

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

YEAR C

29th DECEMBER 2024 : Mass Times

Sunday 29 th December	11.00 am	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Betty Stratford +
Tuesday 31 st December	9:30 pm	FEAST OF SAINT SYLVESTER, POPE	Netta & Francis (INT)
Wednesday 1 st January	11:00 am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th January	11.00 am	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Rev. Mon. Janusz Tworek (75th B'day)



Fr. Nnam Di Obi is wishing you a Happy Feast of Holy Family and a Happy New Year 2025 .

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
 Saint Mary's: 01793 535 089
 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 : Christmas Week 1 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.
First Reading	: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm Response	: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
Second Reading	: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.
Gospel	: Luke 2:41-52
Communion Antiphon	: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

He who fears the Lord honours his parents.

2nd Reading

Family life in the Lord.

Gospel

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

Sacrificial Love is Central in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Gospel Striking Message on this Feast Day of the Holy Family reminds us of all the fruits of Christmas festivities - Hope, Joy, Peace and Love which keep the families going, especially in challenging moments. Sacrifice, above all, makes it possible.

THANK YOU MESSAGE: Fr. Nnam Di Obi says a big thank you to everyone who has generously volunteered and supported to make this Christmas a very holy and happy celebration for the parish. We hope everyone gets more involved in the New Year. Thank you for all your cards and gifts. May God bless you all.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office. 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 first preparation session will be on 11th January 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Holy Family Church Swindon.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: This is an important message for families in our parish. It concerns any sick or housebound person that needs the parish priest for a visit and for the sacrament of the sick. Please arrange an appointment with a priest or send us an email as soon as possible. It is better not left till the last minute.

ST JOSEPH, WROUGHTON - NEW YEAR LITURGY:

Wednesday 1 st January	11:00 am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
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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.

<u>PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS</u>	
Account Holder	Clifton Diocese
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. Dominic, Dursley. St. Joseph, Nympsfield.*

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.