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SECOND & THIRD SUNDAYS OF EASTER



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 of 2nd Easter at 10am (*live on Parish Website*)

Mass with the LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *Feast of St Mark, Evangelist*

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

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WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm**
(*live streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon**

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Dominican, Patron of Europe, Peace Maker (1347-80)***
Adoration at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *LIFE RESTORED - TRUST RESTORED!*

Jesus is 'the Life' - He is the source of all life at Creation and He is the One whose tomb becomes the womb of a New Humanity, a New Creation. He the Life was betrayed and denied by His chosen friends and intimates, the Apostles. Now, risen from the dead, He comes to meet them by the familiar lake of past encounters.

The fishermen who failed Him are entrusted once again with the sacred vocation to be 'fishers of humanity'; Peter who denied Him is entrusted afresh with the sacred ministry of shepherding and leading the flock of Christ. With bread and fish and a charcoal fire He heals the wounds of their cowardice and denials, restoring their lives with Resurrection fullness and renewing their call to evangelise, shepherd and lead.

Bread and Fish - go be a Eucharistic people feeding the world both with Bread from Heaven and the bread of justice; the flames of a charcoal fire that witnessed denials becomes the fire of the Spirit empowering a New Mission, a new World!

SUNDAY **PARISH CELEBRATION of 3rd Easter at 10am** (*live on Parish Website*)

MONDAY: ***Feast of St Athanasius, Bishop and Theologian (296-373)***
Adoration at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

TUESDAY: ***Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles***
Adoration at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm**

WEDNESDAY: ***Feast of English Martyrs***
Adoration at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm**
(*live streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon**

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

24/04/2022 [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. 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?

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[2] **Mass with the LBGTO+ community and friends at 3.00pm.** As I am leaving for some holiday Fr Liam (a friend of John Flannery) has kindly agreed to preside at this Mass. All are welcome to attend this mass, of course!

1/05/2022: [1] On the **Third Sunday of Easter** we celebrate the Risen Jesus who forgives and heals the denials and betrayals of Peter and the Twelve Apostles, re-affirming them in the Mission He entrusts to them. He heals and forgives us to when we also fail to live up to our Baptismal Calling, fail to communities of witness, love and healing in the midst of the world and its many needs and challenges.

[2] **Sunday Celebration with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome!

DIOCESAN PRAYER 24/04/2022 The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary-on-the-Quay with St James Priory, Bristol, served by Fr Pat Hogan SVD, Fr Paul SVD, and all their community.

1/05/2022 The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette, Kingswood, St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul, Yate, served by Canon Frank Bermingham, Fr James Williams, Deacons Mike Belt, John Scanlon, Vincent Calder, Parish Administrators Bernadette Thompson, Maria Fernandez, and all their communities

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION 24/04/2022 Pray God's Blessing for **Ministry of Healing Prayer** led by Richard McKay and Mary Hopper - teams have been trained to pray healing at healing services and on request. Healing was such a prominent part of Jesus ministry, expressing the God who breaks into our deepest areas of need with a love that heals. Pre-Covid we had regular healing masses with opportunities for individual prayer, and this resumes with Covid threat receding. We wish to recruit new members to our Healing team - please see Mary Hopper or Richard if you feel called to learn more about this ministry.

1/05/2022 Pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist** who assist with the distribution of Communion at Mass, lead services of Word and Communion in the absence of a priest, enable Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and take the Body of Christ to our housebound and elderly. In these ways they serve the prayer and worship of our parish community and extend the effectiveness of our ministry to the isolated by sickness

THANK YOU For many kind cards and Easter greetings and for your generosity in the Easter Offerings which contribute the annual 'salary' or 'stipend' of your parish priest.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK - Easter Offerings:

Env £1071.72+ Loose £ + Card Reader £88.47 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £1271.24 - thanks!
Holy Thursday (Caritas) £348.43 **Good Friday (Holy Places)** £203.04 - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th April	LBGT+ Ministry and Mass at 3.00pm
28th April	School Easter Service of Word & Communion at 9.30am (Church)
7th May	Ethiopian Orthodox Mass at St Nicks
19th May	Eucharist Programme resumes (with Parents meeting) 4pm at Assisi Centre
20th May	Journey of Faith resumes at 6.00pm (Assisi Centre)
22nd May	Anglican Ordinand (James Manning) begins placement at St Nicks
24th May	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
25th May	Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.30pm
26th May	FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (Holy Day of Obligation)
29th May	Memorial Mass for Faustina Ogbu at 10.00am
4th June	Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

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5th June	FEAST OF PENTECOST - 'COME HOLY SPIRIT'
5th June	United Picnic in the Park (Mina Road Park) celebrating Pentecost 1.00-3.00pm
5th June	Bristol wide Churches gather on College Green to witness to Pentecost 7-8pm
12th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
19th June	Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) with Procession
2nd July	Mass Celebrating Marriage with Bp Declan in Clifton Cathedral at 12noon
5th July	Newly-elected Parish pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
10th July	First Eucharist Sunday at 10.00am Mass
15-17th July	National Quest Conference in Bristol
20th July	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meets Parkway Methodist 12.30pm

JOURNEY OF FAITH The Journey of Faith Group resumes to meet on Friday May 20th at 6.00pm.

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!

We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. *If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.*

LGBT+ MINISTRY John Flannery writes: It is clear from the parish Synod Report that the Clifton diocese LGBT+ ministry hosted by St Nick's has many friends and allies within the parish. If you would like to be kept informed about our activities, and news and events from the wider LGBT+ Catholic world, please consider subscribing to our monthly e-mail news and update. Simply send a message with 'subscribe' as the subject to: inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com Your data will not be shared & you can unsubscribe at any time.

BRISTOL NOISE Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May Bristol Noise is a Christina organisation enabling the people of the churches of Bristol to organise practical projects and free community events over this weekend. From open-air fun events to litter picking and gardening for elderly people, you can volunteer and get involved in 'showing God's love in practical ways'. To sign up as a volunteer (fee of £5 per person), go to: www.thenoise.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: [1] To help Carol Strainge with re-opening and running our 'Repository Shop' in the Parish Hall during refreshments after Mass on Sundays. It will involve setting up, ordering items, occasional stock-taking etc. For information please contact Richard and Carol as soon as possible

[2] We are looking to recruit a Parish Treasurer - someone who has accountancy skills, chair our Finance Committee and oversee the parish accounts, annual Financial Return and help set the annual Budget. Please contact Richard as soon as possible.

ELECTIONS TO OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Because of Covid Restrictions these have been delayed, but it is now time to conduct Elections to our Parish Pastoral Council. As we seek to embed the process of Synod (listening and walking together as Church, discerning what the Spirit is saying to us), the servant leadership of the members of the PPC is crucial. We are moving to an increasingly lay-led parish served by a non-resident priest (likely to be Richard after his 'semi-retirement' in 2-3 years time). The role of the PPC becomes crucially important, giving leadership, ensuring Pastoral Care and Mission outreach, and enabling the liturgical and spiritual life of the parish. Those nominated for election to the PPC need to have commitment to this vision and capacity to foster it. More details to come!

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