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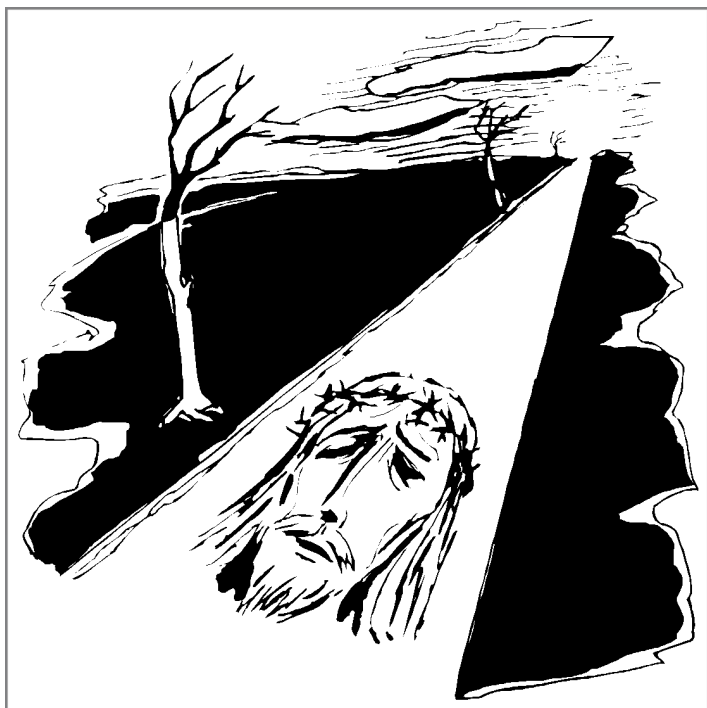
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



JESUS - WAY OF THE SPIRIT!

Jesus is not a belief - nor a morality: Jesus is the divinely human, and humanly divine person with whom we walk through life, through the world. In Jesus we find ourselves; in Jesus we find the Truth that liberates and the Love that heals; in Jesus we find the reason for waking, for walking, for beginning afresh after every fall or failure.

With the Spirit of Jesus at the very core of our being, we are in Him who is the Way, and He is in us who become part of His Way. To walk with Him, in Him and for Him is to walk with each other, to walk with the poor and broken, to walk pathways of peace through every conflict. To walk in Him and He in us then it is the walk of love shared as companions (which means 'sharers of bread'). To walk in Him, I do not need to know the direction and goal - only know that He is Truth to die for, Life to live for, Love eternal!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

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

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Feast of the English & Welsh Martyrs (16-17th centuries)

Adoration 11.30am Mass 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12noon

SATURDAY: Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] The **Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A** celebrates Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, whose sacrifice on the Cross and victory over sin and death in the Resurrection has brought us home to the Father. He is the 'living stone' the 'cornerstone' the 'keystone'. He gives us Life and calls us to align ourselves with Him, building the Church as the Sacrament of God's love and Peace.

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

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A** we celebrate Jesus who promises to send us that 'other Advocate', the Holy Spirit. He left us physically only to be with us more profoundly, dwelling in the core of our being though the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts. We are filled with Life overflowing and love never ending.

[2] We mark the **Annual Day of Prayer for Victims/Survivors of Abuse** - of abuse of every kind. We are asked to prayer today especially for all who have or are suffering domestic abuse. Every form of abuse is contrary to everything Jesus has taught us and must find no place in the Church and the heart of Christians. This inhumanity must be eradicated both in the Church and every culture and society.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of Altar Serving**. We rejoice in our excellent team of Altar Servers who enable and enhance our Sunday Liturgy. They work so well together they are an example to all our parish of great team work. We wish to train new altar servers (boys and girls of any age after they have celebrated their First Eucharist) on a Saturday - the precise date and time to be confirmed. Please see Richard or Mary.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in communion for mission of The Immaculate Conception, with Our Lady & St Therese, Painswick, Brownhill and More Hall, served by Fr Eugene Campbell, Deacon Stephen Bentley, Parish Administrator Marilynne Morgan and all their communities.

COLLECTIONS **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION**
19/4/26 GA: £10.00 + Loose £219.50 + Card Reader £299.85 + S.O. £206.35 = £735.70
26/4/26 GA: £24.00 + Loose £149.08 + Card Reader £98.35 + S.O. £206.35 = £477.78
Caritas £80 **CAFOD** £20.00 **Clergy Training Fund** £47.60 **Zimbabwean** Mass £103.85

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD Thank you for your generous support this Lent and Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have missionary shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th May Clergy and PSR's Safeguarding Training 9.30am to 3.00pm

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8th May	First Parents baptismal Preparation Session Assisi Centre 6.30pm
10th May	Annual Day of Prayer for Victims/Survivors of Abuse - 10am Mass
12th May	School Governors at 5.00pm
17th May	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass
22nd May	Second Parents baptismal Preparation Session Assisi Centre 6.30pm
24th May	FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME HOILY SPIRIT! RENEW US ALL
27th May	Parish Pastoral Council after 6.30pm Mass
31st May	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday (10am Mass)
4th June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
7th June	FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY & FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 10am Mass
4th July	Diocesan Celebration Day at Downside Abbey 10.00am - 4.30pm

MONTHLY YOUTH-LED MASS Thank you to our young people for leading the Mass last Sunday when our Bishop was with us - you were exceptional and we are so proud of you all. Next Youth-led Mass on Sunday 17th May.

AREA HOUSE MASSES 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

Neurodiversity and our Faith research The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you how to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. Info/surveys www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys

GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE LIFE AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH Our parish, together with nearly all churches and voluntary organisations around the country, has not yet recovered fully from the effects of the Covid Pandemic. A significant number of our community are not coming to Mass here for a variety of reasons. It is a joy to welcome new families and individuals who have found their way to St Nicks. However we need to draw more members into being part of the many ministries and tasks of the parish. **Whether it is the Welcoming Ministry, Church Cleaning, the Foodbank, Catechists, Parish Office Ministry too few are doing too much in support of the parish's life and mission.** We are all called by our baptism to serve, to sacrifice time and energy to build our parish community and support the Mission of Christ entrusted to us. However difficult, I do ask everyone to reflect whether you can give some time can be given to sustain the parish's life and mission.\

PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism course and celebration:

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 31st May at 10am Mass

Preparation Sessions: Friday 8th and 22nd May at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 17th May 10am Mass

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 21st ~ 28th AUGUST 2026

This Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald with the Catholic Association of Lourdes UK Including Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes–Lourdes–Pyrénées Airport, hotel transfers. Full pilgrimage programme, including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day,

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San-Pierre, Water Gesture, Station of the Cross...Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres (extra charge)

Please email lourdes@cliffondiocese.com to declare an interest

A DAY EXPLORING POPE LEO'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'DILEXI TE' – 'I have loved you'. Underpinned by Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and the teaching of his predecessors, Dilexi te focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special concern for those living in poverty. It affirms the ways in which the magisterium should inform our pastoral practice in accompanying the poor and vulnerable to serve the common good. In continuity with Pope Francis's final encyclical, Dilexit nos on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ, Pope Leo makes a clear link between this document and the new Exhortation:

"I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor," he writes in the opening paragraphs. "I too consider it essential to insist on this path. **A DIOCESAN DAY TO EXPLORE THIS KEY TEACHING SHAPING POPE LEO'S MISSION: MAY 30TH AT ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE 9-30 FOR 10.00AM START, CONCLUDING AT 4.00PM - I strongly recommend this to all who can attend.**

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED ALL THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR OUR SUNDAY MASS?

Would you like to help to prepare for our masses? We need someone (or a few people) who could come a bit earlier on a Sunday and learn where things are stored, what needs to be set out for mass, how to check on supplies and to do all the little jobs connected with the Sacristy. Might you be one of those people? Come and talk to Mary after Mass!

IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY MASS: FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES, SUNDAY WAS THE DAY THAT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD AND CELEBRATE JESUS CALL TO COMMUNITY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF WORK PREVENTS YOU FROM COMING TO OUR 10am MASS THERE ARE 3.00pm MASSES AVAILABLE TO YOU TWICE A MONTH - 1st and 3rd Sundays. IT IS SO IMPORTANT NOT TO MISS SUNDAY MASS UNLESS SERIOUS ISSUES PREVENT (LIKE SICKNESS, CARING RESPONSIBILITIES, UNAVOIDABLE WORK). WE MUST RECLAIM SUNDAY AS THE LORD'S DAY!

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY It is a long and honourable tradition that the month of May is the Month of Mary. But why? Mary allowed the Holy Spirit to fill her life and reshape her future - and she gave flesh, humanity to the Son of God. In becoming the mother of the Saviour of the World she said yes also to a unique relationship with the world He saved! Forever she now holds the whole world in her heart of prayer, interceding, bring God's love within her to bear upon the pain and struggles of the world and its peoples. If she loves her Son, she loves the world He died for! She teaches us how to love, how to intercede, how to heal, how to walk in solidarity with a pained world, helping it to come to a new birth.

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we urgently need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Eddie or Richard to volunteer for this ministry, this act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

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