



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Easter Octave

Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 1

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Saturday 19th April	9:00pm	Easter Vigil	People of the Parishes
Sunday 20th April	8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Easter Sunday	Special Intention Dave Willis R.I.P.
Monday 21st April	8:15am (<i>More Hall Convent</i>)	Octave of Easter	
Tuesday 22nd April	8:15am (<i>More Hall Convent</i>)	Octave of Easter	
Wednesday 23rd April	8:15am (<i>More Hall Convent</i>)	Octave of Easter	
Thursday 24th April	8:15am (<i>More Hall Convent</i>)	Octave of Easter	
Friday 25th April	8:15am (<i>More Hall Convent</i>)	Octave of Easter	
Saturday 26th April		Octave of Easter	
Sunday 27th April	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Second Sunday of Easter	Michael Finneran R.I.P. People of the Parishes Jacob Wood 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 the parishes of: Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge; and Christ the King, Thornbury.

Holy Year – Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

May the grace of the Jubilee spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2025 is for the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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:

Jeanette Cass, Sam Kirby, Susan Squire, Mary Towell, Caroline Sellick, Naomi King, Maggie Ind, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Maria Capicotto, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, 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, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, 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.

Christ our Lord is Risen Today – Alleluia!

Easter Offering: As is customary the collection at the Easter Vigil and at the Masses on Easter Sunday is an offering to the Parish Priest. Collection envelopes are available for those who wish to use them. Collections at any Masses at More Hall and at Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownhill will be for their respective chaplains. The collections at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and the Annunciation, Woodchester will be given to Father Bill. Any offerings for Father Benedict (who will be celebrating Masses in Stonehouse and Woodchester for the next few weeks) should be placed in a clearly-labelled envelope.

Pastoral Area Website: A website for our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan has been launched. It will continue to be developed over the coming weeks and months. Please visit it at www.saintwulstan.org.uk.

Holy Year Pilgrimage: During this Jubilee Year one of our major Pastoral Area events is the **Saint Wulstan Southern Way Catholic Pilgrimage** from Thursday 22nd May until Wednesday 28th May. Perpetual pilgrims will walk 100 miles or so from Worcester (the titular city of Saint Wulstan's large diocese) to Bristol (where he persuaded slave traders of his time to cease). As well as the perpetual pilgrims we are all invited to: walk for some of the way; engage with Masses and other events each day along the route; and support the pilgrimage through prayer and other ways. For more information, including the stops within our pastoral area, and how we can be involved as a perpetual pilgrim (register by 27th April), independent day or half-day pilgrim (register by 11th May) or locally as we walk, talk, pray and celebrate, please visit <https://saintwulstan.org.uk/pilgrimage/>. There is an email address on that website for further information. It is due to pass through our three parishes on Sunday 25th May, with a stop at Our Lady and Saint Thérèse, Painswick, at 1:30pm, and Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse, from 5:00pm. There will also be morning prayer at Saint Joseph's on Monday 26th May at 8:30am.

Pilgrims of Hope: a Day of Reflection for the Jubilee Year: 'Come away and rest a while' (Mark 6:31) which was planned for Saturday 28th June (10:30am – 4:00pm) at Saint Rose's School has been postponed, probably until the Autumn.

Cafod: Many thanks for Lenten contributions. Anyone who has a collecting box, please return it to church so that we can send the money as soon as possible.

Myanmar/Thailand: We continue to pray for the situation in Myanmar and Thailand. Donations for the DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal can be made via Cafod at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal>.

Spring Fayre on Saturday 31st May. We are looking for a new volunteer to coordinate the Spring Fair this year. This is an opportunity for a new coordinator with fresh ideas to work with our existing team to lead this fun Saturday morning fundraising event. The previous coordinator will give help and support. To discuss this, and for further details, please contact Annie MacCallum via the parish office.

Laudato Si – 'Clifton Diocese in person Encounter' with Bishop Bosco as chief celebrant at Saint Bonaventure's, Bristol on Saturday 31st May at 11:00am

More Hall Residential Care Home has vacancies at present for those requiring care. As we know it is a small care home, run by the Grace and Compassion Benedictine Sisters, together with lay staff. They welcome permanent residents and respite care. For more information please contact Sister Elsy by telephone (01453 764486), email (moorehallconvent@gmail.com), or post (More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud GL6 6EP).

We remember in our prayers George McLaughlin (Funeral Mass on Monday 28th April at 11:00am) and John Hyland (Funeral Mass on Thursday 8th May) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.

Regina Caeli: During Eastertide we generally use the Regina Caeli instead of the Angelus:

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!*

*℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
℟. For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!*

Let us pray.

God our Father, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.