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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

The image of the shepherd appealed to the listeners of Jesus and to the early Christians. Sheep and Shepherd shared intimate and lifelong relationship. This was a good and readily understood image which described the bond between Jesus and his followers.

The good shepherd knows and is known by the sheep... the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... because the good shepherd loves, cherishes and values the sheep. Those who hear

the voice of the good shepherd and follow his voice will be secure and safe...will “never be snatched away”. Jesus made this promise in the temple precincts during the feast of the dedication (Hanukkah) in response to being asked to tell plainly whether he was the Messiah.

The reward for listening and faithfully following the good shepherd is “eternal life”, a life of intimacy, communion with the father because, “the father and I are one”, said Jesus.

Good Shepherd Sunday of Easter – Year C

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 10 th May 5.30pm	St. Peter’s		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 11 th May 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Brian O’Donovan - Int.	Good Shepherd Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 12 th May	No Mass	Fr. Maria’s Day off	
Tue 13 th May 7.00pm	RAU		Our Lady of Fatima
Wed 14 th May 10.00am	St. Michael’s	Deirdre O’Callaghan - Int.	St. Matthias, Apostle - Feast
Thu 15 th May 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Hugo Shepherd - Int.	Mass followed by Legion of Mary in the Meeting room
Fri 16 th May 9.30am	St. Peter’s		

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 11th May. 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.

CHILDREN TO LEAD THE LITURGY – SUNDAY, 11TH MAY

We’re excited to announce that the **liturgy on Sunday, 11th May, the Second Sunday of the month,** will be **joyfully animated by the children of our parish** at St. Peter’!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young ones to actively participate in the Mass, express their faith, and bring their unique energy and joy to our celebration. We kindly ask **parents to encourage and support their children** as they prepare for this special liturgy—whether through reading, singing, bringing up the gifts, or simply being present with open hearts.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call to leadership in the Church and to pray for vocations.

Pray too for Bishop Bosco and our clergy as they continue with their Ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the **RAU** on **Tuesday, 13th May, at 7:00 PM**. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in prayer and community.

After the Mass, kindly stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember. There will be no mass on Tuesday at St. Peter's.

All are most welcome!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are delighted to share that the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place at **St. Peter's Church on Wednesday, 11th June at 7.00 pm**. This is a joyful and significant milestone in the faith journey of our candidates, and we invite everyone in our parish community to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

In preparation for Confirmation, there will be an opportunity for **confession** on **Monday, 19th May at 5.00 pm**. This is open not only to the candidates, but also to their parents and to anyone in the parish who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Come and take part in this beautiful step towards renewal and grace—we look forward to seeing you there!

LEGION OF MARY

Members of the Legion are available to visit anyone who needs a listening ear, sick, elderly or just lonely. If anyone needs, kindly contact the parish office or Cathy Nelson.

CAFOD

On behalf of CAFOD I would like to thank you for your generous donation of £398.91 last week for the Emergency appeal.

I know many of you donated online so the amount is much larger.

– Cathy Nelson

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

PILGRIMAGE

Thursday 22nd May at 11.30am Stations of Creation – a mini pilgrimage to celebrate the Year of Jubilee Meet in the Old Priory, Clarence St, GL50 3PR. A quiet, guided one-hour walk inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home) with six stops for reflection, along the lines of the Stations of the Cross: a bring and share lunch afterwards The easiest circular route is flat, but sensible footwear is advised. Further details: email cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com or telephone 01242 244182.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on Saturday 19th July for the Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope at Downside School & Abbey. There will be three keynote speakers for the adult programme (details can be found on the Diocesan website), as well as a children's & young people's programme throughout the day. Bookings are filling up fast so don't miss out on this opportunity, there are only a limited number of tickets left for the day.

jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk See the poster in the porch.

JOIN US AT
ST PETER'S PARISH
HALL FOR A...

£20 PER TICKET
PAELLA DINNER
& STAGE SHOW
INCLUDED

MURDER MYSTERY &
DINNER EVENING

SATURDAY, 07 JUNE 2025
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM, SHOW AT 7PM

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

FEATURING THE
PURTON AMATEUR
DRAMATIC SOCIETY

MYSTERY

AMAZING
STORIES

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Please join us for our next fundraising event, a Murder Mystery & Dinner Evening, at St. Peter's Parish Hall on Saturday, 7th June - doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are £20 each and will include a live cast performance (murder mystery play) and paella dinner served at the interval. There will be raffle tickets and an assortment of beverages for purchase on the night. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale each weekend after Mass or purchase online at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester>

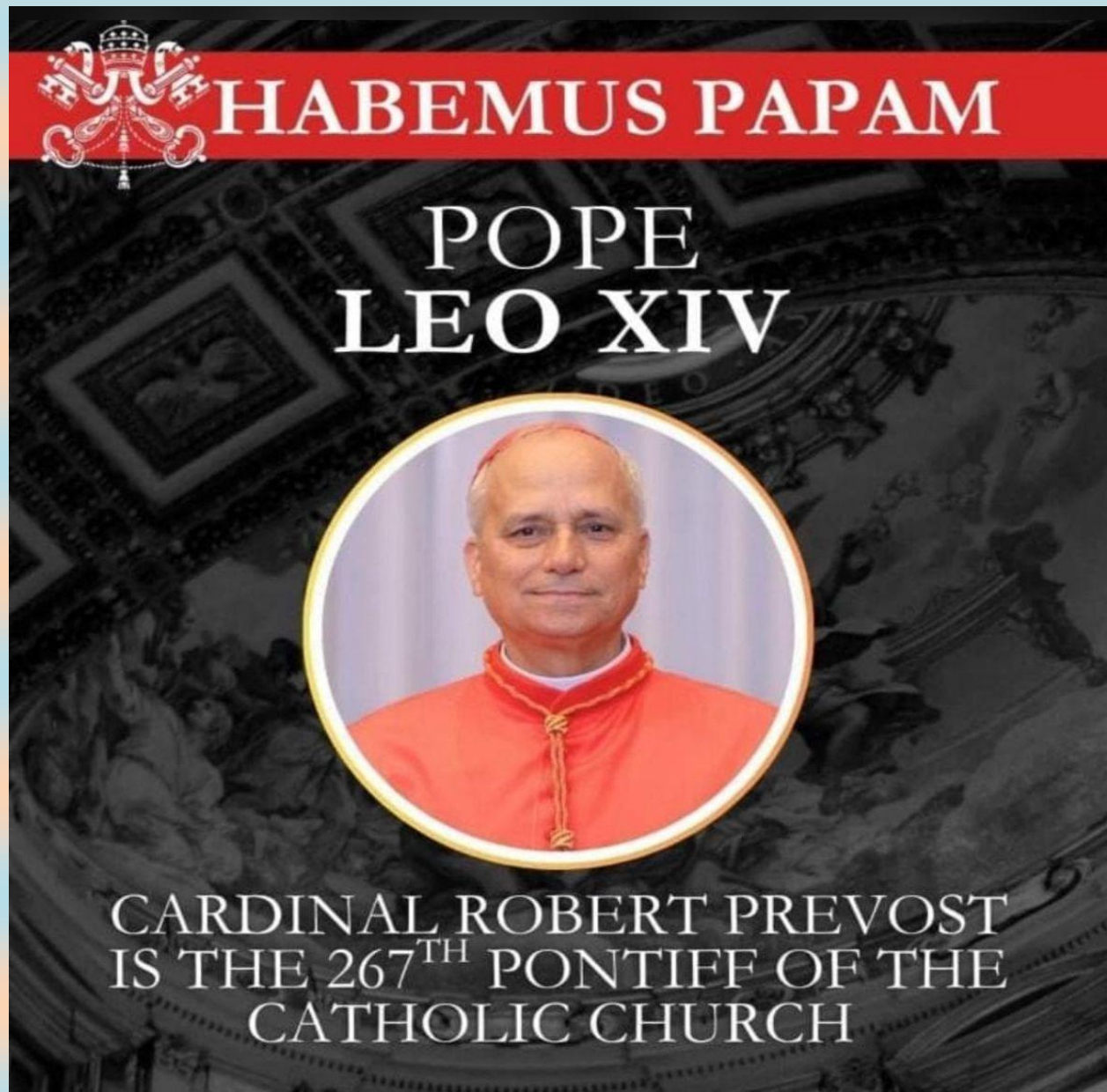
Thank you!

RED BOX 2024: THANK YOU!

In 2024, St. Peter's raised £1,634.68 through our Red Boxes and donations sent directly to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary

community here at St. Peter's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

Missio Team St. Peter's



The image is a formal announcement for the election of Pope Leo XIV. It features a red banner at the top with the Latin phrase "HABEMUS PAPAM" in white serif font, accompanied by the papal coat of arms on the left. Below the banner, the name "POPE LEO XIV" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. In the center is a circular portrait of Cardinal Robert Prevost, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a red cassock and a red zucchetto. At the bottom, the text "CARDINAL ROBERT PREVOST IS THE 267TH PONTIFF OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH" is written in white serif capital letters. The background is a dark, textured image of the interior of St. Peter's Basilica.

HABEMUS PAPAM

**POPE
LEO XIV**

**CARDINAL ROBERT PREVOST
IS THE 267TH PONTIFF OF THE
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✦ Bosco MacDonald
Bishop of Clifton

A Message from Bishop Bosco on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With great joy and renewed hope, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV, the new Bishop of Rome and successor of St Peter. His election is a gift to the whole Church, and I invite everyone in the Diocese of Clifton to keep him in our hearts and prayers in these first days of his ministry.

In his first words to the world, Pope Leo XIV greeted us with the timeless blessing: "Peace be with you all." He reminded us that this was the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. He expressed his desire for this peace to enter our hearts, reach our families, and extend to all people, everywhere on earth.

By choosing the name Leo, our new Holy Father aligns himself with a towering figure in our tradition: Pope St Leo the Great, the first pope in history to be honoured with the title "the Great." He earned it not through power or prestige, but through his holiness, wisdom, and tireless defence of the faith during times of crisis. He reminded Christians not just who we are, but whose we are: "No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."

That same call echoes in our own time. Pope Leo XIV takes up his role as shepherd of the universal Church at a moment when the world is yearning for unity, meaning, and mercy. We pray that, like his namesake, he will lead with courage, clarity, and deep pastoral love.

Here in the Diocese of Clifton, as we continue to listen, renew, and go out in mission, we offer Pope Leo our loyalty and affection. May he know that the people of this diocese are with him, walking together in faith and in friendship with Christ.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen our new Pope, guide him in wisdom and peace, and bless the Church he now leads.

Oremus pro Pontifice nostro Leone - let us pray for Pope Leo.

+ Bosco

Rt Rev Bosco MacDonald
Bishop of Clifton

9th May 2025

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:

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



"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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Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £985.84 (incl. via the Dona Machine)
Second Collection: £398.91

St. Michael: £74.24

