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**LENT CHALLENGE FOR CAFOD - TIME TO PAY UP!** The 3 small teams who have been swimming, cycling and running during Lent have decided to amalgamate their efforts and appeal for **sponsorship** based on their efforts. The results are on the white board in the hall. All proceeds through Chafed to the Turkish-Syrian earthquake

**SUN. 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 4.00PM @ ST MARY'S SCHOOL HALL, TETBURY - "I SING POP"** This celebration of Christian Pop is a continuing initiative of St Mary's and is supported financially by the TACT. It is aimed at offering the Gospel to young people. Your prayers for its success and evangelistic outreach are asked.

**RETROUVAILE:** This is a programme to support couples with marriage difficulties. It brings a positive focus, new hope, helping to nourish & grow your marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' call or text 07887 296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

1. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm in St Michael's Hall TACT Committee Meeting
2. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost, the conclusion of Eastertide.
3. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. Baptism at 11.00am Mass of Ophelia Hottinger
4. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christi Sunday
5. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**RESTAURATION OF THE CHALICE** As this is still early days, we shall need volunteers at first, because we have no rotas. If you are willing, please contact the relevant Parish Office. No one, has to receive under both kinds, if they are not comfortable with this

**ST ALDHELM OF MALMESBURY** This saint, patron of our next door neighbours in Malmsbury, was simultaneously Abbot of Malmsbury and Bishop of Sherborne. He actually died about half way between them, worn out by the commute. He was a religious poet as well as monk and bishop.



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#### **EASTER VII (YEAR A)**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm Vigil Mss in St Peter's (Private Intention)  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Private Intention)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

#### **WORSHIP EASTER WEEK 6**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May Late Easter Feria

**FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF –**

**NO MASS - PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> May Late Easter Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May St Aldhelm of Malmesbury (Diocesan Memorial)

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> May St Bede, the Venerable, (National Memorial)

10.00am in St Michael's

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri,

9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Tony & Tessie Zarb RIP)

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May ST AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY (National Feast)

9.30am in St Peter's

**Noon Holy Matrimony for Harriet Hawks and Jack Roberts**

#### **NEXT WEEK – SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (YEAR A)**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May **6.00pm Extended Vigil Mass in St Peter's [NO SERMON]**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

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

**12.30pm Holy Baptism in St Peter's**

#### **CONFESSIONS**

In St Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am

& by Appointment; please ring to arrange, Thank you

#### **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

#### **MASS PROPERS FOR EASTER VII (Year A)**

**Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face; hide not Your face from me, alleluia.**

**First Reading Acts 1: 12-14** *Continuous prayer with Our Lady and the Apostles. .*

**Responsorial Psalm: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16** *It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 17:1-11** *Father glorify Your Son*

**Communion Antiphon Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one. alleluia.**

### **REGINA COEL' - THE EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY**

**Joy to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia.**

**He, Whom thou wast meet to bare, alleluia,**

**As He promised, hath arisen, alleluia.**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia

**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, has brought joy to the whole world, grant that through the prayers of His mother the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**STUDY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** - The earlier chapters of this book give precious glimpses of the first days of the Church after Pentecost and we hear a number of the very first Christian sermons and speeches, beginning with St Peter on Pentecost Sunday. In the rest of the book, we see St Paul travelling and preaching, a good background for our listening to his letters as the second reading on so many Sundays during the year. The Wednesday evening sessions at **St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham, take place on 24 May starts at 7.00pm.**

**"COME, FOLLOW ME"** This Eastertide we continue in Clifton Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our own diocese. Please watch Fr Stephen Corrigan of St Peter's, Gloucester talk about vocation and his own call to priesthood, about being a seminarian and now being a priest in a parish, as well as the joy and fulfilment in his life and ministry as one of our newer priests: go to [www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations).

**PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSE** - we are now actively recruiting for the next course beginning in **September 2023**. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? – then please do come to one of our information evenings [TASTERS] which will be taking place around the Diocese in June. Dates and Venues for information sessions are below. Each session starts at 7pm, no need to book, just turn up on the evening.

<i>Thu 1 June: English Martyrs, Chard</i>	<i>Tue 13 Jun: Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym</i>
<i>Tue 6 June: St George, Taunton</i>	<i>Wed 14 Jun: St John the Evangelist, Bath</i>
<i>Wed 7 June: St Gregory's, Cheltenham</i>	<i>Thu 15 Jun: St Peter, Swindon</i>
<i>Mon 12 June: St George, Warminster</i>	<i>Tue 20 Jun: St Margaret Mary, Coleford</i>

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - The end of Eastertide, days 40 through to 50 are busy and important. It is hard to do it all justice. Rogation lead us into the Ascension, but this vital solemnity needs both thanksgiving and careful pondering. The trouble is that there is precious little time for this. The 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost are the original Novena, from which all the others come. In this case it is 9 days of preparation for Whitsun. It is preparation and not actual celebration of the Spirit's gifts and ministries. For many centuries, Ascension had Late Easter time to itself. Pentecost led us in to an Octave of its own, a week or so to ponder and rejoice in red vestments. More recent popes have given us two newly invented feasts for Whit Week, Our Lady Mother of the Church and Christ the Great High Priest. Both of these can be helpfully understood in terms of the Holy Spirit. Our Lady's physical motherhood was the result of the Spirit's overshadowing. Her spiritual motherhood is of all those born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Like all ministries, it is a gift of the Paraclete. Christ Our Great High Priest was anointed at His Baptism, for sacrifice and glory. It is a reminder of the way Baptism and Confirmation prepare us for our tasks in this world too.