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FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT YEAR A - CAFOD Myanmar Appeal



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: Mass at 10.00am (live-streamed) STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 12.30pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30 am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Stanislaus, Polish Bishop & Martyr (1036-1079)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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SATURDAY: We Dare to Hope Session Four 10.am to 11.30am**Adoration** at 11.30 **Mass** at 12.00 noon**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 4.00pm only

TODAY [1] With the **Fifth Sunday of Lent** we celebrate Jesus who is Master even of death - for He brings the His friend, Lazarus, back from the dead. He shares the tears and gives hope that death will be vanquished forever. And He says to us His Church, His Body - 'now you unbind him, let him go free'. We too are to challenge the culture of death and in His Name and His Love always give life!

[2] **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at (approx) 12.15pm** - after a break after Mass for refreshments let us make this Lenten Pilgrimage, our journeying with Jesus the Way of the Cross in our contemporary world - holding our suffering world. This week's Stations will be offered for the sick, all Health care workers, especially those working in war zones (eg 'Medecins sans Frontiere') and developing countries.

[3] The Vatican is holding a special **Jubilee Year event for all Health Care workers and the sick**. We will mark this during the Mass by praying for and with all Health Care workers, especially those present at our 10.00am Mass.

[4] **CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal - URGENT RETIRING COLLECTION**

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NEXT SUNDAY [1] **HOLY WEEK BEGINS** with our celebration of **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C**. We will gather at the school for the Blessing and ~procession of Palms as a liturgical 're-enactment' of the people welcoming their messiah into Jerusalem. We welcome Him into our hearts and into our parish community as our Servant King. As we enter our church with joy the mood changes as the Gospel of the Passion of Christ (according to Luke) is proclaimed. He is truly our Suffering Servant King and we are His disciples: will we serve whatever the cost?

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary , Swindon, served by Canon Michael McAndrew, Fr John Salter and Deacons Elias Fernandes, Terry Aspell and Paul Thompson, Parish Administrator Deacon Elias Fernandes, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the **Lay Ministry of the Eucharist**. Our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist enable us to receive the Precious Blood of the Lord each Sunday Mass and lead Services of Word and Communion when Richard is away. This nurtures the prayer and worship life of the community especially when a priest is not available. Lay Ministers of the Eucharist also ensure that all our housebound and long-term sick can receive the Healing Christ of the Eucharist in their own homes on a weekly

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basis. We are needing to train and commission a few more lay ministers (especially those with transport willing to take Communion to the housebound) to continue this invaluable ministry which touches the praying and sacramental heart of the parish.

COLLECTIONS

G.A.Env: £16.00 + Loose £116.58 + Card Reader £147.47 +S.O. £165.88 = £445.93

CAFOD £20.00 Priests' retirement fund: £60.60 many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th April Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass

10th April Area Diocesan Service of Reconciliation at St Francis Nailsea 7pm

11th April Pre-Baptismal Course Session Two for Parents at 6.30pm (Assisi Ctre)

12th April 'We Dare to Hope' Session Four 10.00-11.30am - all invited

13th April **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

Blessing & Procession of Palms and Mass begins in the school at 10am

16th April Mass of the Chrism at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am - all invited

17th April **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Tenebrae Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm followed by Watching until

midnight

18th April **GOOD FRIDAY** Tenebrae Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Open-Air Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 11.00am

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION at 3.00pm

19th April **HOLY SATURDAY** - Tenebrae Morning Prayer at 9.30am

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL at 9.00pm

20th April **EASTER SUNDAY - THE LORD IS RISEN ALLELUIA!**

SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER at 10.00am

1-2nd May National Jubilee Icon of Hope here at St Nicks

3rd May 'Encounter 2025' Launch at Clifton Cathedral 9.30am-4.00pm

4th May Family Fun Day at Emmaus House, Whitchurch 1.00-4.00pm

17th May Celebration of Marriage and family Life Mass 12 noon at Cathedral

18th May **First Eucharist Sunday at 10.00am**

VISIT OF NATIONAL JUBILEE ICON OF HOPE TO ST NICKS In order to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, an icon was commissioned from artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Ethiopia was chosen because of the strong tradition of iconography within the country and to demonstrate that this is a global Jubilee. The Icon is touring our dioceses in England and Wales and will be in Clifton between 28th April-9th May. We are privileged here at St Nicks to host this Jubilee Icon on Thursday and Friday 1st-2nd May and there will be a special Jubilee Mass of Hope on both days, together with times of prayer to be announced.

AREA HOUSE MASS To gather parish members dispersed around Bristol, to bring the Eucharist to the community and to build small local communities, we are holding regular Area Masses, After such Masses we have simple refreshments - tea/coffee, biscuits (may be cake), but no more. Please contact Richard if you will host a Mass. **Any Volunteers for the next few Area Masses ? Please contact Richard**

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP We meet on **Thursdays at 5.30-6.30pm**: come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers Ministers of the

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Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) for the Zoom link.

LENT - A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND REPENTANCE

Services of Reconciliation with Bishop Bosco around the diocese It is an ancient custom for a Bishop to celebrate Liturgy in different parts of his Diocese during Lent - sometimes called 'Lenten Station Liturgies'. Bishop Bosco will preside at the **Service of Reconciliation for our area on Thursday April 10th at St Francis of Assisi Church, Ash Hayes Road, Nailsea, BS48 2LP** - all encouraged to attend. Other Services around the diocese can be found on the poster in the porch.

LENTEN-EASTER COURSE - A JOURNEY OF HOPE

We are 'Pilgrims of Hope' as we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis for the whole Church. Our diocese has encouraged us to use '**We dare to Hope**' - a resource for faith-sharing groups on the Jubilee theme of Hope. Lent is a time to reflect more, prayer more, and do more so that the Gospel can renew our lives in Christ. There will be a '**We Dare to Hope**' Course **10am to 11.30am, followed by Mass at 12 noon on Saturday mornings 12th & 26th April.**

CAFOD-ROMERO TRUST PILGRIMAGE TO EL SALVADOR

This year marks the 45th Anniversary of the assassination of St Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, while he was celebrating Mass. A Martyr for Justice! There is a **Pilgrimage to El Salvador organised by CAFOD/Romero Trust from November 10-20th 2025.** Richard will be going on this Pilgrimage. The cost including all flights will be approximately £2,300. If anyone is interested in participating, I can give more information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

August 22nd to 29th The healing shrine of Mary under the title of 'The immaculate Conception'. Mary appeared to a young sick child called Bernadette in one of the poorest parts of France - a frontier village in the Pyrenees. Since then countless millions of pilgrims have flocked there, often bringing sickness, depression and profound burdens - finding peace and strength and often physical and emotional healing. For further details please go the diocesan website to find **LOURDES/CLIFTON DIOCESE**

MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Bosco invites all families to come and share this mass on Saturday 17th May at 12noon. All celebrating particular Wedding Anniversaries are especially invited - please let Richard or the Parish Office know if you are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or even 60th anniversaries and if you let us have your address you will receive a individual invitation to the Mass.

ENCOUNTER 2025

is a diocesan wide programme to equip and empower people to share their faith and be renewed in heart and mind. The first step is to deepen our understanding of the Holy Spirit and cultivate a closer, more intimate relationship with God - this is at the heart of what we hope to achieve between Easter and Pentecost. The programme will officially begin on Saturday, 3rd May, with a launch event at the Cathedral, open to all ages. There will be children's streams, ensuring families can fully participate in this exciting journey together. Weekly sessions will follow on Wednesday evenings, live-streamed from the Cathedral, enabling everyone across the Diocese to join in, wherever they are.

These will be recorded and available to view at a later date.

For more information: email pentecost@cliffondiocese.com

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