



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday Cycle Year B, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 1

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
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.
Monday 29th April	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>) 11:00am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena Funeral Service	 Mavis Carter
Tuesday 30th April	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday of Easter	
Wednesday 1st May	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 2nd May	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Saint Athanasius	
Friday 3rd May	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Feast of Saints Philip and James	
Saturday 4th May		Feast of the English Martyrs	
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

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for all university, college and school chaplaincies 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 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.

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 episcopal ordination). All are welcome to this celebration.

Grandparents Group normally meets every 1st Wednesday of the month in the parish hall. Unfortunately there will not be a meeting in May. The next meeting should be 5th June at 2:00pm (Coffee/tea and biscuits from 1:30pm). Everyone is welcome to this group for the exchange of experience, prayers and readings.

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 continues this Wednesday (7:00pm – 9:00pm). It is exploring a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. This course is free of charge. Visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/> for more information.

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 next 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 next Sunday.

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.

Missio/Mill Hill Red Box: In 2023, our parish raised £2818.88 through our red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. This was an increase of over twenty percent on 2022. Well done and thank you to all those who contributed. Our missionary community here in Stroud is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Our support of projects such as that run by Father Ignatius, a Mill Hill Missionary, working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Mass and improve the lives of the whole community. Please visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about how our support changes lives for the better, and/or read the spring addition of **Mission Today** which is available at the back of the church. If anyone would like their red box emptied, then please hand it to one of the welcomers before or after Mass (please ensure that your name is written on the label underneath the box).

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.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024.

Newman Association talk on 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 Mavis Carter (Funeral Service at the Annunciation, Woodchester on Monday at 11:00am) and Bruno & Sergio Caldarone (Funeral Service on Monday 13th May at 11:00am) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.