



# A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Beeches Green • STROUD • GL5 4AA • (01453) 762442

✉ [stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com) 🌐 [stroud.catholicchurch.com](http://stroud.catholicchurch.com)



**Parish Priest: Father Gary Brassington - [gary.brassington@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:gary.brassington@clifftondiocese.com)**

Deacon: Steve Bentley Tel: (01453) 751101 Parish Administrator: Marilynne Morgan Tel: 0784 249 5988

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Caroline Rush ✉: [PSR.stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:PSR.stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com)

## Solemnity of Pentecost and Seventh Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year B, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 3

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	Claire, Eugene & Denis People of the Parishes Theresa McCauley
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6:00pm ( <i>Stonehouse</i> )	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10:00am	Weekday	Margaret Mason
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	10:00am  10:45am	Weekday  <i>Holy Hour</i>	Danny McCue R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	6:00pm	<b>Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</b>	Margot Williams R.I.P.
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:30am ( <i>Woodchester</i> )	Saint Aldhelm	Special Intention
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Saint Bede the Venerable	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	Ben & Monica Blanch Eleanor Burke R.I.P. People of the Parishes

*There is Mass at More Hall Convent on Sundays at 11:00am and Weekdays at 8:15am*

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** We pray for the parish of Christ the King, Amesbury.

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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2024** is for the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**We continue to pray for peace in the world**, including the situations in the Middle East and Ukraine. Donations for the Cafod Appeals can be made online: for the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniacrisis>; and for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal 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:

Caroline Sellick, Mikaela Hunter, Paddi Spruyt, Naomi King, Ian Spencer, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Helen Hursthouse, Gerardo Capaldo, Clare McDermott, Pat King, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Ursula Kyne, Brian O'Donoghue, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Peter Ollis, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Grace Harper, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, Ann Enright, 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 Solemnity of Pentecost:** This feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit can be seen as the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter Season. Ordinary time recommences on Monday with week 7. Weekday readings are from year 2 and Sunday readings are from year B.

**Confirmation Mass:** Congratulations to those from our parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bosco last Thursday. The Mass was a wonderful celebration and we continue to pray for the newly-confirmed. It was lovely to welcome out new bishop to our parish.

**May Rosary:** May is traditionally a month with a particular emphasis on Our Lady. Continuing on Sundays throughout May at 9:40am our children will lead a short celebration of one decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in our parish church. Everyone is invited to be part of this service, which will finish in good time for people to make their private preparation before the beginning of the 10:00am Mass.

**Rogation Mass** this Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6:00pm at Barton End Farm (take A46 south of Nailsworth, and turn left after 1 mile, following signs for Barton End Stables & Riding School – pass the riding school and Mass will be in barn just beyond – postcode GL6 0QF). Bring and share food. Tea and coffee (and maybe cider) provided. All welcome including children, pets and animals.

**SVP:** The next meeting for the members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:00pm in the Upper Room. Anyone interested in joining the SVP should contact our Conference Secretary, Marilynne Morgan in the parish office.

**Missio/Mill Hill Masses** are taking place in each of the Pastoral Areas around our Diocese during this year. They begin with Masses this week at Royal Wootton Bassett (Tuesday) and Saint Bonaventure's, Bristol (Wednesday). The one for our pastoral area will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Saint Peter's, Gloucester. The Masses will be at 7:00pm. The Masses will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses.

**Pastoral Area Forum** on Saturday 8th June from 11:00am until 3:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). This is an opportunity for us to come together as our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan and look towards the future. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

**Brownhill Monastery Open Day** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30am until 12:30pm (with a presentation on the past and present of the monastery at 11:00am) or from 2:00pm until 4:00pm (with the presentation at 2:30pm). All are welcome for part or all of these times. Light refreshments will be available. There will also be Midday Prayer at 12:30pm and Evening Prayer at 4:30pm.

**Invited** is a diocesan course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, which is taking place in our parish hall, continues this Wednesday (7:00pm – 9:00pm).

**Parish Spring Fayre:** Thank you to all those who supported this event. It was a lovely occasion.

**Celebrating Marriage and Family Life:** The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon. All families are invited to join him to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. Those celebrating significant anniversaries during 2024 or celebrating their marriage during this year, and who would like a personal invitation are invited to contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

**Encounter - Day of Renewal:** There will be a special day of renewal at Saint Bonaventure's, Bristol next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (10:00am to 4:00pm) beginning with Mass and including uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. A children's stream will also be available. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. To give an idea of numbers for the day, please book a free ticket for all members of your party at [www.dffholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024](http://www.dffholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024).

**Stella Maris** (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for our prayers and financial support of its work, including on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of these funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 7:30pm until 9:00pm**. We will have the opportunity to hear about the impact of our generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how seafarers and fishers have been helped through our support. To register for this virtual event, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024).