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**2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** St Joseph was chosen by God to act as father and guide to Christ Our Great High Priest. He reminds us of how important families are to the promotion and support of vocations of every kind in the Church. He supported his wife and his Son in their callings and ministry for as long as he was on earth and still does in heaven by his prayers. As patron of the Universal Church, he seeks to support and encourage still. A family can react very negatively when a family member says they are simply exploring a vocation. Ridicule and distraction are not helpful for the prospective candidate or for the Church. Loving support and patience are more appropriate but can be hard to give. May St Joseph pray for every Christian in their vocation and ministry in the Church and especially for those who do not yet know what God wants of them.

**DO JOIN THE ST MICHAEL'S COFFEE ZOOM MEETING AT 10:30** This takes place each Sunday morning, using the following link and access details. ALL ARE WELCOME. Thanks to Brian for organizing this. Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4317645775?pwd=YTNQanpaM0NhZnVaVFhNejM1TDgzdz09>

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS** Lord Jesus, the ministry of priests is a sign of Your unfailing care. Call from among us the priests needed for the Church of today and tomorrow. Bless all students for the priesthood. Grant them joy, wisdom, courage and a generous spirit. Sustain priests with a real sense of Your love and the support of those they are called to serve. Keep them faithful to their calling. We ask this of You, Who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen



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Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

**EASTER IV (YEAR B) Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday**

9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Private Intention)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Feria

**No Public Mass**

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Apr

St Peter Chanel, proto-martyr of Oceania

10.00am Mass in St Michael's (M. J. Head RIP)

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Apr

ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, Feast as Co-Patron of Europe

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Feria/St Pius V

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May

Our Lady in Eastertide

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**EASTER V- (YEAR B)**

9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

**6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED SUNDAY**

**CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**

**AN EXTRA SUNDAY MASS** Please note that the easing of Lockdown restrictions and the ongoing, National vaccination programme have resulted in higher numbers attending Sunday Masses. With the help of additional cleaners and stewards, it is now possible to have an extra, overflow Mass at 6.30pm on Sundays to help us cope. This does not absolve us of our duty to observe social distancing in seating and queuing for HC, hand gel etc. Bubbles and family groups should sit closely together, to allow space for others. Do not get angry if stewards inform you that there is not enough room for you! This is for your protection and that of others!!!!

### We intercede: -

- For our Pope, Francis, Declan our Bishop and all the clergy especially Fr Philip: that lead His people to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd with wisdom and integrity
- For all who feel distant from the love of the Father: that they may be gathered into the loving embrace of God's Sheepfold, the Church, through the ministry of Christians and the power of the gospel.
- For the Universal Church, in need of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life: that the Lord may call more young people to His service to become shepherds of His flock
- For the family of our two parishes: that, by its continuing witness and devotion to the Good News, Christianity may remain a keystone of our civil society and local community
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and the clustered parishes of Chippenham and Corsham: that, truly living in the spirit of Christ's death and resurrection, we may acknowledge the new life given to us at Easter.
- For those members of our society, who suffer in mind, soul or body: that they may experience the comfort and care of the Gentle and Royal Shepherd.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all working unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated.
- For those who have died, that may they enjoy eternal life in the glory of God's kingdom.



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. We celebrate the fact that the Risen Jesus continues to guide His flock, calling them to follow Him into eternal life. His hope and dream for us is that we will answer His unique call to each one of us in the way He desires. He not only calls to marriage and family life, but to the Single Life in the world, to Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and the many forms of the Religious life. We give thanks to our Parish Priest, Fr Philip Thomas and all the priests who have served our parish. We remember too, the permanent deacons who served our parish thus far.



vocations within the diocese. He leads a Vocations Team, that encourages and supports vocations to the priesthood, the religious life, the consecrated lay life and single life, and to the Permanent Diaconate.

**VOCATIONS IN THE CLIFTON DIOCESE** Clifton Diocese is always seeking to encourage each one of us to consider more deeply how God is calling us to serve. The Vocations Ministry of the diocese seeks to promote vocations and is always happy to come and talk to parishes and schools or other groups about this. Fr Colin Mason is our Vocations Director for Clifton and has a strong focus on promoting

**MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY IN EASTERTIDE AT THE 6.30PM MASS ON SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

### MASS TEXTS

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

**Gloria** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12 *The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved*

**Responsorial Psalm** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**Second Reading:** :1 John 3:1-2 *We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18 *The good shepherd is One Who lays down His life for His sheep*

**Apostles Creed:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

**Act of Spiritual Communion** Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.



**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL** Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

