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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 'LOW SUNDAY'



TOUCHING THE WOUNDS

Why was the Risen Jesus scarred by the wounds of crucifixion and death? Surely they should have been healed? Obliterated?

It was not simply so that the disciples could be sure it was really Him, really alive! Resurrection does not obliterate death - it transforms it: for Jesus and for us. Healing is about growing through our woundedness to a new wholeness, not removing the wounds. For our wounds are the privileged meeting places with the divine, transforming Love. Our wounds become the place of growth, of new becoming and new beginning. We become whom we truly are through our wounds as touched by Love they become well-springs of healing and wholeness - source of our resurrection and new life.

And Thomas the doubting Apostle must touch the wounds - not only so that he will believe at last, but so that the Church formed upon the foundation stones of the witness of the Apostles, will know that it must always touch the wounds of humanity, the scars of the world, the cries and tears of the Earth, if we are to know the Risen Jesus and become part of His Rising in today's world. With love and courage to be Jesus touching the wounds!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Child Baptisms at 10.00am
Senior Citizens Mass at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Reformer, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe*
Adoration at 8.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 9.00am,

TUESDAY: *Feast of St George, Martyr, Patron of England (died c 303)*
Adoration at 5.30pm *Evening Service of Word and Communion* at 6.00pm
followed by Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Joseph the Worker - Day of Prayer for Justice in the workplace*
Adoration at 6.30pm *Evening Service of Word and Communion* at 7.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (c296-373)***
 Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles***
Adoration at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***No Liturgy today as we welcome the Ethiopian Orthodox Bishop who celebrates Eucharist with our Ethiopian community***

Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am
Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: ***Feast of the English Martyrs (125 martyrs of 16 & 17th centuries) Bank Holiday***
Adoration at 9.15am *Morning Prayer* at 9.45am **Mass** at 10.00am

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm,

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.30pm **Mass** at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: **Mass** at 12 noon, *followed by Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***PRAYER DAY WITH MARY, DISCIPLE AND PROPHET***
Morning Prayer at 10.00am **Mass** at 12 noon *Concluding Prayer* at 4.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

28th April [1] 'Low Sunday', the Octave Day of Easter: we celebrate the wonder of this Feast of Feasts throughout the week. In the early Church this was the only other day that Baptism was celebrated - an overflow if there were too many to be baptised during the Vigil itself. So we have the joy of once more celebrating baptism with a number of our children and their families. Please pray for all baptised during this Easter Week.

[2] The Word of God speaks to us of that first Christian Community in Jerusalem that was so close and loving that its life together that 'great signs and wonders were worked among them' and healing flowed from them into their city. They witnessed to the Risen Lord, the source of New Life! They were a community overflowing with healing and life empowering the witness of Peter and the other Apostles. The conversion of St Thomas from his doubt to profound faith came about because he returned to the Community of the Resurrection and discovered Jesus alive in the midst of them! Does this describe our parish, our Church?

[3] We celebrate a special **Easter Mass with our Senior Citizens at 3.00pm - including the Sacrament of Anointing for Healing.** Followed by refreshments - all are welcome.

5th May [1] With the **Third Sunday of Easter** we experience the Risen Christ who continues to entrust the Gospel and the Mission of the Kingdom to us despite our every betrayal and weakness. Jesus gazes through the flames of the charcoal fire by the lakeside into the eyes of Peter and forgives him his threefold denial -and more than that he summons him to allow that experience of his weakness to deepen his love for the Lord. The Church has only one purpose: to be a Sacrament of God's Loving in the midst of the world. Nothing other!

[2] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all are welcome

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Peter's, Gloucester served by Mgr Canon Liam Slattery VG, Deacons Col Robinson, Tim Meadows, David Hebbes, Parish Administrator Mrs Therese English and all their community.

WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16 / Psalm 117 / Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 / John 20: 19-31
Monday Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31 / Psalm 2 / John 3: 1-8
Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-37 / Psalm 91 / John 3: 7-15
Wednesday Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26 / Psalm 33 / John 3: 16-21
Thursday Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-33 / Psalm 33 / John 3: 31-36
Friday Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42 / Psalm 26 / John 6: 1-15
Saturday Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7 / Psalm 32 / John 6:16-21

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40-41 / Psalm 29 / Apocalypse 5: 11-14 / John 21: 1-19
Monday Acts of the Apostles 6: 8-15 / Psalm 118 / John 6: 22-29
Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 7: 51-8: 1 / Psalm 30 / John 6: 30-35
Wednesday Acts of the Apostles 8: 1-8 / Psalm 65 / John 6: 35-40
Thursday Acts of the Apostles 8: 26-40 / Psalm 65 / John 6: 44-51
Friday Acts of the Apostles 9: 1-20 / Psalm 116 / John 6: 52-59
Saturday Acts of the Apostles 9: 31-42 / Psalm 115 / John 6:60-69

COLLECTIONS

EASTER OFFERINGS total: £1271.92 (many thanks for your generosity)

Env £ + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ .31 - **thank you!**

CAFOD £110.00 One World Schools £269.28 Christians of the Middle East £227.46

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

28th April Senior Citizens Mass with Sacrament of Anointing at 3.00pm
 4th May Borderlands Fundraising Organ Concert at Clifton Cathedral at 7.30pm
 10th May Borderlands Trustees Vision Day
 11th May A Day of Prayer with Mary, Mother of the Poor 10am to 4pm St Nicks
 18th May Ethiopian Orthodox Community celebrate Patronal Feastday (in Church)
 19th May LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm
 25th May A Retreat Day led by Little Sisters of Jesus on charism of Bl. Charles de Foucauld
 30th May **Feast of the Ascension - Holy Day of Obligation**
 6th June National Meeting of Catholic Migrant Officers (Birmingham)
 8th June Borderlands Trustees meeting 11am-4pm
 8th June **Vigil Mass of Pentecost** at 8.00pm
 9th June **FEAST OF PENTECOST**
 11th June All Bristol Deaneries Meeting
 16th June **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday**
 16th June LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm
 23rd June **Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday**
 3rd June Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm
 28th June **Feast of the Sacred Heart**
 30th June Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

BORDERLANDS FUNDRAISING ORGAN CONCERT - Saturday May 4th at 7.30pm

Our Borderlands Charity is holding a spring fundraising concert in Clifton Cathedral. Accomplished Organist Joachim Schwander will be leading us on an exciting journey, with a recital titled 'From the Bachs to the Archers'. This is a fundraising concert to raise money for our projects supporting asylum seekers and refugees. You can find out more about these

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here: <https://www.borderlands.uk.com/> Entrance is free, however, we will be asking for a donation on the door as this is a fundraising event. The event is free for Borderlands asylum seeker and refugee members. Please use this weblink if you intend to come, to give organisers some idea of numbers - thank you! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/borderlands-fundraising-concert-with-joachim-schwander-tickets-59373001245>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Mary, Mother of God, invites you to come on pilgrimage to the shrine of Lourdes in France for a week of prayer, friendship, fun and community. **August 23rd to 30th.** For further information, tel: 01179025590 or email: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com Pilgrimage Director Deacon Paul Thompson, led by Bp Declan

MARY: DISCIPLE AND PROPHET As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer, we will hold a special Day of Prayer and Reflection on Mary, Disciple and Prophet on **Saturday 11th May**. Led by Fr Richard we will begin with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, and include teaching on the Mary we find in the Scriptures, the Rosary, Adoration and Midday Mass with Anointing for Healing. The Day will conclude at 4.00pm. Please bring food to share for lunch together. Please invite friends to this Day with Mary.

LITTLE SISTERS OF JESUS LEAD PRAYER DAY INSPIRED BY BL CHARLES DE FOUCAULD Another initiative as part of our Year of Prayer and our 170 Anniversary Year as a parish: on **Saturday 25th May** the **Little Sisters of Jesus** will lead us in a day of reflection upon the life, charism and witness of Bl little brother Charles de Foucauld. He lived his life among the most abandoned of peoples in the heart of the Sahara Desert, gave his life in love for Christ and the Muslim Toureg people among whom he lived and prayed. He spent hours each day in Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and never closed his door to the needs of the poor around him. His story has long inspired me personally in my life, prayer and ministry. The Day will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 4.00pm and will include a presentation of his life, teaching about his charism, time of Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and Mass - bring food to share for lunch.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP I would like to encourage regular participation in this group so that we can deepen our love for and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. It would be ideal for all Lay Readers and Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders. In this Year 170 this would be an excellent way of sharing together and deepening our faith, rooted in the Bible. In the Diocesan Year of Prayer - come and discover the Bible as our first and greatest 'prayer book'! Every Tuesday after 6.00pm Mass.

MONTHLY DAY OF ADORATION It is a very special grace for our parish community, empowering our mission, that we can hold these 'Days of Adoration'. Thank you to all who are able to commit themselves 'to watch one hour' with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. We need two people for each hour of Adoration through the day. Of course all are invited to come for the quiet prayer of Adoration any time 10am to 4.00pm - to the silence of God's loving! **Next Day of Adoration is Mon 13th May (first Monday is May Bank Holiday)**

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 12th May - Day of Prayer for Vocations We are asked to pray for a deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and serve the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace; each of us is called to care for our environment and seek to heal the abuse of our good Earth so that future generations will be able to thrive on this planet. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are necessary to the mission of God's Church. We seek especially to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate, preparing for a future without a resident priest. **Sunday 12th May**. Pray also for new forms of ordained ministry!

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