

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

22nd DECEMBER 2024 : Mass Time

Saturday 21 st Dec.	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mazinho Rodrigues (21 st B'day)
Sunday 22 nd Dec.	9:00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Ignatius Pereira (B'day)
Tuesday 24 th Dec.	5:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE	Mary Critchley (INT)
	7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE	John Preston +
	9:00 pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL (Konkani Choir)	Fr. Paul Gonsalves +
	10:30 pm 11:00 pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL MID-NIGHT MASS	Filomena Pereira (B'day) Lensley Dias (INT)
Wednesday 25 th Dec	9:00 am	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	People of the parish
	11:00 am	MALAYALAM MASS	
Thursday 26 th Dec.	10:00 am	FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR	Louis De Souza +
Friday 27 th Dec.	5:00 pm	ADORATION	Elesboao De Souza + (1 st Annv.)
	6:30 pm	FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE. EVANGELIST	



Fr. Nnam Di Obi Wishes You All A Very Happy And Peaceful Christmas!!!

MALAYALAM MASSES : Every 2nd & 3rd 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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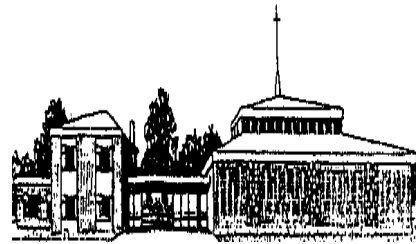
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We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Parish priest Office Hours:

Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C : Advent Week 4 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
First Reading	: Micah 5: 2 - 5
Psalms Response	: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth and we shall be saved.
Second Reading	: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 1: 39-45
Communion Antiphon	: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.

2nd Reading

Behold, I have come to do your will.

Gospel

Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me ?

The journey of Advent gradually comes to an end. It gives way to what we are waiting for in joyful hope - the birth of Christ. Christmas is all about sharing the good news of Christ's birth. Christ is the heart and soul of this Good News.

St Luke narrates how Mary does not wait for a moment, to visit her kinswoman, Elizabeth, with the Good News she has to share.

Who would you share the gift of Christmas with? Where would you spend it? How would you mark the birth of our saviour this year?

If, in your circumstance, you are not able to visit anyone needing to be visited, and you have no one visiting you, remember, Christ visits you wherever you are. Mary brings him to you. Lift up your spirit then in joyful acknowledgement of the coming of Christ.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: You are most welcome to take home the envelopes for the Christmas offerings. This is to support our parish priest.

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.

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 start on 11th January 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SWINDON - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR LITURGY:

24th Dec. Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm
Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm
Konkani Choir Mass: 9:00 pm
Christmas Carol: 10:30 pm
Midnight Mass: 11:00 pm

25th Dec. Christmas Day : 9:00 am
Malayalam Mass: 11:00 am
26th December: 10:00 am

31st December – Thanksgiving Mass on New Year's Eve : 11:00 pm

1st January - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 9:00 am.

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.

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.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

250 CLUB (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF NOVEMBER 2024

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PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	145	JAN BROZKA
2 nd PRIZE	50	ERLINDA AVENDANO
3 rd PRIZE	52	CIPRIANO DOREDO
4 th PRIZE	125	EILEEN KENNY
5 th PRIZE	203	MANUEL COLACO

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. Stanislaus, Dulverton, Sacred Heart, Minehead, with Watchet*

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.