

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

CONFESSION

Mon 22nd - Tue 23rd Dec 2025
@ **11:30am - 12:00pm** (Each Day)

Confessors: Fr. Sanjeeb & Fr. Joseph

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE WED 24TH

Christmas Carol Service @ **7:30pm**

Christmas Vigil Mass @ **8:00pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY (25TH DEC 2025)

Mass @ **10.30am**

(NOTE: There is no Evening Mass)

BOXING DAY (FRIDAY 26TH DEC 2025)

Feast of St Stephen, the first martyr

Mass @ **12:15pm**

SATURDAY 27TH DEC 2025

Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

Mass **12:15pm**
6:15pm

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2025

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass @ **10:30am and 5:15pm**

MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2025

Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

Mass @ **12:15pm**

NEW YEAR'S DAY THU 1ST JAN 2026

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass @ **12:15pm**

Total Collection: 1,578.03 £ Others: £ 270.11

1st Collection: £365.16 2nd Collection: £ 226.76 Contactless: £716.00

EMCS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21ST DEC

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Lizy, Roque, Amir Kaspar, James Hackett, Alexander
	5.15pm	Vivian Delatorre and Marissa Dula

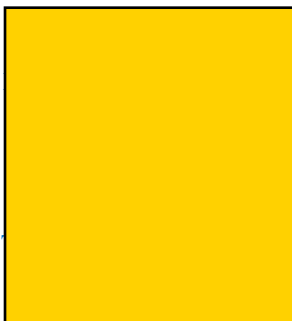
READERS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 28TH DEC

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Angelo & Catherine Cole Sarr
	5.15pm	Vivian Delatorre

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21ST DEC

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Livia, Selikem, Joana, Tiana, Diana, Gharell
		Daniel, Zoe, Dumebi & Joshua

From the Parish Register



ST. MARY ON THE QUAY

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Parish Priest: Fr. Sanjeeb Xaxa SVD **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Joseph Mensah SVD

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Church Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 6.30pm

Child Protection Reps:

James Hackett & Roque Rodrigues

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21st Dec 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A



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REFLECTION

Dear parishioners, Friends and Visitors, welcome to St Mary on the Quay. This Sunday the Church celebrates **Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

The immense faith and courage of both Mary and Joseph in being willing to take responsibility for the coming child and provide a home for him is striking. Mary believed the angel and accepted willingly God's will. Joseph also had to commit himself to an unknown future, taking care of them both, including any shame and gossip involved. After centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of the promise of the Messiah, it must have been mind-blowing at the human level to find they were to be the instruments of this Divine intervention in human history. But the immediate practicalities took over and the full meaning would only gradually reveal itself. Mary went to visit and help her cousin Elizabeth, who had also received a startling message. God may sometimes ask of us a task which overwhelms us, but he also provides help and support and the strength and courage to embrace it. Joy and suffering go hand in hand, but 'Emmanuel' means 'God is with us.'



Mass Intentions Week Commencing 21st Dec – 27th Dec, 2025

Sunday 21st	10.30 am	Phillip Morlen and Sian Lewis	RIP
	05.15pm	Vicki Watkins	For Speedy Recovery
Monday 22nd	12.15pm	Spencer Family	RIP
Tuesday 23rd	12.15pm	Blaise Alvares	RIP
Wednesday 24th	07.30pm 08.00pm	Christmas Carol Service Christmas Vigil Mass	
Thursday 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass There is no evening Mass	
Friday 26th	12.15pm	Czeslawa and Michael Wisniewski	RIP
Saturday 27th	12.15pm	Dympna Connery	RIP
	06.15pm	Eve Seveg	Healing

We pray for the sick in the Parish and those known to us.

Mass Time: Week Days: 12.15pm (Monday to Saturday)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 6.15pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 10.30am (Choir) & 5.15pm (Choir)

Mass on Holy Days of Obligation: 12.15pm & 5.30pm

Confessions: Monday to Saturday 11.30am to 12.00pm

Baptisms: If you are planning to baptise your child please contact the Parish Office for more information or speak to a priest after the mass.

Marriage Preparation: Any couple from our parish who are intending getting married in the Catholic Church are asked to note that the Church requires **at least six months notice prior to their wedding date**. Couples need to speak to a priest so as to fill out the forms and also participate in a Marriage Preparation course. Kindly, view the guidelines on our website before making any arrangements. <https://www.stmaryonthequay.com/rc-marriage>

This Sunday's Readings at Mass

Parish Mass Book Page 90 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms: 23 "Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matt 1:18-24

The Creeds

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 11 of the Parish Mass Book
The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 12 of the Parish Mass Book.



PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The Application forms for children who have reached their 8th birthday by 1st September 2025 are available from the sacristy and will need to be returned by the 11th January 2026. The Course will commence on 18th January.

VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help in the Church from **Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd December**. Those who wish to help could sign on the volunteer list at the back of the Church or email us via smqbristol@cliftondiocese.com or call us on 01179264702.

PARISH MASS BOOK: At the moment, we have one set of parish mass books for Cycle C, and we need 5 sets for Cycles A, B, and C. One copy is costing £4.95. We are seeking the generous contribution to acquire parish mass books for our church.

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

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10:30AM MASS: Tea and coffee will be served on **Sunday 21st December after the 10:30am Mass**. Kindly take note.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH: We spend a lot of money to run our church every day, so we need your help to run our beautiful Parish. If you use online banking and are able to set up direct debit or standing order which would be a big support for the Church, below is our Parish Bank Account details:

CLIFTON DIOCESE RE PARISH OF ST MARY ON THE QUAY, BRISTOL

Account Number: 66286573

Sort Code: 52-10-03

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Thank you all for your support.



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