



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Sixth Week of Easter

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

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 5th May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mr & Mrs Knight Ursula, Lady Westbury R.I.P. People of the Parishes
Monday 6th May	10:00am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday of Easter	Mattie Ross
Tuesday 7th May	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday of Easter	
Wednesday 8th May	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 9th May	10:00am 7:00pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parishes Theresa McAnearney R.I.P.
Friday 10th May	9:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Weekday of Easter	Special Intention
Saturday 11th May		Weekday of Easter	
Sunday 12th May	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Reginald Baptiste R.I.P. Helen Baker 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 all chaplaincies to HM forces in the diocese.

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=israelipalestiniancrisis>; 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.

Bishop of Clifton: On Wednesday Canon Bosco MacDonald is due to be ordained and installed as the 10th Bishop of Clifton at our Cathedral. The Mass, which begins at 12:00 noon, should be available at <https://cliftoncathedral.org/stream>. We pray for our new bishop, and also for Bishop Declan. We thank him for his ministry as our bishop and wish him a happy and blessed retirement. Anyone wishing to contribute to a **diocesan retirement gift to Bishop Declan** is welcome to do so via the collection box at the back of the church this weekend or via the digital collection plate. Donations can also be left at the parish office in clearly marked envelopes. All donations must be received by 15th May.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses on Thursday at 10:00am and 7:00pm in our parish church. The children of our primary school will be present for the 10:00am Mass. There will also be Mass at 10:00am at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and at 12:00 noon at the Annunciation, Woodchester. The days between the solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost (on Sunday 19th May) 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.

Car Show at Saint Rose's: The Wheelnuts Classic Car Show is one of the biggest charity events in Saint Rose's calendar, and takes place in the school grounds this Sunday 5th May (11:00am – 4:00pm). Please be aware that the road and area around Saint Rose's (and therefore the church) is likely to be busier than usual, and there is **no parking** for church users at Saint Rose's this Sunday.

World Communications Day is next Sunday and it is good for us to pray for right use of the media. There will be second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Mass will be on Thursday 16th May at 7:00pm with our new bishop (this has been rearranged from 8th May which was no longer possible due to the episcopal ordination). All are welcome to this celebration.

Parish Spring Fayre next Saturday 11th May (9:30am – 1:00pm). All are welcome to come and enjoy the fayre which will include café and raffle. Raffle tickets available after Masses this weekend.

Celebrating Marriage and Family Life: The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25th 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.

Encounter - Day of Renewal: There will be a special day of renewal at Saint Bonaventure's, Bristol on Saturday 25th 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.dfttholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024.

The Eucharist: A Bond of Love Which Can Never Be Undone: There is an opportunity on Saturday 8th June at Saint Bernadette's Catholic Comprehensive School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen understanding and love for the Holy Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. Father Michael McAndrew will lead the reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9:30am. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. The day will finish by 4:00pm. Please use the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register

Newman Association talk this Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Peter Harrison, who has written a book to mark Clifton Cathedral's 50th Anniversary of Dedication last year, will be giving a talk: 'The Clifton Cathedral: the Building and its People'. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

We remember in our prayers Bruno and Sergio Caldarone (Funeral Service on Monday 13th May at 11:00am) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.