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# EASTER SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

**Happy Easter!** *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies.* (Jn 11:25) Jesus indeed reminds us, by his own resurrection that we are not made for this world but for eternal life. Yes, it is highly significant to note that God is the ultimate end of our life. God, who alone can give us perfect peace and happiness, firmly desires that we seek life in His Son Jesus than in the transitory pleasures and consolations of this world. When the Risen Christ appeared in the midst of the disciples, who were so frightened and hiding themselves for the fear of life, and said to them, peace be with you, and conferred them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, he

alleviated all their fears and worldly concerns and gave them the much-needed courage and confidence to go out and proclaim the Gospel of Christ fearlessly thereafter. Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) writes therefore “Faith gives joy. When God is not there, the world becomes desolate, and everything becomes boring and everything is completely unsatisfactory.” St. Francis de Sales too says: *“Wherever God is, there everything is well; but wherever He is not, there nothing is well.”* Our God is a God of love. It is because of His love for the humanity; He chose to save them from sin and offers us life everlasting. St. John asserts quite vividly this fact as he writes: *“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”* (Jn 3: 16)

**Real faith is born of relationship. It is not an affirmation or acceptance of doctrines or acceptance of details of an event that can be verified scientifically or otherwise. To believe is to relate...to believe is to trust...to believe is to be intimate...to believe is to be in communion. Our belief in the resurrection and our commitment to live a resurrected life is the result of our communion with the risen Christ.**

**May the joy and gladness of the Risen Christ flood our hearts with hope and strength and may we continue in confidence on our journey towards the glory and joy of abiding in God’s enduring love forever.**

# WISH YOU A PEACEFUL & HAPPY EASTER

## Easter Sunday (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm	St. Peter’s		<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Jack Harding - RIP Jean Hannam - RIP	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Monday within the Octave of Easter</b>
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</b>
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Friday within the Octave of Easter</b>

### 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 20<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.

## 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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### **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!*

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### **WOOLSACK DAY IN TETBURY**

St. Michael's will have a stall at the Woolsack Day in Tetbury towards the end of May. We will have a Tombola. We would be grateful for any donations towards the Tombola, e.g., bottles with drinks of all varieties, tins, and jars of home produce etc. Many thanks in advance.

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### **A WORD OF SINCERE THANKS...**

The flower arranging group at St. Peter's would like to thank everyone for their generosity last weekend. We hope you like the flowers, especially the lilies. We had donations of greenery, flowers in jam jars and volunteers to join our group. Thank you so much.

Many thanks, Lina

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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](#)

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## **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



A FUTURE full of  
**HOPE**  
MARRIAGE & family life



**"God has poured out his love into our hearts"**

*Romans 5:5*

*"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.



**CELEBRATING  
marriage & family life**

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**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 | 3rd 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**

**CLIFTON DIOCESE**

The poster features a background of a sunset over a body of water. It includes a white dove with a cross, a circular photo of Pippa Baker speaking, a circular photo of a group of people with their arms raised, and a QR code. Logos for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope and Clifton Diocese are also present.

**THE JUBILEE ICON IN CLIFTON DIOCESE**



To celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, an icon was commissioned from iconographer Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

The icon interprets Jesus' teaching of healing and liberation in the Synagogue in Luke 4:16-21, which refers to Isaiah 61:1-2: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

You are warmly invited to visit, meditate on and pray at the following Churches:

**28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April: St. John the Evangelist, Bath**

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> May: St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May: Encounter 2025 event**

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May: Holy Rood, Swindon**

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May: The Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury**

The Jubilee Icon webinar: to explore the meaning and symbolism of the Icon, you are warmly invited to the webinar. Please register here: [The Jubilee Icon in Clifton Diocese Tickets, Wed 23 Apr 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)



## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £479.75 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Easter Flowers: £245.48

**St. Michael:** £108.23

Easter Flowers: £7.30





