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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### **RESURRECTION AND LIFE!**

When Jesus called his first disciples, He said, 'Come and see' - see my life and discover new Life! Now shortly before His Passion, the people say to Jesus, 'Come and See' - not just the tomb of Lazarus, but come and see your coming death, by which we will receive your New Life!

Jesus wept at the grave, wept for the death of his friend, wept with Martha and Mary in their bereavement - and also wept for His own coming suffering and death. We need the courage to help those we love who are dying to weep, to grieve, for their own deaths. Help speak of death for that will help them come to live their death well, to welcome 'sister death' with faith and courage, knowing death is the friend who ushers us into the fulness of our life and the final liberation of our love.

Already we live the Resurrection and the Life, already we have 'died with Christ that we might rise with Him'. That is why we can live with the Holy Spirit's courage, and die with the same courage and tranquillity. Let us 'come and see' behold the Cross and the Tomb that holds the beloved and gaze into the mystery of our eternity, our Life!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen 10.00am

*Stations of the Cross at 1.00pm - prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery*

*Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome*

**MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

**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

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**FRIDAY:**        **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE**  
*Adoration* at 8.15am    *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am    **Mass** at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:**    *Adoration* at 11.30am    **Mass** at 12 noon  
    **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

**TODAY**        [1] With the **Fifth Sunday of Lent** we celebrate Jesus the Resurrection and the Life - the One who raises us to a New Life, a New Creation. He calls Lazarus by name - into life once more. As Lazarus comes back to life, Jesus turns to His disciples and says 'Unbind him, set him free!' The call of the Church to be Christ's liberating love, unbinding the wounds that limit our humanity, imprison our love! 'Yes Lord I believe!'

[2] We celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen**, welcoming our children to be baptised at Easter and their families. Some will be baptised on Easter Sunday morning Mass and others on the following Sunday (known as 'Low Sunday' - the Octave Day of Easter. Please pray!

[3] **Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 1.00pm for the victims of Human Trafficking and modern slavery.

[4] We have our second **Retiring Collection for the victims of the Cyclone in Southern Africa** - please be as generous as you can - thank you!

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] Next Sunday sees the beginning of our Holy Week Journey with our celebration of the **Procession of Palms and Passion Sunday**. Mass will begin (weather permitting) at the School at 10.00am then processing with blessed Palms to the Church for the Passion Sunday Eucharist.

[2] **Mass for the Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm

[3] **Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 1.15pm for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, with St Mary's, Cricklade served by Fr Michel Robertson and all both communities.

#### **WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 43: 16-21 / Psalm 125 / Philippians 3: 8-14 / John 8: 1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Psalm 22 / John 8: 12-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Number 21: 4-9 / Psalm 101 / John 8: 21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Daniel 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28 / Responsorial Daniel: 3: 52-56 / John 8: 31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 17: 3-9 / Psalm 104 / John 8: 51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jeremiah 20: 10-13 / Psalm 17 / John 10: 31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ezekiel 37: 21-28 / Responsorial Jeremiah 31: 10-13 / John 11:45-56

#### **COLLECTIONS**

Env £ 107.28+ Loose £196.45 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £394.31 - **thank you!**

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY** £311.22    **Project 170** £30.00

**Covenant with the Poor** £100.58 - many thanks

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019**

7th April	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass
12th April	Second Baptismal Parents Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
14th April	<b>PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b> <b>Mass begins at School with Procession of the Palms at 10.00am</b>
17th April	Mass of the Chrism at 11.00am (Clifton Cathedral)
18th April	<b>HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm</b> <b>followed by Watching until midnight</b>
19th April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - United Open Air Stations of the Cross at 11.00am</b>

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- Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm  
- Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.00pm
- 20th April **HOLY SATURDAY** Great Easter Vigil at 9.00pm  
 21st April **EASTER SUNDAY** Solemn Mass of Easter at 10.00am  
 24th April Eucharist Programme resumes (with Parents meeting) 4pm at Assisi Centre  
 24th April Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)  
 25th April Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.00pm  
 28th April Senior Citizens Mass with Sacrament of Anointing at 3.00pm  
 4th May Borderlands Fundraising Organ Concert at Clifton Cathedral at 7.30pm  
 11th May A Day of Prayer with Mary, Mother of the Poor 10am to 4pm St Nicks  
 25th May A Retreat Day led by Little Sisters of Jesus on charism of Bl. Charles de Foucauld

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE** Pope Francis has called all members of the Church to pray for all victims and survivors of abuse - especially of the abuse perpetrated by clergy and religious and all who have covered up these crimes and sins. *The Bishops of England and Wales have designated the Sixth Friday of Lent as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse - that is next Friday 12th April. 9.00am Mass and Morning Prayer will be offered for that intention*, so I hope many will try to come and share in this Day of prayer - if you are unable, please pray for this intention in your own homes. **We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday (at 1.15pm) for this intention.**

**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 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>

**CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** So far we have at least 12 young people seeking Confirmation (*are there adults who have not yet been confirmed? - if so please contact Richard or Mary*) so we will invite the Bishop to come and celebrate this important Sacrament of Empowerment in the Holy Spirit with us here at St Nicks. Any young people over 13 years and any adults not yet confirmed - please contact Richard or Mary Hopper as soon as possible - thank you!

**PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION EASTER 2019** Parents seeking the baptism of their children this Easter are asked to inform Eustace and Shella Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism celebration:  
**BAPTISMS EASTER SUNDAY 21st April & LOW SUNDAY 28th April** at 10am Mass  
**Second Parents Preparation Session on Friday 12th April** at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)  
*(NB This years other Baptismal Sundays are: 16th June (Feast of the Holy Trinity); 25th August (August Bank Holiday); 24th November (Feast of Christ the King))*

**WHAT TO DO IN LENT?** Stations of the Cross at 1.00pm on Sundays; An extra weekday Mass each week; Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist before or after Mass each day; Bible Alive to guide your prayer and Bible study; Volunteer to help others - at the Wild Goose (deep clean?), Borderlands, Children's Liturgy, Catechesis etc; Special effort for CAFOD ... but above all, Prayer, Love, Bring another to Christ and His Church, Give to the Poor, work for Justice, Care for the Planet!

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**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@cliftdioocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftdioocese.com) Pilgrimage Director Deacon Paul Thompson, led by Bp Declan

**DAY WITH MARY, MOTHER OF THE POOR, PROPHET OF JUSTICE** As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer, we will hold a special **Day of Prayer with Mary on Saturday 11th May**, beginning with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, teaching on the Mary we find in the Scriptures, the Rosary, Adoration and Mass with Anointing for Healing. The Day will conclude at 4.00pm. Bring food to share for lunch together.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK** Will parents of all Altar Servers please ensure their sons and daughters arrive on time for each practice - thank you!  
**Saturday 13th April at 10am for Palm Sunday**  
**Thursday 18th April at 10am for Holy Thursday**  
**Friday 19th April at 10am for Good Friday**  
**Saturday 20th April at 10.30am for Easter Vigil**

**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.

**BOOK KEEPER FOR ST JAMES PRIORY PROJECT CHARITY**

The applicant should be enthusiastic, self motivated & hardworking. Qualification and experience in finance is essential. This is an important position in the organisation and will involve a wide variety of financial tasks. Please phone 0117 9299100 for more information or send a CV to [info@stjamespriory.org.uk](mailto:info@stjamespriory.org.uk) [www.stjamespriory.org.uk](http://www.stjamespriory.org.uk)

**YEAR OF LUKE - YEAR OF PRAYER** Last year we marked the 'Year of Mission' by preparing for two new missions in our parish community - combatting Trafficking and Modern Slavery, and a ministry to the Catholic LGBT+ community. Both were launched earlier this year. We are listening to Luke's Gospel and one of his many themes is prayer. His Gospel begins with the people of Israel at prayer at the Temple as John the Baptist's birth is announced to Zechariah the priest; his Gospel ends with the New Israel, the disciples of Jesus praising God at Jesus's Ascension (our birth into eternal life) and gathering in the upper Room waiting for 'power from on high' - the Holy Spirit. If we are to fulfil the challenges of Mission, we are called to be a people of prayer, open to the Spirit, whose gifts and charisms will empower the Mission of Unconditional Love which Jesus entrusts to us: Come, Spirit!

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