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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dear Friends,

In Luke 9:28-36, we read about the voice of God declaring Jesus as the “beloved Son” and calling all disciples to listen to him. In the presence of Jesus, transfigured in glory, Peter, James and John felt secure and happy at home. They felt they had reached the end of their journey, and they were not ready to move on - they just wanted to stay in their experience of comfort, joy, security and glory.

Remember and rejoice in experiences of joy, success, greatness, wonder, glory, and

happiness - all of life's peak experiences and be grateful!

They had found a temporary serenity and security. But the journey of Jesus was not complete, and the disciple's journey was not complete either. They had to leave this experience, come down the mountain and accept life with all its joys and sorrows, even accept the cross and eventual death. They had to continue their journey into the unknown, uncertain and insecure future. They had to walk in mystery! The journey of Jesus would take him to the cross and then to unending glory. His disciples must follow and travel a similar path. On their way, Jesus would serve as their map, their route, their guide and eventually their way - and the way, the journey and the end of the journey become one.

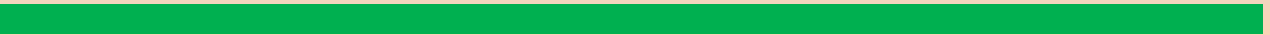
Be prepared to accept the inconveniences, suffering, pain and cross - all of life's struggles. Be strong and stand strong in faith during difficult times.

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 15 th Mar 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 16 th Mar 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	David Taylor – Int.	Second Sunday of Lent Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 17 th Mar	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	St. Patrick
Tue 18 th Mar 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Wed 19 th Mar 10.00am	St. Michael's		Solemnity of St. Joseph (Mass followed by Stations of the Cross)
Thu 20 th Mar 9.30am	St. Peter's	Doreen Fothergill-Birthday	Weekday of Lent
Fri 21 st Mar 11.00am 12.30pm	St. Peter's St. Michael's	Anna Prim – Int.	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm
In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 16th March. 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.



TO PARISHIONERS AT ST. PETER'S WHO DONATE BY MONTHLY STANDING ORDER

Due to the implementation of a new Parish Accounting and Gift Aid System, it is required that donations are paid directly into the parish bank account,

rather than via a diocesan bank account. The Diocese will shortly be writing to all current Standing Order Donors asking them to complete a new Standing Order made payable directly to the parish and cancel their existing Standing Orders to the Diocese. This change will benefit the parish as they will receive your donation directly each month without a processing delay. This only applies to those that were set up prior to October 2024.

If you do not currently donate via standing order and would like to do so, then please speak to Fr. Maria after Mass or contact our Parish Finance Administrator, Michael Burnell on 01242 800242 or via email:

michael.burnell@cliftondiocese.com

Your donations are extremely valuable to our parish, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR ALTAR SERVERS & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

Mark your calendars! 📅 On **Saturday, March 29th**, from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, all **Altar Boys and Girls** and **Confirmation Candidates** are invited to a **powerful and enriching retreat** at **Browns Hill Monastery**.

This special day will be **animated by the Bernardine Sisters**, who will guide you through **prayer, reflection, and faith-filled activities** to deepen your spiritual journey. Expect a day of **inspiration, fellowship, and renewal** as we take time to grow closer to God.

Let's set this day apart for God!

See you there! **Come ready for a grace-filled experience.**

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER – RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S

As we journey towards the joy of Easter, we are invited to pause, reflect, and renew our hearts. On **Friday, April 11th**, at **6:30 PM**, St. Peter's will be holding a **special Reconciliation Service** - a beautiful opportunity to receive God's mercy and grace.

To ensure everyone has the chance to make confession, we will have **extra priest available**. Whether it has been a while or you regularly receive the

Sacrament, this is the perfect time to experience the peace and renewal that comes with reconciliation.

Let us come together in faith, prepare our hearts, and embrace the true meaning of Easter. **All are welcome!**

The Sound of Music Film Night

COME AND SING ALONG
TO THE CLASSIC ...

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC
SING-ALONG FILM NIGHT**

AT ST PETER'S PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, 05 APRIL 2025

RAFFLE, SNACKS
& DRINKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARDS REPAIRS NEEDED AT
ST PETER'S PARISH HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
FILM STARTS AT 7PM
£5 PER TICKET
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

To book tickets, visit
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester/>

Please join us for a classic film for all ages ~ The Sound of Music Film Night (Sing-Along) at St. Peter's Parish Hall on Saturday, 05 April at 7:00pm. Tickets are £5 each (ages 12 and under free) and will be sold after Mass at St. Peter's each weekend. A Raffle, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St. Peter's Parish Hall.

Please book your tickets online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester>

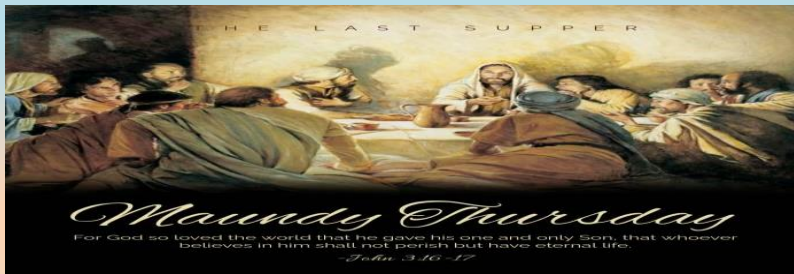
Holy Week



Sunday 13th April
St. Michael's 9.00am
St. Peter's 11.00am



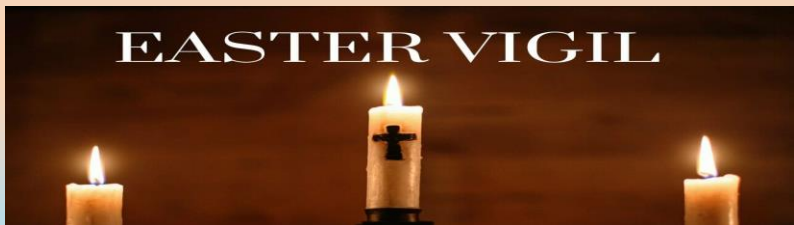
Wednesday 16th April
Chrism Mass
Clifton Cathedral
11.00am



Thursday 17th
April
St. Peter's 8.00pm



Friday 18th April
Stations of the Cross 10.00am
St. Michael's 3.00pm
St. Peter's 3.00pm



Saturday 19th April
St. Peter's 8.00pm



Sunday 20th April
St. Michael's 9.00am
St. Peter's 11.00am

**Wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Blessed
Easter**

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the work of CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

There will be a second collection next weekend (22nd and 23rd), dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Celebrating the Father's Mercy, Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during the Season of Lent to celebrate the Liturgies of Reconciliation at five venues across the diocese. These venues are:

Thursday 13th March: Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

Thursday 20th March: St. Peter, Swindon.

Thursday 27th March: St. Gregory the Great, Cheltenham.

Thursday 3rd April: St. George, Taunton.

Thursday 10th April: St. Francis, Nailsea.

With each Liturgy starting at 7.00pm.

There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Friday 14th March -Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection and be a Pilgrim of Hope with CAFOD in this jubilee year. You will be supporting our brothers and sisters who are suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Many of you give online and we have new virtual envelope. Next week, I will be here with a card machine and to tell you about a young mother called Lokho who has been helped by your donations.

Donate: cafod.org.uk/envelope or text CAFODLENT to 70085

Cathy Nelson, Rep. for CAFOD at St. Peter's

CAFOD

On the 25th of February the PM announced a further cut in the International Aid budget. This will have a significant effect on the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

There are things you can do:

1. Please write to your MP and ask them to take action to ensure that the UK does not turn its back on those in most need.
2. Lent, Family Fast Day is on March 14th
3. I will do the Great Lent run/walk during Lent to help CAFOD to continue to support those in need around the world.

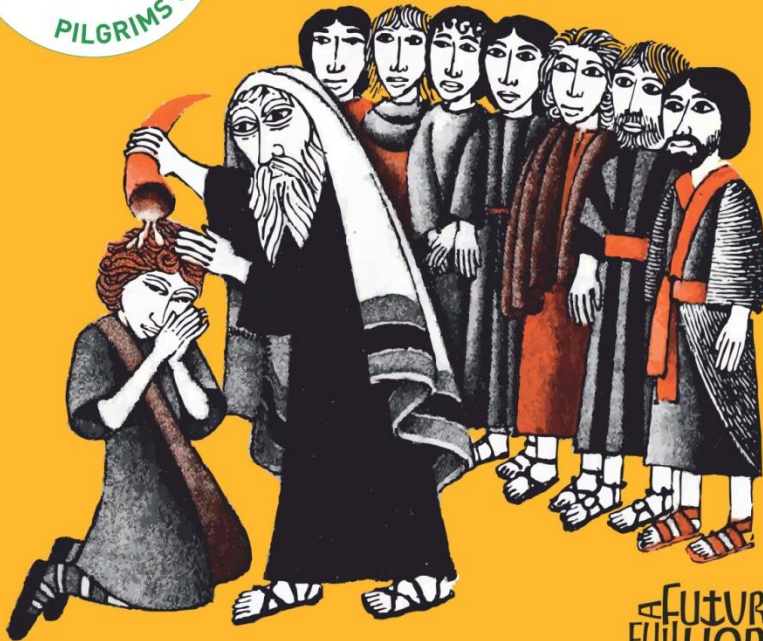
Thank you as always for your generous support for CAFOD.
Mary Dignan, Rep. for CAFOD at St. Michael's Tetbury.

THE CERAMIC BOWL AND JUG

The Ceramic Bowl and Jug from St. Michael's will be going to Emmaus House, in Bristol. Thank you to those who showed an interest.

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION

EVERY ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST,
WHO IN SACRAMENTS GIVES US SALVATION,
INVITES US TO "GO"
& COMMUNICATE TO OTHERS THE SALVATION
THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE,
TO TOUCH, TO ENCOUNTER & TO RECEIVE
& WHICH IS TRULY CREDIBLE
BECAUSE IT IS LOVE.



A FUTURE
FULL OF
HOPE
CLIFTON DIOCESE

EMBRACING THE MERCY OF GOD



A FUTURE full of

HOPE



A Lent Retreat day
to reflect upon and
experience Reconciliation
as the Sacrament of Hope.

Our speakers will be
Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ
and Margaret & Barry
Mizen.

The day will provide
the opportunity for
conversation and
reflection on the two
presentations, finishing
with a Service of
Reconciliation and the
opportunity for individual
confession with priests
from around the Diocese.

Saturday 5 April

St. Bernadette's
Catholic Secondary
School, Whitchurch

Refreshments from
9.30am, please bring a
packed lunch. Our day
will end by 3.30pm.
All are most welcome!

To register for the day
please click on the
Eventbrite link on the
latest news of our
diocesan website.

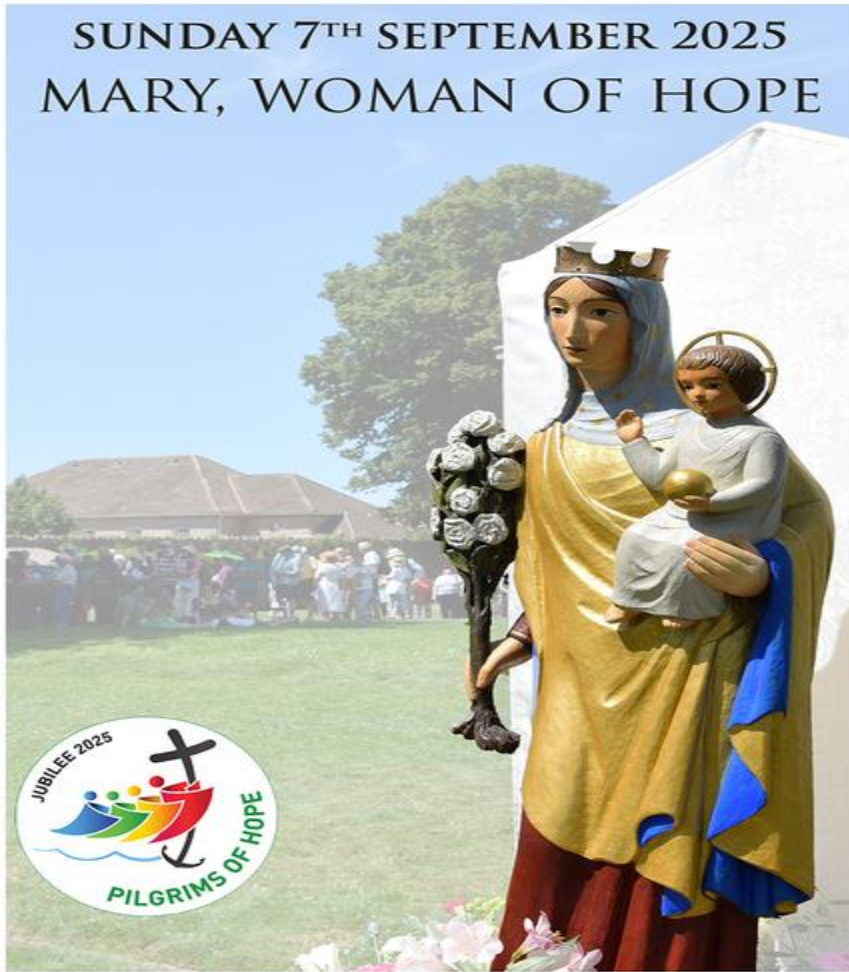


ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE: SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

“Mary, Woman of Hope”

This year’s pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September 2025 and will be centred around the theme of ‘Mary, Woman of Hope’, aligning with the Jubilee Year’s theme of “Pilgrims of Hope.”

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor. Full details at: [Glastonbury Pilgrimage / Clifton Diocese](#)



GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025
MARY, WOMAN OF HOPE

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

HOPE
A FUTURE full of
GLASTONBURY pilgrimage

2025 Programme

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GLASTONBURY

11.00am Rosary
11.30am Exposition
Adoration
Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.30pm Benediction

ABBEY GROUNDS

11.00am - 12.30pm
JUBILEE PROCESSION
from the Abbey to the Tor

11.30am – 2.30pm
HEALING PRAYER
at the Chapel of Healing

1.45pm
ROSARY PROCESSION
from the Abbey through
the town centre

3.00pm
MASS in the Abbey
celebrated by
Bishop Bosco MacDonald

for more information:
glastonburyshrine.co.uk

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BISHOP BOSCO COMMISSIONED AS AN ECUMENICAL CANON AT BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

Bishop Bosco MacDonald was commissioned as an Ecumenical Canon at Bristol Cathedral during Choral Evensong on Sunday 9th March 2025. The Officiant was The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol, and the Preacher was the Right Revd Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol.

More pictures: [Bishop Bosco Commissioned as an Ecumenical Canon at Bristol Cathedral](#)





Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £408.60 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael: £54.55

World Day of Prayer: £87.00

THANK YOU

