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3rd Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

We are in the week after the Easter Octave and have begun, like the Emmaus disciples, our 40 days journey between the Resurrection of Jesus and His Ascension, passing through times of rejoicing, times of sorrow as well as times of victory, reflecting upon the gifts God graciously provides for us to grow closer to him and into greater Christlikeness. Indeed, the Christian life is a **JOURNEY**, not just a **DESTINATION** so as to just sit back and wait to arrive at our destination -- **HEAVEN**. The danger is that we can end up keeping Jesus a **STRANGER** on this journey and miss out all the blessings of the **PRESENT!** We could also make Him involved in **EVERY** part of our life, open ourselves to Him, and nurture a constant fellowship with Him. It is then that our hearts will “burn” with the brightness and glow of His peace and joy, transforming ourselves thereby to true people of Easter!

Date & Time	Place	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 13 th April 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Private Intention	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 14 th April 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's		3rd Sunday of Easter
Mon 15 th April	No Mass		
Tue 16 th April	No Mass		
Wed 17 th April 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 18 th April 9.30am	St. Peter's	Penny Gear - RIP	
Fri 19 th April 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Alphege, Martyr

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am and by appointment, please ring to arrange. Thank you.

A Warm Welcome: today Sunday 14th April. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our “regulars,” asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

Mass in the Cathedral as a celebration of Marriage and Family Life

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25 May** at 12 noon inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. If you are, or know of a couple celebrating special anniversaries during 2024, please do let us know. You just need to send names to this email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with the address so that a personal invitation can be sent to them from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it will be good to see many of you there.

For the Attention of St. Michael's: The Great Big Lent Walk 2024 has been completed by Les Holland, Mary Dignan and Fr. Maria from St Michael's church Tetbury. 605.3kms were achieved. Congratulations and well done! Also, a very big thank you to our sponsors. The sponsorship form is at the back of the church.

Away Day Focusing on the Eucharist for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other Volunteers: 27th April

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Catechist of any description, an adult altar server or anybody who requires a DBS check to function as a volunteer in the parish, you are warmly invited, and indeed encouraged, to attend an away day at Sacred Heart's parish on the 27th April. The morning will commence with Mass at 10.a.m in the Church. This will be followed by two 45-minute sessions in the hall presented by Fr. David on Jesus, the Passover, and the Eucharist, followed by a lunch break. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee etc for the day will be provided. In the afternoon Janice Pearson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator will give a 45-minute training session on Safeguarding. The Catholic Church as part of its serious commitment to safeguarding has made it a requirement that all volunteers in parishes receive some safeguarding training. Janice's session will fulfill this requirement for anybody who requires a DBS check to function in a parish and would be a great opportunity to do this training with other volunteers on a face-to-face basis rather than on-line. It is envisaged that the day will end shortly after 2 pm. Please do attend both the retreat day on the Eucharist and the safeguarding session.

<p>Offertory Collection: Last Week: St. Peter's: £448.48 (incl. via Dona Machine), Maundy Thursday: £133.48, Good Friday: £352.01, St. Michael's: £76.49</p>

“Thank You”

The Eucharist: a bond of love which can never be undone

There is an opportunity on Saturday 8 June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world.

We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm.

To register for the day please click on the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>. Everyone is welcome!

The Conversation

Sunday 21st April is Vocations Sunday.

The National Office for Vocation has produced prayer cards, reflections and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, religious life or single life, we need to listen to What is God calling us to.

On Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 pm NOV are holding ‘The Conversation’ where a panel of guests discuss how they live out their vocation and the work they carry out in the Church.

This will be run on Zoom and participation is free, registration however, is required. Details of the participants and how to book a place can be found through the link: [Vocations Sunday | National Office for Vocation England & Wales \(ukvocation.org\)](https://www.ukvocation.org/)

Information about Vocations within Clifton Diocese: [Vocations | Clifton Diocese](https://www.cliftondiocese.org/)

Are *you* called to be a Deacon?



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

DIACONAL vocations



Are you a man of prayer with a heart to serve the community? Have you ever thought you might have a vocation to be a deacon – it's time to explore whether God might be calling you.

The Lord calls men from all walks of life to serve the Church through the diaconate. We work in parishes and deaneries, in charities, hospitals, schools and prisons. We work in all sorts of jobs day to day; we balance our lives between family, work and church. Might you be called to use your faith and experience to serve? If you are open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and willing to explore a call to service as a deacon, please speak to your parish priest or a local deacon to begin a conversation. After that if you want to go further, please contact Deacon Steve Boughton from the Diocesan Vocations Team steve.boughton@cliftondiocese.com for an initial discussion to learn more.



“Follow me”

God knows me and calls me by my name....
God has created me to do Him some definite service;
He has committed some work to me
which He has not committed to another.
(St John Henry Newman)

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Invited - A formation course in Stroud

We are starting a new formation course in Stroud on a Wednesday evening called ‘Invited’. These formation sessions are for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others.

The course will take place April to July this year at The Immaculate Conception parish hall in

Stroud. Invited – God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe and how do we grow deeper in our Faith? This twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching.

Who is Invited? This is a course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, so very useful for new and experienced catechists. The course will take place from April to July 2024 at The Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

The Wednesday evening dates are: 17 April, 24 April; 1 May, 15 May, 22 May; 5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June; 3 July, 10 July, 17 July.

More details and how to book a place here: [Invited – A formation course in Stroud | Clifton Diocese](#)

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Those applying would include catechists, children's Liturgy leaders, parents, and everyone passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others. No previous qualification is required to sign up for the programme.

This certificate is offered by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK. Their teaching, substantial yet accessible to all, is the fruit of their 25 years of experience in catechesis and catechists training at the service of the Church. Sign up to experience the beauty of an authentic Dominican formation.

Thank You