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# The Most Holy Trinity



Dear Friends,

Today, we celebrate one of the most important doctrines of the Church: Most Holy Trinity - God as Father, Son and Spirit in one single, indivisible communion of persons. Many have attempted to explain this dogma in a variety of ways. None of them can adequately explain the meaning and the power this doctrine has over our lives. We need to understand and accept this as "The Mystery" which we can only contemplate, before which we stand in awe and wonder and amazement and adoration and admiration.

God is Mystery and the Mystery of God is known only through God's self-revelation. Mystery does not mean "mysterious", something that is abstract, out there somewhere or something that cannot be known or understood. Mystery is profound truth - Reality, not facts, not verifiable information but profound truth, eternal truth. The more we come to know truth, the more there is to know. The more

we know mystery, the more there is to know. Mystery is revealed and hidden at the same time.

Mystery has to be experienced – we must plunge into mystery. We must experience the mystery of God, be baptized into the mystery of God, be immersed into the mystery of God’s life and love. To know is to become one with that which is known. God is Mystery - known and hidden. To know God is to “abide”, “dwell” in God - to be in communion with God.

*No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God dwells in us and His love is brought to perfection in us. The way we know that we remain in him and he in us, is that he has given us of his spirit. We have seen for ourselves and can testify that the Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world. When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and him in God.*  
(1 John 4:12-15)

Mathew tells us in today’s Gospel that Jesus commissioned his disciples to go forth in the power of God their Father, in the name of the Son their redeemer and inflamed by the love of the Spirit to share with the world what they had experienced and to Baptize, to immerse the world into the mystery of God’s life and love. Jesus claimed that full authority had been given to Him in heaven and on earth and it is this authority that He shared with His disciples. He commissioned them with His own mission just as His father had commissioned Him. We are called to continue and fulfill this mission today.

### **The Most Holy Trinity**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Masses Requested</b>	<b>Saints &amp; Feasts</b>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm	St. Peter’s		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s		<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>St. Augustine of Canterbury</b> Feast
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Donna Fernandez-Int	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00am	St. Michael’s		<b>St. Paul VI</b> Memorial
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Sue Morgan-RIP, Celia Fernandez-RIP	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 9.30am	St. Peter’s		<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Feast

#### **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 is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

**First Holy Communion in St. Peter’s:** We will begin the preparation for First Holy Communion today (26<sup>th</sup> of May). If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form placed at the back of the church and give it to Audrey, Cathy, or Fr. Maria. Classes will run from 10:00am on Sunday mornings every other week. Please could parents attend the first session.

**A Huge Thank You** to Dr. Horace Townsend, who, in memory of his late wife Mary Esther Townsend sponsored the ambo edition of the New Lectionary costing £695 and to Anne Swain who sponsored the study edition of the New Lectionary costing £250 for St. Peter's. THANK YOU!!!

**Invitation to join us on our Gardening Day at St. Peter's**

Are you interested in Gardening? A great opportunity for you... You are most welcome to join us at St. Peter's on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm to help clean and regenerate the garden at the back of the church. Bring your tools (if you have any) and your enthusiasm. Together we can make our garden beautiful again. In case of unfavourable weather the event will be rescheduled to June 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Eucharist:** A bond of love which can never be undone. There is an opportunity on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. It is particularly appropriate for parishioners who are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and would fulfil the requirement for the annual retreat in preparation for recommissioning. It is also a helpful introduction to those who might like to support the priest in this ministry. 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. Please use the Event britelink: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register for the day. You are most welcome!

## **For the Attention of St. Michael's**

### **Curry Evening at St. Michael's**

Planning meeting after Mass in the hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at 7.30 pm we will be having an authentic curry evening with an 'Indian' theme (go Indian style).

Please put your name on the list in the porch, deadline this Sunday as we need to have an idea of numbers (Wednesday at the very latest!)

If you can help with food, setting up and clearing away, please also put your name on the list.

Cost: Donations, give what you can afford. Suggestion: £8.



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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*Mr Paul Bacon*

From September there will be a new permanent head teacher at St Joseph's. Mr. Paul Bacon, who has been one of the interim co-head teachers since last September will take up the role full-time.

Mr. Bacon is an extremely experienced head teacher and has previously been head at St. Mary's in Chippenham, has supported another Catholic school in the Diocese and has had several other head and leadership roles both in England and abroad. He's really excited to have found a school in such an historic setting and will be celebrating that with the children. He is looking forward to further developing the Catholic life of the school

Miss Karen Bathe, who also joined St Joseph's as co-head teacher last year, will continue in that role with Mr Bacon until the end of the summer term. She is hoping to maintain the ties she has developed with the school and St. Aldhelm's when she steps down from the shared headship role.

**St. Joseph's may be tucked away behind a high wall but we are always open to visits from prospective children and their families and also to parishioners who wish to volunteer to support the school. Just call the office on the number above to make an appointment.**

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## Could you serve as a Foundation Governor?

The time has come for seven new Foundation Governors to be recruited to replace the Interim Executive Board at St Joseph's school.

If you think you might like to apply for the role and would like to know more, please contact the IEB chair Kirsty Martin - [kirstymartin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:kirstymartin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

The process to apply and the expectations of governors is spelled out below. You will need to return an application form to the diocese and there will be a short interview process to make sure we have a good balance of people on the governing body with a broad skill-set.

The following information is taken from a Clifton Diocese leaflet which can be found online using the QR code at the end of this document:

### **Why am I needed?**

Foundation governors have an important part to play in ensuring the Catholic character of our schools and in building the community of Catholic schools throughout the diocese. Without them our schools are in jeopardy of losing their distinctiveness which will have a significant impact on the future lives of our children.

### **What is a foundation governor?**

Foundation governors are volunteers who serve as the Bishop's representative to assist in leading our Catholic schools. They work alongside other governors to form a governing body or board of directors, who are responsible for the strategic direction of the school. They are involved in decisions about all aspects of the school – such as buildings and budgets, monitoring standards and the Catholic ethos.

Foundation Governors have specific responsibility for admissions to the school, the employment of staff, Religious Education, Relationship Education, the prayer life of the school and for ensuring that Bishop's directives are implemented. The governors help determine the future for pupils attending our schools. The work of the Governing Body is facilitated by a Clerk and training and support for governors is provided by the Diocesan Department for Schools and Colleges and the Local Authority.

### **What qualities do I need to become a foundation governor?**

You should be a practising Catholic. Other important qualities for being a foundation governor are a belief in the value of Catholic education, enthusiasm, and commitment. You do not need teaching experience and it is useful to bring skills from all areas of your life; such as financial, human resources, buildings, health and safety, safeguarding, parish work and community work.

### **What will I be asked to do as a foundation governor?**

- to attend and contribute to meetings of the full governing body (usually between 3 and 6 per year) and at least one of its sub-committees (approximately a further 3 per year).
- to take an interest in the life of the school/college, to attend some of the public events during the academic year and to see something of the school/college at work (often by being associated with a particular subject area).
- you may be asked to attend interviews associated with staff appointments or serve on special panels associated with admissions, disciplinary or employment matters
- to fully support all agreed policies and monitor their implementation
- to keep informed about policies which the school has devised in order to meet the statutory requirements as outlined in the Governor's Handbook. This involves some reading and 'homework' to keep up to date with requirements, and ensuring that policies are regularly updated
- to take part in the visiting programme arranged for governors to come into school
- to undertake governor training with the Diocese and others as appropriate
- to maintain the confidentiality of governors' meetings. How long will I be asked to serve as a foundation governor?

Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, after which they can be reappointed or pass the role on to someone else. You can of course resign at any time during your term should you wish to do so.

### **Is there any remuneration for the role of foundation governor?**

There is no remuneration for being a governor, though out of pocket expenses may be claimed for attendance at meetings and for other business as a governor.

### **How old do you have to be to serve as a foundation governor?**

You have to be over the age of 18.

### **How do I become a school governor?**

If you're interested in serving as a foundation governor you can apply easily online via <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact the Diocesan office for a paper form .

If you would like more information please contact the Clifton Diocese office:

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# Open Day at Brownhill Monastery



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
10.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 4.00  
All welcome!

<b>11.00am &amp; 2.30pm:</b>	Presentation on the past and present of the Monastery
<b>12.30pm:</b>	Midday Office (Prayer)
<b>4.30pm:</b>	Vespers (Evening Prayer)

*Light refreshments available*

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 **Bernardine  
Cistercians**  
of Esquermes

**Mission Mass:** Missio supporters, volunteers and the wider Catholic community are invited to come together in prayer for the Global Church at St. Peter's Church, Gloucester on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gary Brassington, Diocesan Director for Missio and followed by refreshments. Br. Eddie Slawinski from the Mill Hill Missionaries will be here to share the work of Missio and how Red Box donations are helping to build the Catholic Church and share the Gospel message. All are welcome.

## Offertory Collection

**Last Week:**

**St. Peter's:** £462.42 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

**St. Michael's:** £44.40

Thank You