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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Friends,

In Luke 13:1-9, Jesus addressed the questions about the connection between sin and suffering. He referred to two tragic events which his listeners were familiar with. The first was malicious and the second was an unforeseen accident. Neither was the result of the sin of the victims.

Jesus used this as an example to illustrate the fact that there is no direct connection between sin and suffering.

Jesus used these events also to show that death comes sudden, unexpected and without warning and without giving the victims an opportunity to prepare for their death. Anyone could meet with sudden death like those victims of the tragedies mentioned.

Be prepared, be ready, repent, reform and change your ways and align your ways to God's ways.

Jesus called his listeners to reform their lives. He used the parable of the unyielding fig tree to teach them about the need to make changes and renew their lives. Give the tree another chance, another opportunity to yield. Nurture the tree, tenderly care for it, give it more time, give it another year, take another approach... give the tree another chance to yield.

This parable proclaims the Gospel of second chance. Give yourself another chance, another opportunity... give others another chance, give the world another chance...

Fig tree in a Vineyard is a beautiful imagery. The tree had ample opportunities to yield and yet did not yield.

Reflect on the many opportunities you are blessed with. We have opportunities now which the world has not known before.

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 22 nd Mar 5.30pm	St. Peter's	David Cronin - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 23 rd Mar 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Christopher Warwick -RIP John Munro - RIP	Third Sunday of Lent Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 24 th Mar	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	Weekday of Lent
Tue 25 th Mar 9.30am	St. Peter's		The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity
Wed 26 th Mar 10.00am	St. Michael's		Weekday of Lent
Thu 27 th Mar 3.00pm	St. Peter's	Wedding of Jethro and Angelina Fernandes	Weekday of Lent
Fri 28 th Mar 11.00am 12.30pm	St. Peter's St. Michael's		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 23rd 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.

NO MASS

On Thursday, 27th March, there will be no 9:30 AM Mass as we will be celebrating the Wedding Mass of Jethro and Angelina Fernandes at 3:00 PM.

EASTER COLLECTION

Traditionally the Easter collection, along with that at Christmas, are the only collections given to the priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the Diocese. Donations can be made via the Dona machines. Alternatively, you can also write a cheque made payable to 'Fr. Mariaselvan Alexander', or you can also insert cash into any envelope or ones kept at the church porch for this purpose, then post it through Presbytery door, alternatively bring with you when you attend any of the services during the Holy Week or any other mass and put in the collection bags. Thank you

FAMILY AND YOUTH GAMES NIGHT

**Family and Youth Games Night on March
28th from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm at St. Peter's
Hall.**

**We'd love for you to join us for an evening filled with popcorn, hot chocolate,
and board games. Everyone is welcome!**

**If you have any board games that we could borrow for the evening, please
bring them along.**

For further information contact Patty directly - Patty.huckin@icloud.com.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this 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.

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

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

RAFFLE, SNACKS
& DRINKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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 is 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>

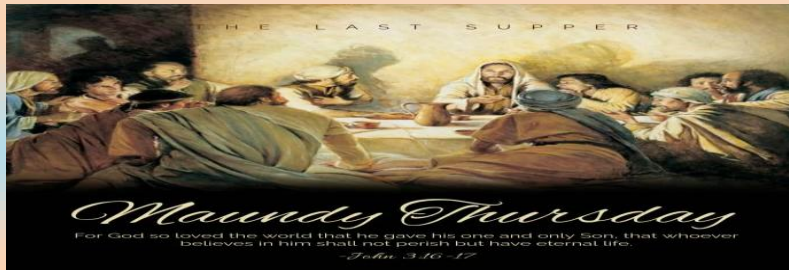




Sunday 13th April
St. Michael's 9.00am
St. Peter's 11.00am



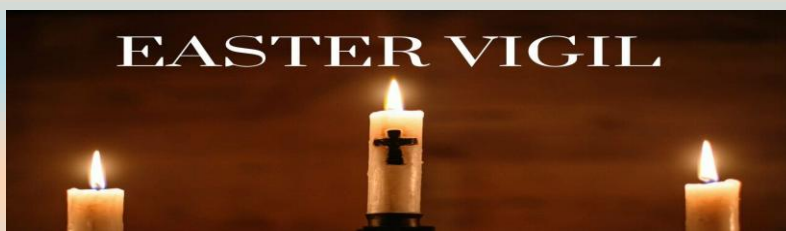
Wednesday 16th April
Chrism Mass
Clifton Cathedral
11.00am



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

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS

Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 17 May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries this year. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2025 please do let us know. You just need to send the names to our email address:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating.

It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.

ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

MARRIAGE & family life



"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."

Pope Francis, General Audience, 6 November 2013

"God has poured out his love into our hearts"

Romans 5:5



Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on Saturday 17 May at 12noon.

All are welcome.

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2025, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.



CELEBRATING marriage & family life

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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.

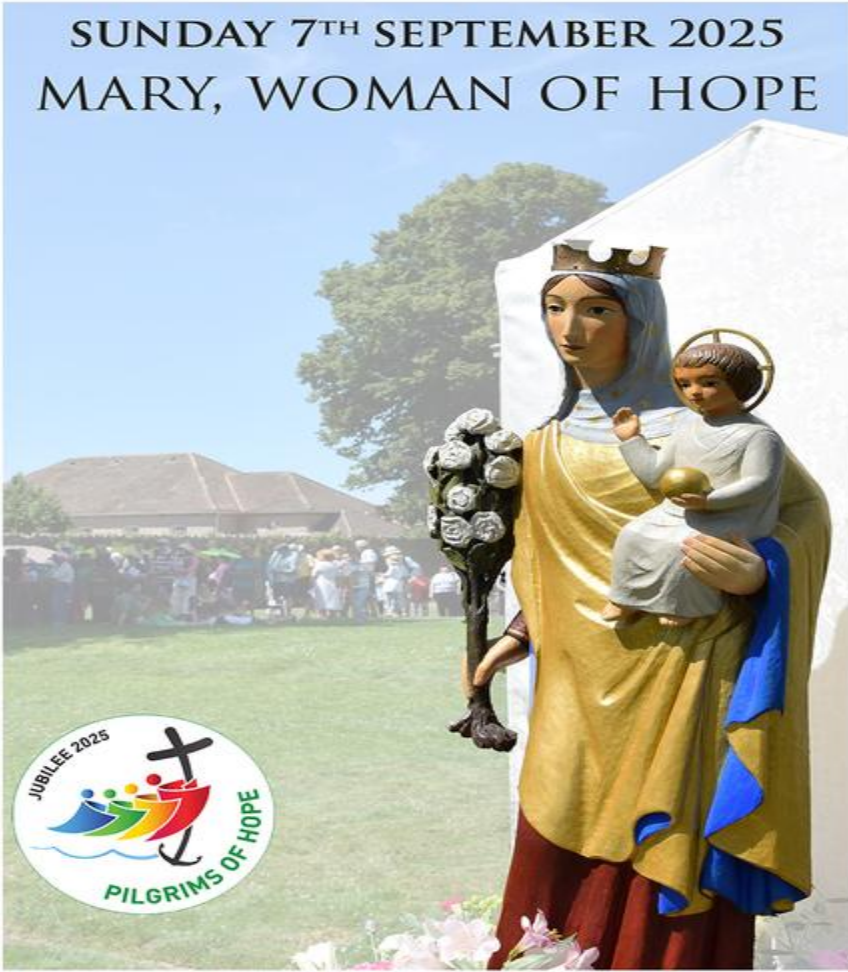
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**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY: PLEASE NOTE NEW
DATE: SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

“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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Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £337.82 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

CAFOD: £ 315.45

Lent soups: £47.20

St. Michael: £65.80

CAFOD: £123.55

Lent soups: £94.00

THANK YOU