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**Mary praying with the Apostles
after the Ascension, is the model
for our prayer for the mission of
the Church**



2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH When Jesus speaks of the love of His Father in heaven, there are always echoes of St Joseph. God appointed him to teach the earthly Christ what love and fatherhood are supposed to be about. Growing up under the watchful care of St Joseph and Our Lady, Christ knew what it was to be given orders issued in love and which He obeyed in love. This is the background to this Sunday's Gospel. There is a distinct family aspect to this teaching on Church Life. He also sets martyrdom in this same context of loving obedience. Christ listened to St Joseph and to His Heavenly Father and then did what He was asked. I must do the same.

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>

ROGATION-TIDE Traditionally, the days before the Ascension are kept as special days of supplication for God's blessing on our work on land and sea, in factory and mine. As Son prepares to return to the Father's right hand to interceded for us, we present to Him our particular concerns for the world of work. To this we should add our prayer for the ending of the Corona Virus Pandemic.

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 12th Jul. Frs. Ian McCarthy, Michael Fountaine & Philip Thomas reach 25yrs of the Priesthood. Look out for details of celebrations on **Sunday 11th July 2021**. Remember also Frs. Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton & Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.
St Peter's 100 Club April: £30 177; £20 143; £10 170



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Sun 9th May **EASTER VI (YEAR B) - ROGATION SUNDAY**
9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)
6.30pm Overflow Mass and May Devotions in St Peter's

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 10th May Easter Feria
No Public Mass

Tue 11th May Easter Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Wed 12th May Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, Martyrs
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu 13th May **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Solemnity**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's
6.00pm Mass in St Peter's (E Parsons RIP)

Fri 14th May **ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE - Feast**
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 15th May **Our Lady in Eastertide – Queen of the Apostles**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (Cheddar Parish)

Sun 16th May **EASTER VII (YEAR B)**
9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (In Thanksgiving for prayers answered)
6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's



CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

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

We intercede: -

- For the Church worldwide: that Christians may remember that the Lord's commandment to love invites them to be like God, Who is Love.
- For those who choose candidates to be Bishops: that, at St Matthias' intercession, they may be prayerful, careful and wise.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and the clustered parishes of Glastonbury, Wells, Cheddar and Shepton Mallet: that, living in the spirit of Easter, Christ's joy may be complete in them.
- For all national and international leaders: that their service of their people may be blessed by God with courage, compassion and truth. May they chart the way through the coronavirus crisis with wisdom, fairness and courage.
- For the family of our two parishes, that, encountering Christ in this Eucharist, we may reflect His love to all those we meet each day
- For those in need of body, mind or soul: that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's unconditional love
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all working to assist those with the Corona Virus: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated. We remember India.
- For those who have died; that they may be welcomed into Heaven by our Loving Father.



FLOWERS IN ST. MICHAEL'S – It is lovely to see flowers again in both our churches. We thank Pat, Catherine, Christina and Jan for arranging the flowers for Easter and since. A special appreciation to Catherine for her care of the pots outside the front and on the hall steps. However, the flowers don't arrange themselves! We are looking for men and women who would like to have a go. You are encouraged to work in pairs due to Health and safety regulations. If you would like to try your hand, please contact the Parish office.

THE NOVENA TO PREPARE FOR PENTECOST Bishop Declan invites us all to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Thursday 13 May (Feast of the Ascension). Each of the nine days will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/novena> He hopes, that as many people will join in this Novena as we 'Dare to Dream' and ask for the Spirit's guidance on the diocese as we move forward.

GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT- Laudato Si' Week 2021 will be celebrated 16th – 24th May. The world's 1.3 billion Catholics are coming together from 6 continents to mark the great progress made and prepare for the future with hope Join today to receive the official Laudato Si' Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news! The theme for the celebration is, "for we know things can change" (LS 13)

ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN, MAY CHRIST OUR KING ALWAYS BE LORD OF OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon.: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 *The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too*

Responsorial Psalm- The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 *God is love*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17 *Love one another as I have loved you.*

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: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, 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.

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END

