

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C
23rd MARCH 2025: Mass Time**

Saturday 22 nd March	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Michael Nolan +
Sunday 23 rd March	9:00 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Emily Boyle +
Tuesday 25 th March	6:30 pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION	Sr. Ancilla (INT)
Wednesday 26 th March	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Jimmy D’Arcy +
Thursday 27 th March	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF LENT	Silvano Leitao (Birthday)
Friday 28 th March	5:00 pm	HOLY ADORATION	Sharlane D’Cunha (Birthday)
	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**

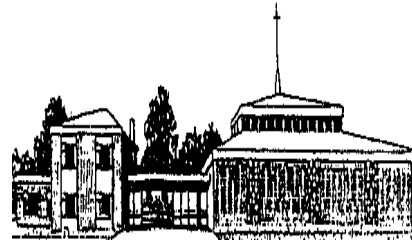
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Holy Family Catholic Church Swindon

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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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle C: Lent Week 3 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 3 (or at Priest’s Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
First Reading	:	Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15.
Psalm Response	:	The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
Second Reading	:	1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
Gospel Acclamation	:	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Gospel	:	Luke 13: 1-9
Communion Antiphon	:	For everyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

1st Reading

“I Am” has sent me to you.

2nd Reading

The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

Gospel

Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

God calls each one of us in different ways and circumstances of life. It is up to us to figure out in what manner God calls us to fulfil our life purposes on earth.

Moses hears the voice of the Lord calling him for that which may seem like an impossible mission. But it turns out to be an opportunity for Moses to understand a bit more about God - the "I am that I am." When God wants you to know him, he calls you.

Sometimes, we are caught up in the magnitude or overwhelming experience of our mission, losing sight of the primary purpose of our calling - to return to God and be reconciled to him, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Like Moses, God will always show us signs and wonders to discard our doubts so that we can trust in his plans for us. Unfortunately, sometimes we become so obstinate like the ancient people of God, who pushed God to give them signs that meant learning in a hard way. But we are so fortunate in our time, to have Christ who comes with compassion and love, appealing that we be reconciled to God and to one another.

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

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**.

Malayalam Retreat on 11th, 12th April at 10am to 4pm & 13th April at 2pm to 6pm. All are welcome.

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 25th March 2025, 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 a day recollection with Marian Missionary Sisters on Saturday 29th March 2025 at 10:00am - 4:00 pm.**

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.

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.

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.

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 Family, Swindon/ St. Joseph, Wroughton.*

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.