

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Elizabeth McGrattan*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Holy Baptisms

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Monday 15th April

Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday 16th April

Weekday of Easter

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Michael John Cairns (Ch)

Wednesday 17th April

Weekday of Easter

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Holy Souls*)

Thursday 18th April

Weekday of Easter

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Judith Thomas (Ch)

Friday 19th April (Cor)

Saint Alphege, Bishop, Martyr

11am Mass (Cor) (*Deceased of Parishes*)

with children of Saint Patrick's School

Saturday 20th April

Weekday of Easter

12.30pm Wedding of

Summer & Dominic (Cor)

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Janet Adams*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Childrens' Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NEXT SUNDAY is traditionally 'Good Shepherd Sunday' when we pray for vocations to all the ministries of the Church. We are asked to pray particularly for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and the Diaconate. There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB next Wednesday, 17th April, after the 12noon Mass at St Patrick's. Come along to Mass and stay afterwards for a light lunch and a chat. All very welcome.

PARISH FILM NIGHT – THE CHOSEN The next episode of is on Thursday 18th April in St Patrick's Hall.

BLESSING OF STATUES Although our new statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus have been in situ for a while now, Fr Millett's friends in Ireland have not been well enough to travel to see them. This Sunday his friends are attending at 11am Mass when we will bless the statues given in memory of Fr Millett.

CANON BOSCO MACDONALD will be ordained as the 10th Bishop of Clifton at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday the 8th May at 12 noon. Places will be limited to a few representatives from each parish. Please keep Bishop-Elect Bosco in your prayers.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. If you engaged or you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversaries during 2024 then please let Teresa know and she can arrange for you to receive a personal invitation to the Mass.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES There will be a meeting for candidates seeking Confirmation with Fr Michael at 6pm on Tuesday 7th May in the Parish Office. Fr Michael will introduce the confirmation program and set out what is expected of candidates. Naturally, it is important that our candidates **are practicing** the faith in order to receive the sacrament, that is

they are participating in the Mass each Sunday.

CAFOD - GAZA UPDATE The terrible attack that killed seven humanitarian aid workers from World Central Kitchen has made clear the risks of providing practical help in Gaza. Our prayers are with all of their friends, families and co-workers. But despite these risks, our local partners are continuing to respond urgently. They have been clear that with more funds, they can do more to meet the desperate needs and provide essential items to their communities.

LIVING FOR THE COMMON GOOD: DISCERNING CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES will take place 18th May from 10am to 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Please register at cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk

THE EUCHARIST: A BOND OF LOVE WHICH CAN NEVER BE UNDONE Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitechurch, Bristol. This is an opportunity to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist. Leader: Fr Michael McAndrew. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Go to <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register for the day.

EASTER OFFERING Fr Michael would like to thank parishioners for their very kind Easter gifts and cards and, of course, for the traditional Easter offering which helps to maintain your parish priest. It is very much appreciated. Thank you to you all for your generosity.

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS This Thursday sees the start of an online course from Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis. The six sessions are on a Thurs evening at 7.30pm. To sign up please click on the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuqrrzgjGN37LSeebdWnINfmSvURJRVk#/registration>

WORDS OF FAITH Finding the best words to witness to our faith and answer tough questions. Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to answer questions asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices.

The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening. Please register using the link below: www.us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde2gpj8pHdy_rBP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends is celebrated on Sunday 21st April at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. This is a Clifton Diocese initiative.

NEXT JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday 6th June at 7pm in Corsham.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Elena Alberti, Victoria Kiss, Sue Sheehan, Richard Jones, Michael Waters. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Margaret Harvey, Eric Lindfield, Lil Stephens, Rosemary Donaldson, Jim Curran, Michael Vickers.

The Holy Father's Prayer April Intention: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Religious Communities in the Diocese.

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

April – The Month of the Blessed Sacrament & the Holy Spirit



The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection. This month we might commit ourselves to a period of Eucharistic adoration and pray a Holy Spirit prayer every day. There are periods of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. The goal is to be able to gaze lovingly and in awe at the Consecrated Host and share that love with others with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament," J.R.R. Tolkien

Prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

My Lord Jesus Christ, Your Eucharistic presence teaches me how to love as you have loved me. In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood, soul, and divinity in this sacrament of your love. As I pray in your Eucharistic presence, enkindle in me the fire of your gospel. Nourish me with your love and compassion, so that I may be sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit to be your living presence to all I meet. Amen.

Prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land



God of justice and peace
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people
in all their need, pain and fear.
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.
We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

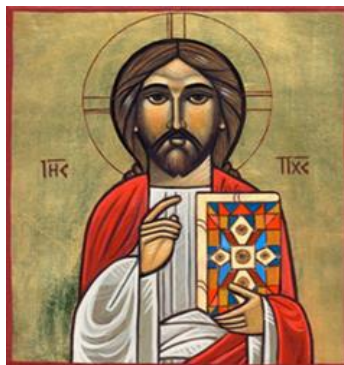
A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



First reading

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.***OR***Alleluia!*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.