

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

30th MARCH 2025: Mass Time

Saturday 29 th March	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Derek Barker +
Sunday 30 th March	9:00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Swizel Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 1 st April	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Francis & Netta Kingston (INT)
Wednesday 2 nd April	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Eileen O'Brien + (1st Annv.)
Thursday 3 rd April	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Branquinha Fernandes +
Friday 4 th April	5:00 pm	HOLY ADORATION	Private Intention
	5:45 pm	STATION OF THE CROSS	
	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY OF LENT	

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

HOLY WEEKS / EASTER LITURGY

13 th April	Palm Sunday	9:00 AM
17 th April	Holy Thursday	6:00 PM & 8:00 PM
18 th April	Good Friday	Stations of the cross Passion of the Lord 10:00 AM 3:00 PM
19 th April	Easter Vigil	8:00 PM
20 st April	Easter Sunday	9:00 AM

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

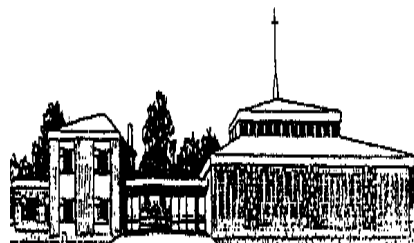
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle C: Lent Week 4 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast..
First Reading	:	Joshua 5: 9-12.
Psalm Response	:	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Second Reading	:	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel Acclamation	:	Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him. 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
Gospel	:	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Communion Antiphon	:	You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.

2nd Reading

God through Christ reconciled us to himself.

Gospel

Your brother was dead and is alive.

Who hasn't been there? I am not talking about the greatest adventures of life. I mean the lowest point in life, where the prodigal son found himself?

This, I suppose, is one of the best Bible stories of all time. I can read it over and over again. It is more of a story of the Father than that of his son. God the Father of all mercies, in his generous and prodigal outreach, longs always to reconcile the world to himself, the eternal love.

Unfortunately, we make wrong choices, choices which separate us from God, every now and again. But he waits for that moment when we have the slightest courage to say, "I will leave this place and go back to my father; back to the state of grace where I truly belong."

Like the prodigal Father, God is ever ready to run to meet us halfway on our journey back to the lost paradise of grace and favour.

SECOND COLLECTION ON 29th & 30th MARCH – PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUNDS

The Priests' Retirement Fund for our diocese. This annual collection helps support our sick and retired priests. It allows us to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables us to help with medical costs. We currently pay out over £300,000 per year to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we do hope that you are able to make a generous donation.

RETREATS: On Saturday the 5th of April, there will be retreat in Holy Family Church from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm by **Kadosh Marian Ministries**.

JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK: The aim is to walk 200km in the 40 days for Lent. Each walker can set their own target towards the 200km so that we can reach it together. We can walk individually or in pairs or groups at any time we like. Interested? email Brian at jb.austin@outlook.com for info. and help.

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 1st April, 6:30pm - 8:00 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 **5th April 2025** at 10:00am -11:00 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, starting with Adoration at 5pm, Stations of the cross at 5:45pm and mass at 6:30pm.

ALTAR SERVERS: All the Altar Servers are invited for a meeting on Tuesday 8th April soon after 6:30 pm mass, for a practice to prepare for a Holy Week. The meeting is compulsory for all, and we welcome children who are interested to join the Altar Service.

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: 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.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP: Next meeting is on **3rd April** at 2pm-3.15pm in the Convent. Meet old friends and make new ones over a cuppa and chat.

MEETING: There will be a meeting with all the Readers and the Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 5th April at 11:00 am. Everyone should attend, please.

FUNERAL: Please keep Derek Barker in your prayer, whose funeral service will be on 3rd April at 12:45pm in Kingsdown Crematorium.

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 FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	87	ANN DOYLE
2 nd PRIZE	99	PAT FARRELLY
3 rd PRIZE	55	ALEX FERNANDES
4 th PRIZE	130	IVY AFONSO
5 th PRIZE	31	SHARON JENNINGS

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: Holy Rood, Swindon, St. Peter's, Swindon, Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett.

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of March. The intention is for Families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.