

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

Good Shepherd Sunday

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

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)
with Childrens' Liturgy

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

Monday 22nd April

Weekday of Easter No Mass

Tuesday 23rd April

Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr,

Patron of England

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 24th April

Weekday of Easter

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Denis Cassell*)

Thursday 25th April

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

No Mass (Ch)

Friday 26th April (Cor)

Weekday of Easter

No Mass (Cor)

Saturday 27th April

Weekday of Easter

2- 4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Mike Opie*)

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

Please note the change to weekday masses this week.

TODAY is traditionally 'Good Shepherd Sunday' when we pray for vocations to all the ministries of the Church. We are asked to pray particularly this year for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and the Diaconate. There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The National Office for Vocation has produced prayer cards, reflections and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, diaconate, religious life or single life, we need to listen to what is God calling us to be. Information about Vocations within Clifton Diocese: [Vocations | Clifton Diocese](#)

CONGRATULATIONS to Summer and Dominic, married at St Patrick's on Saturday. We wish them every blessing in the married life together.

CANON BOSCO MACDONALD will be ordained as the 10th Bishop of Clifton at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday the 8th May at 12 noon. Please keep Bishop-Elect Bosco in your prayers as he prepares for his episcopal ordination.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25th May (12noon) 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.

FIRST COMMUNION The next session for our First Communion candidates takes place on Saturday 27th April in the Rotary Hall, two doors down the hill from the church.

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, Bristol. This is a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. Please register at cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk

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

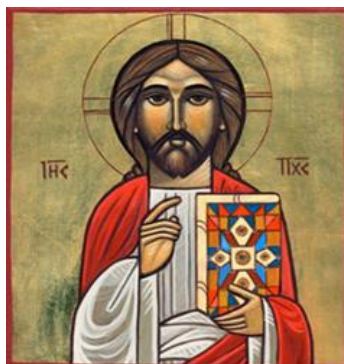
A Prayer for Ukraine



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B



First reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

*The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.***OR***Alleluia!*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
‘I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
‘The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.