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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Today is the Feast of all Feasts! It is the Feast of Mercy! This Feast originated from the private revelations given to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowolska, a Polish cloistered nun who died in 1938. In the year 2000, she was canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II, and the Feast of Mercy was instituted as a universal Feast of the Church. To better understand this Feast, let's read some of the private revelations Jesus gave to St. Faustina:

“Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (Diary #300).

“This Feast emerged from the very depths of my mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies” (Diary #420).

“On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (Diary #699).

“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it” (Diary #742).

“Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity” (Diary #965).

In addition to the above quotes about the celebration of the Feast of Mercy, below are some quotes revealing more about The Divine Mercy itself:

“Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy” (Diary #300).

“My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy” (Diary #367).

“I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the immeasurable

depths of My mercy” (Diary #1059).

“Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls” (Diary #1074).

“My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all” (Diary #1182).

“Reflect, today, upon God’s infinite and unfathomable Mercy. The Divine Mercy is especially for those who struggle with sin. Jesus says, “The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy” (Diary #723). The Divine Mercy is the very tenderness and compassion of God. Run to Him, trust in Him, open your soul to Him and allow Him to pour forth an ocean of Mercy on this holy day.

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 26 th April 5.30pm	St. Peter’s	Geraldine Ventham - 85 th Birthday Int.	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 27 th April 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Pope Francis - RIP Pope Francis - RIP	Divine Mercy Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 28 th April	No Mass	Fr. Maria’s Day off	St. George, Patron of England
Tue 29 th April 9.30am	St. Peter’s		St. Catherine of Siena
Wed 30 th April 10.00am	St. Michael’s		Weekday of Easter
Thu 1 st May 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Hugo Shepherd - Int.	St. Joseph the Worker
Fri 2 nd May 9.30am	St. Peter’s		St. Athanasius

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 27th 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.

FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED HOLY FATHER...

“Dearest brothers and sisters, our Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, Francis returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple

of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God.”

Pope Francis

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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

A WORD OF SINCERE THANKS...

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate the Liturgy during the Holy Week and Easter so well in both of our parishes this year. To those who helped prepare the churches with cleaning and decorating with flowers, to those who helped at our Masses by welcoming, serving and leading music and singing, a very big **"Thank You"**.

Thank you too for the generosity shown to me through Easter Offering and your thoughtfulness and affection with gifts and cards, you are very kind.

Some of the clicks from St. Peter's...



Some from St. Michael's...





Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass

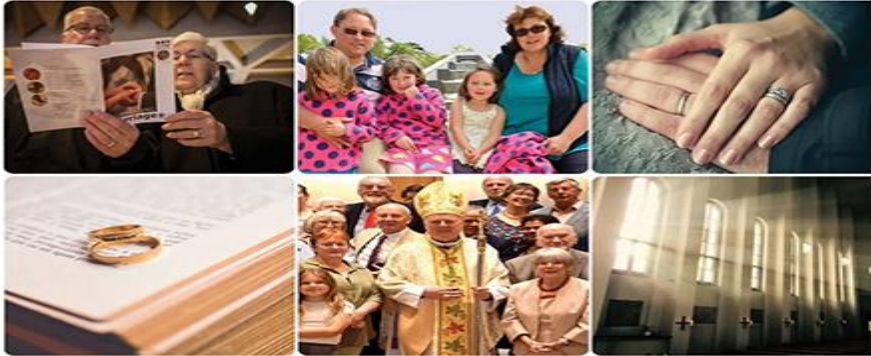
Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 17th May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries this year. If you are, or know 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:

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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



"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 or 0117 902 5595.

**CELEBRATING
marriage & family life**



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:

28th-30th April: St. John the Evangelist, Bath

1st-2nd May: St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol

3rd May: Encounter 2025 event

4th-6th May: Holy Rood, Swindon

7th-9th 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](#)

BISHOP BOSCO'S HOMILY FOR POPE FRANCIS

Bishop Bosco spoke about Pope Francis at the Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Monday 21st April 2025.

In his homily, he said that Pope Francis was a shepherd, a father, a brother, and a witness to hope. He lived the Gospel with his sleeves rolled up. He believed the Resurrection wasn't just a beautiful idea – it was real, and it changed everything.

View the Homily: [Bishop Bosco's Homily for Pope Francis | Clifton Diocese](#)



Bishop Bosco MacDonal
Mass for Pope Francis 21st April 2025

