



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fourth Week of Easter

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

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 21st April	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sister Quentin R.I.P. People of the Parishes Peggy Flynn R.I.P.
Monday 22nd April	10:00am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday of Easter	Bernard Gibbons R.I.P.
Tuesday 23rd April	6:00pm	Solemnity of Saint George	Frank Creamer R.I.P.
Wednesday 24th April	1:00pm (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Funeral Mass	Margaret Telfer
Thursday 25th April	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Feast of Saint Mark	
Friday 26th April	11:00am	Funeral Mass	Shirley Kear
Saturday 27th April		Weekday of Easter	
Sunday 28th April	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Michael Finneran R.I.P. People of the Parishes Shirley Kear R.I.P.

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for all in Saint Ambrose and the Diocesan Curia and Services.

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 April 2024 is for the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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: As was announced recently, Pope Francis has appointed Canon Bosco MacDonald, currently Dean of Clifton Cathedral, as the tenth Bishop of Clifton, succeeding Bishop Declan, whose resignation he accepted due to his health. Bishop Declan has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator of our diocese until Canon Bosco is ordained bishop. The ordination will take place at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 8th May at 12:00 noon. Invitations are currently being issued.

Second Collection this weekend for the Clergy training Fund. We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Leaflets about the clergy training fund are available.

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 change of bishop). There will be a session for the candidates this Friday 26th April at 6:30pm in the parish hall followed by the rehearsal at 7:00pm in the church which parents and sponsors are welcome to attend.

Invited is a diocesan course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, which will take place in our parish hall beginning this Wednesday 24th April (7:00pm – 9:00pm) – the first session planned for 17th April was postponed due to illness. It will explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. This course is now free of charge. For more information please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/>.

Healing/Laying on of Hands Day at Prinknash Abbey Café Meeting Room next Saturday 27th April (11:00am – 4:00pm) featuring: conversion testimony from Gary Daly, healing team leader from Saint Peter's Cathedral, Belfast; laying on of hands; Adoration, Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Gerry Walsh; and Rosary/Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

Parish Spring Fayre on Saturday 11th May (9:30am – 1:00pm). All are welcome to come and enjoy the fayre which will include café and raffle.

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.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 from Friday 23rd August until Friday 30th August. There is still time to book and to join the Pilgrimage. The cost is £680 (single rooms) or £510 (shared rooms). Pilgrims need to arrange their own flights (information available on inquiry) and travel insurance. For more information please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/event/lourdes-pilgrimage/> or email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding: The Diocese Safeguarding team are currently looking for an individual to join the Safeguarding Committee and sit in on the Risk Allegation Review meetings. Suitable volunteers should have in-depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health/mental health. The role is voluntary and would require a commitment of one 2 hour meeting approximately five times per year for the Safeguarding Committee and also the Risk Allegation Review Meeting. The meetings can be attended in person or online and there will be some pre-reading prior to the meetings. If you are passionate about safeguarding and would like to volunteer your experience and services to the team, or would like to discuss the role further, please contact the Safeguarding Coordinator Janice Pearson (janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or 07887 990385).

We remember in our prayers Shirley Kear (Funeral Mass on Friday at 11:00am with her coffin being received into church on Thursday at 4:00pm), Margaret Telfer (Funeral Mass at the Annunciation, Woodchester on Wednesday at 1:00pm) and Mavis Carter (Funeral at the Annunciation, Woodchester on Monday 29th April at 11:00am) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.