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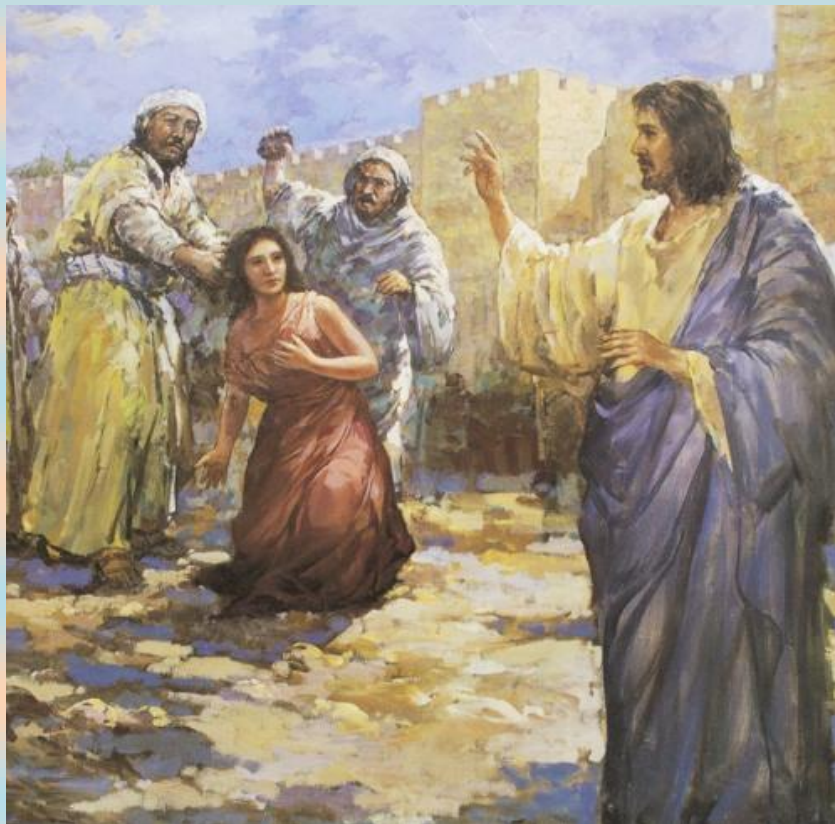
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# **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



**Dear Friends,**

The Story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). Caught in sin, paraded before the crowd, accused by the law-abiding people, shamed before the public, embarrassed beyond compare... in the midst of such humiliation and powerlessness came a stranger who refused to condemn... the spotlight was turned on the accusers... accusers had to walk away! This story moves us with the message of forgiveness and the power of Grace to bring forth new life. The stranger brought the gift of Grace, forgiveness and freedom. In the stranger, the woman who was

alone and desperate found the Messiah. Jesus showed compassion for the one who was alone, ashamed, embarrassed and afraid. And the woman was confronted with the challenge of living a sinless, Grace-filled life.

**Jesus came bringing forgiveness and healing and new life. He came to tell us not to live in our past failures, mistakes and sins. He came to call us to live a new life, a life of Grace and truth and walk in forgiving love.**

**Life may have become a mess, and we may very well have messed it up. In Jesus, there is always new meaning, new opportunities, and another chance at life.**

Jesus affirmed a “trust” in human nature. To the woman of “loose morals”, Jesus said, “go and sin no more”. His message was not a lecture about what a miserable sinner she was, but a simple and profound challenge to begin new and make a difference.

**No sin is an embarrassment to Jesus. Bring all your embarrassing moments, actions, events and situations in your life to Jesus. He will transform them into Grace-filled moments and opportunities for transformation of your life.**

### Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Pat Jackson - Thanksgiving	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Maria's Day off</b>	Weekday of Lent
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	St. Peter's		Weekday of Lent
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	St. Michael's		Weekday of Lent
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	St. Peter's	Penny Gear - RIP	Mass followed by Legion of Mary
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April 11.00am  12.30pm	St. Peter's  St. Michael's		<b>Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall</b> 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 06<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SUNDAY MASS

This Sunday mass at St. Peter's will be animated by the Confirmation Candidates. Let us keep them in our prayers.

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## SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend and the next for the Easter Flowers.

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## 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

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 priests 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!**

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# GAMES NIGHT AT ST. PETER'S



## **A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. PETER'S!**

Laughter, excitement, and friendly competition filled St. Peter's Hall on **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, as children, youth, and adults came together for a fantastic **Games Night!** The evening was a wonderful opportunity for all ages to connect, unwind, and share in the joy of community.

The biggest hits of the night? **Delicious popcorn and rich, creamy hot chocolate**, which kept everyone energized as they played a variety of fun-filled games. From classic board games to lively group challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy!

A **huge thank you** goes out to **Patty and Luke**, whose thoughtful planning and creativity made the event a great success. Their efforts in organizing such a delightful evening truly brought our parish family closer together.

**We look forward to more joyful gatherings like this—stay tuned for the next one!**

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## **PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ALDHELM'S MALMESBURY**

On the occasion of the Jubilee year and the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, we are thrilled to invite you to join us to (Stained Glass Window for Carlo Acutis) St. Aldhelm's, Malmesbury

The date and time are now confirmed: **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am, with a concelebrated Mass at St. Aldhelm's RC Church** (26 Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9BG), followed by refreshments at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Hall, a 3-minute walk from the Church, at Holloway, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9BB.

For parking, there is a car park at Cross Hayes, right in front of the church, though it can be busy. The long-stay car park (Malmesbury SN16 9JT) might be a better option.

All the three parishes (St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Aldhelm's) will take part in the liturgy, and everyone is welcome! To help us with catering, please sign up by writing your name on the paper kept at the back of the church, so we can get an idea of numbers. More details will follow.



Transport will be by your own cars, and carpooling is recommended—practical and a good way to enjoy some *company on the way!*

## ONE DAY AT THE BROWNSHILL MONASTERY



“It was a very different experience; it was really quiet and calm which made a sense of peace” – Ethan

“I really enjoyed meeting the sisters and learning about their work. I also found the monastery very peaceful” – Caitlin

“It was a lovely experience, I am really glad I went. I appreciate the enriching nature of the trip” - Vicky

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CIRENCESTER (CTIC)**

This year's Walk of Witness on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April will start with a service in the Parish Church at 10.00a.m.

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### **DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME / JUNIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Part-time – 21 hours per week (Term Time – 39 weeks)

Two-year Fixed Term Contract

This new role covers two linked aspects:

1. The Diocesan Director of the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP) for Clifton Diocese.
2. The Cathedral Junior Choir Director at Clifton Cathedral in Bristol.

The NSSP scheme is a national scheme that seeks to encourage singing in schools in the UK. The scheme supports both Anglican cathedrals and Catholic state schools.

The successful applicant would be expected to initiate the NSSP in schools within the Diocese and be committed to both schools and choral music. Importantly, a willingness to travel to schools across our large diocese would be crucial. The aim is to introduce pupils in schools to formal sung church music, especially so that schools can join Diocesan events, at the Cathedral for example, and contribute to the singing of the Mass and other liturgies. More details: [Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#)



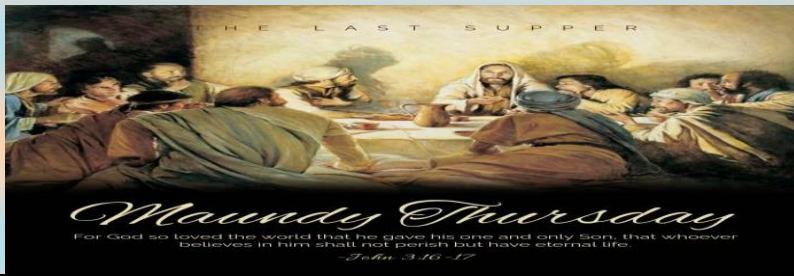
	<p><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April St. Michael's at 9.00am</b></p>
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St. Peter's at 11.00am



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Chrism Mass  
Clifton Cathedral at  
11.00am



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
St. Peter's at 8.00pm



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Stations of the Cross at  
10.00am  
St. Michael's at 3.00pm  
St. Peter's at 3.00pm



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
St. Peter's at 8.00pm



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
St. Michael's at 9.00am  
St. Peter's at 11.00am

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



## Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass

Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

together 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



**"God has poured out his love into our hearts"**  
*Romans 5:5*



# CELEBRATING 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*

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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595.



## ENCOUNTER 2025

Encounter 2025 is a diocesan wide programme to equip and empower people to share their faith and be renewed in heart and mind. The first step is to deepen our understanding of the Holy Spirit and cultivate a closer, more intimate relationship with God - this is at the heart of what we hope to achieve between Easter and Pentecost. The programme will officially begin on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, with a launch event at the Cathedral, open to all ages.

We are delighted to offer children's streams, ensuring families can fully participate in this exciting journey together. Weekly sessions will follow on Wednesday evenings, live-streamed from the Cathedral, enabling everyone across the Diocese to join in, wherever they are. These will be recorded and available to view at a later date.

To find out more, please email the team at: [pentecost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:pentecost@cliftondiocese.com)



**ENCOUNTER 2025**  
LAUNCH EVENT



Clifton Cathedral | 3<sup>rd</sup> May | 9.30am - 4pm

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit Ministries presents *Encounter 2025* from Eastertide to Pentecost. Join us in an inspiring programme which will awaken your soul and empower your walk with Christ.

With Guest Speaker  
Pippa Baker



Family Friendly Event with  
Children and Youth Streams  
Available



Scan QR Code to find out  
more and book a place



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## CAKE SALE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

A big thank You to those who made and bought cakes last Sunday. We made £100 which will go towards refurbishing storage areas in the hall.

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## MYANMAR EMERGENCY APPEAL

As part of the Great Lent Walk, Mary Dignan, Cafod rep. for St. Michael's, aims to walk 100 miles during Lent, if you would like to sponsor her there is a form at the back of the church at St. Michael where you could put your name. So far Mary has walked 50 miles. The money raised will now go to Myanmar earthquake emergency relief.

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## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £464.83 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Second Collection: £111.20

Lent soups: £64.00

**St. Michael:** £136.00

Second Collection: £22.10



Cake Sale: £100.00

**THANK YOU**

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