski Family + Stanislaw Zarczynski

CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES – ST JOSEPH, WROUGHTON

Tuesday 24 th December	10.00 pm	Christmas Vigil
Wednesday 25 th December	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass



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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Holy Rood: 01793 522 062
Saint Peter's: 01793 871 167**

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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.



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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C : Advent Week 2 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
First Reading	: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalms Response	: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
Second Reading	: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 3: 1-6
Communion Antiphon	: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

2nd Reading

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

How do you begin to introduce something special? How do you promote the very thing that means the world to you?

St Luke is very imaginative in his Gospel account for this Sunday. He creatively takes us from the high and mighty, the powerful men of history and the political icons of the First Century Palestine, down to the simple image of the desert where an apparent insignificant man called John the Baptist cries out. He had no identity other than being son of an ordinary man, Zechariah.

But it isn't about John the Baptist. It is about the Word made Flesh who will soon be dwelling among us humans. He is the wisdom of God which is not necessarily found among the powerful and sophisticated but in lowliness and simplicity of heart.

John asks us to prepare the way for the Lord. Not in the desert of his own time but in the desert and desolation of our own circumstances today.

If we must celebrate this Christmas meaningfully, we have to prepare for it in the simplicity of our spiritual lives. Empires will come and go down in history. The Word made flesh comes to dwell among us forever.

SECOND COLLECTION : 8th DEC. – POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE

FLOWER DONATIONS: We will be having a second collection after mass on Sunday 15th December for flowers during the festive season at St Joseph. Your contribution will be much appreciated thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS CAROL : We have arranged a Carol Singing afternoon on Wednesday 18th December start from 2.15 pm at Lansdowne Hill care home in Wharf Road. Singing for about 40 minutes then having refreshments and the chance to chat to the residents- one of whom is Keith who used to sing with church choir and choral society. We will then move across to Banks Place for 3.30 with a similar format. Please make a note in your diary so we can get together a good number of singers.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION: There is an opportunity for confessions on 17th Dec. Tuesday Morning 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm in Holy Family Church. The application forms are available online.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am. There will be a meeting for the Catechists, parents and children for First Holy Communion on 14th December 2024 at 10:00 am in Holy Family Church, Swindon. Application forms are available on our parish website.

THE BIBLE ALIVE IN ADVENT: Come and join us for a cuppa and to draw closer to Jesus through the Sunday Gospel at St. Joseph's Parish Room, Wroughton on Wednesday's starting from 27th Nov. to 18th Dec. at 2:30 pm – 4pm. Please bring your Bible. For more information contact Diana on 07813940076.

CHRISTMAS BAZAR: Parishioners of Holy Family Church and St. Joseph's Church are organizing a Christmas Bazar on Saturday 14th December 2024 from 11am to 3pm. There is an opportunity for all communities to get together along with your friends and family to have a taste of various Christmas sweets, food, cakes and drinks. Many more stalls, such as for Christmas decorations, cards and Holy articles will be available.

RED BOX HOLDERS: It's nearly time for the annual return of red boxes so it would be good to collect all your boxes for counting. Last year our spare change supported Missio to the tune of £440.66 and we thank you once again, not just for the content of your boxes but also for each prayer that the coins represent.

You can either give your box to me, Fran O'Flanagan, at mass or contact me to arrange a collection on 0777333285.

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.

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

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 : *Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with Lavington.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of December. The intention is for Pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.