



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 2

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 22nd May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Paddy Finley R.I.P. Special Intention People of the Parishes
Monday 23rd May		Easter Weekday	
Tuesday 24th May		Saint Aldhelm	
Wednesday 25th May		Saint Bede the Venerable	
Thursday 26th May	10:00am 7:00pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	
Friday 27th May		Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury	
Saturday 28th May		Easter Weekday	
Sunday 29th May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Private Intention People of the Parishes O'Neill Family

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the Bristol parishes of Saint Gerard Majella; and Christ the King.

We pray for all those within our parish and their intentions including: the communities at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownhill and More Hall, Randwick; and all those connected with our schools.

A separate sheet is available in our churches with guidance about Masses (including the Sunday obligation) and other parish activities and Covid 19.

Please also see 'Returning to Mass at Pentecost'
at <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2022 is for faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine: Donations for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via Cafod at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for those who are housebound, in nursing homes, in hospital or sick including:

Andy Hughes, Ian Spencer, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Antonietta Lazdans, Vivienne Tarn, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Helen Hursthouse, Gerardo Capaldo, Michael Flint, Clare McDermott, Pat King, Margot Williams, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Brian O'Donoghue, Kitty McCoy, Finley, Pilar, Ursula Kyne, Imelda Kucharzyszyn, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Bevan, Joan O'Donoghue, Sister Quentin, Peter Ollis, Peter McCombie, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Grace Harper, Jamie Watt, Woody, Thea Gregson, Peter Tay, Ann Enright, Jill Chapman, Janie Wilmot, Kevin Sivell, Niall Walker, Murray Dolan, Cecilia Redgrave, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Victor Vincent, Stephen Carden, John Stephens, Phyllis Bruton, Marilyn Anderson, Chris Strong, Kate Thorley, Amanda Mullins, Paul O'Keith, Simon Terry, Anna Dowdeswell, Stephen & Paul Coupe, Anthea Van Venroy, Maisie McGinley and all their carers.

To add a name to this list please contact the parish office – please ensure you have the agreement of the sick person.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the children who received Holy Communion for the first time last weekend. The 10:00am Mass this Sunday 22nd May is the sending forth Mass. Please come into the parish hall for refreshments after the Mass. We continue to pray for the children at this time.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday and would normally be a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses on Thursday at 10:00am and 7:00pm in our parish church. There will also be Mass at 9:00am at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and at 11:00am at the Annunciation, Woodchester. The days between the solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost (on Sunday 5th June) are seen as a particular time to ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary gathered with other disciples of Jesus between these two events in the Upper Room. This is often seen as being the first Novena.

World Communications Day is next Sunday 29th May and is a day of prayer for right use of the media. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network next weekend.

Confirmation Mass: Bishop Declan will be visiting our deanery to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to some of our young people on Wednesday 8th June at 7:00pm in our parish church. All are welcome to that celebration. Anyone interested in being part of the music group/choir that evening should contact Annie MacCallum (annie.maccallum@icloud.com or 01453 873266) as soon as possible. There will be a rehearsal for the candidates, sponsors (if possible) and parents on Friday 3rd June at 7:00pm.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be a time for prayer, reflection and formation on Saturday 11th June from 10:00am until 1:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud for all readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from our three parishes. The morning will begin with Mass followed by light refreshments. The time will also include a talk and Holy Hour.

Summer Tea Party on Saturday 18th June (2:00pm – 4:00pm) in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this afternoon which will include live music and a raffle.

Piano Recital: This Sunday 22nd May at 2:30pm Teresa McIver will be giving a piano recital along with a flautist at the Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester. Tickets on the door: £5 for adults (children are free). All money raised will be for the people of Ukraine. Refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost: Following their recent meeting the Bishops of England and Wales have issued an invitation to all Catholics to return to Mass at Pentecost. The invitation includes: 'Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.' It also recognises that: 'It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.' The full text can be found at <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>. There are copies of this document and another issued by the bishops regarding migration issues available in our churches.

Beatification: This Sunday 22nd May Pauline Jericot is due to be declared Blessed. She was the foundress of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, which is part of Missio. Please visit <https://missio.org.uk/pauline/> for more information about her. There will be a number of Masses in our diocese to celebrate this event including on Tuesday 12th July at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, when Bishop Declan will preside. Father Gary will also preside at various Masses around our diocese at that time, including at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse on Tuesday 19th July at 7:00pm.

Sharing the Journey is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of online conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. The remaining speakers and dates are: Thursday 16th June ('Being a Catechist' with David Wells); and Thursday 14th July ('Formation of the Heart' with Raymond Friel). The conversations will take place on Microsoft Teams from 7:30pm until 8:45pm. Anyone wishing to register interest should email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a day before each talk.

We remember in our prayers Janet Hickey (Funeral on Wednesday 1st June at 1:00pm with her coffin being received into church the previous evening at 6:00pm) who died recently. We also pray for her family and friends.