



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fourth Week of Easter

Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 4

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 8th May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Peter Moylan R.I.P. People of the Parishes Bridget Ryan R.I.P.
Monday 9th May	10:00am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Easter Weekday	Theresa McAnearney R.I.P.
Tuesday 10th May	6:00pm	Easter Weekday	Elizabeth Roberts
Wednesday 11th May	10:00am Mass 10:45am	Easter Weekday <i>Holy Hour</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 12th May	6:00pm	Easter Weekday	Elsa Slim
Friday 13th May	9:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Our Lady of Fatima <i>Mass followed by rosary and prayers</i>	Milly
Saturday 14th May	11:00am	First Holy Communion	First Holy Communion Children
Sunday 15th May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Alan & Melanie Given People of the Parishes Teresa & Frank & Family

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the Bristol parishes of Saint Nicholas of Tolentino; Saint Joseph; and Saint Patrick.

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.

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.

This Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. There is a second collection for the clergy training fund. We pray for all vocations remembering particularly to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

First Holy Communion: The rehearsal for parents and children will be this Friday 13th May at 7:00pm. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday 14th May at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to this Mass. We pray for the children at this time.

Our Lady of Fatima: This Friday 13th May is the 105th anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady at Fatima. There will be Mass at the Annunciation, Woodchester at 9:30am, followed by the rosary and other prayers. One of the national statues of Our Lady of Fatima, together with relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta (two of the children who saw Our Lady at Fatima), will be present in the church.

Missio: Thank you to all the Missio APF/Mill Hill Red Box holders and those who have contributed directly in the past year. Our parish raised £2 654.21 in 2021.

Congratulations to the eight sisters who made their first religious profession as Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor at the Marian Retreat Centre in Nympsfield last weekend. We pray for them and for all religious in our deanery, diocese and beyond.

Piano Recital: On Sunday 22nd May (please note the change of date from 15th 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.

Canonisation: Next Sunday 15th May Pope Francis is due to canonise Blessed Charles de Foucauld. He was French and lived in Africa for many years before being killed in 1916. His prayer of abandonment is fairly well-known. A number of priests of our diocese, including Father Gary, belong to a Jesus Caritas group which is inspired by him. Our former parish priest Canon Tom Curtis Hayward was a founding member of that group in our diocese. For a timeline of his life please visit <http://www.jesusc Caritas.info/jcd/fr/node/755>.

Beatification: On Sunday 22nd May Venerable 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.

Marriage Mass: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 12:00 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

World Youth Day: World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon in 2023. Our Diocesan Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from 31st July 8th August 2023 for young adults (18-35) of our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and to support one another in this faith journey. Anyone interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and who will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, are invited to register their interest at <https://cliftondiocese.com/world-youth-day-2023/>.

Flame 2023 takes place on Saturday 4th March 2023, which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon. It will be held at the OVO Arena, Wembley and is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. The theme will be 'Rise Up!' (inspired by the WYD Scripture 'Mary arose and went in haste'). Our young people are invited to: rise up after the pandemic; to rise up as young Catholics; and to rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. To learn more about Flame 2023 please visit <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>. Our diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people. Those interested in booking a ticket through, and travelling with, the diocese, should send an email to youth@cliftondiocese.com.