

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B**

**15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 : Mass Times**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Vincent De Mello +
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00 am	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr. Tom Kelly (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINT EDITH OF WILTON, VIRGIN	Luis Goes +
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr. Sonny (INT)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00 am	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr. Joe (INT)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	5:00 pm	ADORATION	Estela Carvalho (Thanksgiving)
	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	

**MALAYALAM MASSES : Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 3:00 pm**

**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

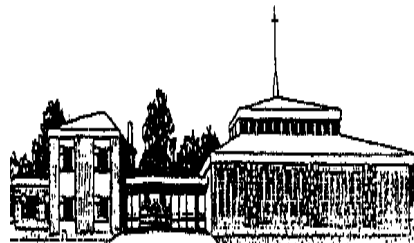
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**Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon**

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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 Hour:**

**Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.**

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<b>Readings</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle B : Ordinary Time Week 24 Year 2.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.
<b>First Reading</b>	: Isaiah 50:5-9
<b>Psalms Response</b>	: <b>I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	: St James 2:14-18
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: Mark 8: 27-35
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1st Reading**

I offered my back to those who struck me.

**2nd Reading**

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

**Gospel**

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Life is beautiful, no doubt. But like a beautiful rose, it takes one to be very close to the reality of life to see it's thorns.

I have been tempted to ask sometimes, what's the point of suffering and pain? I suppose I have the choice of focusing on the beauty of the rose rather than on the dreadful thorns. Probably, the thorns are there to guard and protect the beautiful rose from exploitation and harm. And lest one forgets, 'No Cross, No Crown.'

These are probably the facts behind Jesus' question in the gospel of this Sunday. Who am I to you? What do you see in me? What do I mean to you?

He reminds us of his identity and mission. He is the suffering servant. For it is written that his glory will be accomplished through his death and resurrection.

But his suffering was not for the sake of it. He suffered and died for us to live the fullness of life.

He invites us to transform our suffering into sacrifice for others and to look beyond the thorns of life and see the beauty and glory of life in Christ.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION: 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:** St Joseph's Catholic College are needing Foundation Governors who will help to support the administration of the school as board of governors. Please contact the school administrative office if you can help in this regard.

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** We congratulate the Holy Family Primary School on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this weekend. We ask God to bless all the old and new pupils, staff and parents of the school.

**BEDROCK:** The Bedrock community is inviting each one of you, to join them for praise and worship on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 soon after 6:30 pm mass. All are welcome.

**AFRICAN MASS:** Wiltshire African Catholic Community invites you to their African Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.

**DINE AND DANCE FOR THE CHURCH HALL:** Parishioners of Holy Family Church, Swindon are organizing a second Fund Raising Event in aid of the new church hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Punjabi Community Centre, Swindon SN2 7BB. The event starts at 4pm. Entry tickets and Raffle tickets are on sale after mass and in the parish office. Please sponsor and support us to have a successful event. Your donation is highly appreciated.

**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

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Some parts of the Church grounds are being cleared at the moment in view of the structural developments we hope to engage in as a Parish Community. A lot of consultations are going on; we hope the outcome will benefit us as a parish and also the community around us. We will keep you updated as events unfold. We are hugely grateful for your continued support. Let us keep each other in prayer.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** We are welcoming new subscriptions for Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2024-2025 tax year. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** We are encouraging our parishioners, those who are able, to consider setting up direct debit / standing order, which could also attract gift aid (Tax return) from the government to support our parish. You are equally welcome to make a one off donation to the parish.

#### **PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS**

**Account Holder** Clifton Diocese  
**Account Number** 66287197  
**Sort Code** 52-10-03

#### **250 CLUB (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF AUGUST 2024**

<b>AUGUST 2024</b>		
<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>1st PRIZE</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER J. COLACO</b>
<b>2nd PRIZE</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>FELIZARDO DIAS</b>
<b>3rd PRIZE</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>JOY BEARMAN</b>
<b>4th PRIZE</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>MARIA PEREIRA</b>
<b>5th PRIZE</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>FRANK RUTZLER</b>

**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. Patrick, Brockworth, Our Lady of Perpetual succour, Churchdown.*

**Pope's Message:** Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of September. The intention is for the cry of the earth.

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.