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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)

(December 28, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **The shepherd went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.**

Response to the Psalm: **Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

Communion Antiphon: **Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESIONS

Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass

(No Confession on Friday)

Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

28th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Callum Fernandes (Intention)
08.00am Mass – Joseph Dias & Annie Fernandes (Intention)
09.30am Mass – Jotham Gonsalves (Intention)
11.00am Mass – Private Intention

29th MONDAY **NO MASS**

30th TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Vito Cabral & Fatima Pinheiro

31st WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – Silviya Pinheiro (RIP)

01st THURSDAY 09.00am Mass – Haliton Gonsalves (Intention)
10.30am Mass - Francisco De Sa (Anniversary)

02nd FRIDAY 10.00am Mass – Zairah Faith De Souza (Intention)

03rd SATURDAY 09.00am Mass – Joyce Pereira (Good health) & Afroy Pereira (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 4, 2026)

04th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Joe McGrory & Tracey McGrory (RIP)
08.00am Mass – Manual & Ruzai Cabral (RIP)
09.30am Mass – Lawrence Britt (RIP)
11.00am Mass – Reuben Fernandes (Intention)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

THANKS to all those who decorated the Church, put up the Crib and the tree, prepared the Liturgy, the choir and to those who turn up regularly to clean the Church and all others who helped in any way.

THANK YOU: Many thanks for your very generous Christmas offering and for all your Christmas cards and greetings – Fr Dominic.

NEW YEAR: On New Year's day the Feast of Mary the Mother of God - there will be Mass at 9am and 10.30am.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH EXTENTION

SLEEP OUT CHALLENGE: Ana Fernandes, Lourdes De Oliveira and Elizabeth, will be taking part in the Sleep Out Challenge in front of St Marys Church on 6th January 2026 starting at 7pm. They are raising funds to support the St. Mary's Parish Church extension at Tovey Road, Swindon. Please support them in your prayers and generosity – every contribution makes a difference. Anyone who would like to join contact Ana on 07809745701.

Some volunteers have decided to prepare delicious food or snacks and sell them after every Sunday Mass. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Natasha Vas at 07720982226. How You Can Help? You can support by buying the food and raise funds for the Extension of the Church. Your generosity and involvement - together, we can make a meaningful difference! **So far we have raised a little over £10250 through fund raising events and donations for the Extension of the new Church.** The meeting we had on Thursday 11 was very fruitful. We discussed the plan and also how we should begin fundraising. If you have any ideas please speak to Fr Dominic.

FIRST COMMUNION 2026: The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion in 2026 will be available to collect from the sacristy. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion. Last day for submitting either forms will be January 5th, 2026.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Young people must be in Year 9 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make sure the forms are duly filled with all the details. We will need the full address of the Church including Post Code/ Pin Code you were baptised in. Last day for submitting either forms will be January 5th, 2026.

PARENTS MEETING for First Communion candidates will be on Saturday 10th January 2026 at 10am in the Church. And for Parents meeting for confirmation will be on 3rd March 7pm

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Bosco is to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14, February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. Poster at the back of the Church.

RETROUVAILLE HELPS MARRIAGE: It can bring hope and healing to relationships.
Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you have changed your address since registering as a parishioner, you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. On the home page, scroll down to 'Parishioner Registration' and follow the link. Please select 'Change of Address' (there is no need to re-register).

GIFT AID: Those Parishioners who gift aid their offering to the parish and do so through a standing order will soon receive a letter asking them of Clifton parishioners are asked to change their mandate to pay St Mary's Parish. You will soon receive a letter telling you what you need to do.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Dominic or the Parish Office.

CHURCH EXTENSION: We collected £405.67 through fundraising after each Mass last week through Coffee & Snacks. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: The first Mass intention will be printed in the Newsletter. The other Mass Intentions shall be prayed for and the names will be read on the requested day but will be offered somewhere else. Please put your Mass intention in the envelope and add your phone number and drop in the box provided at the back of the Church two weeks in advance. Do not use the card machine for Mass intentions.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.

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First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

‘He who fears the Lord honours his parents.’

The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Gospel Acclamation

Col3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.'

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.