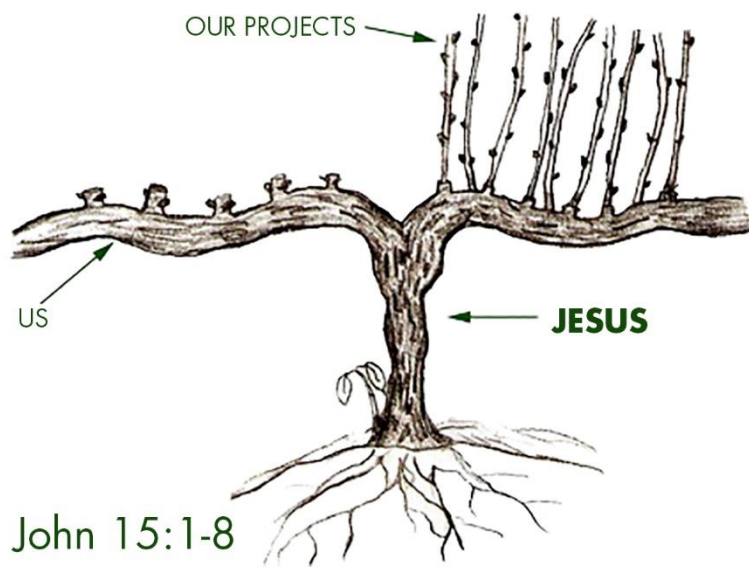




Sunday Year B
Newsletter 28th April 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Readings

John 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance. Alleluia!

First Reading The Acts of the Apostle 9:26-31
Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to people yet unborn. 'These things the Lord has done'

Second reading from letter of John 3-18-24

His commandments are these, that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel According to John 15:1:8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Diocese Prayer Link: University/College/school chaplaincies.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For true Peace and Justice around the world
For our 14 First Holy Communicants and their families,
For Bishop-Elect Bosco as he prepares for his Ordination as the Tenth Bishop of Clifton.



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Parish Prayer

O God, be at the heart of our parish and in all our hearts. Strengthen our faith and our hope in Your promises. Grant us a spirit of self-sacrifice, so that, with your grace, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may radiate Your love to everyone we meet. Help us to reach out with joy and mercy, to build a loving, healing community. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Parish Liturgies and Liturgical Days

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 27 th April		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sun 28 th April	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Emile Effiong Birthday Intention Jim Young RIP
Mon 29 th April	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Feast of St Catherine of Siena
Tues 30 th April		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	In thanksgiving for George and Cathy's 60th Wedding Anniv
Wed 1 st May	7.00pm Mass Followed by Adoration, Prayer and Praise to 8.30pm		Andy Berry Anniv
Thurs 2 nd May			St Athanasius Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 3 rd May		10.00am Mass	Feast of St Philip & James Apostles Thanksgiving Mass from T Ayarin.
Sat 4 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 11.00am	6.30pm Mass	Feast of The English Martyrs First Holy Communicants and their families People of the Parishes

Confessions times this week: St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm to 6.15pm English Martyrs not available after Saturday Morning Mass this week, in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry

Please pray for those who have died recently especially: Jim Young whose funeral will be on Tuesday 30th April at 1pm at Gloucester Crematorium and for Teresa Kilker whose Requiem Mass will be on 14th May at St Augustine's. **We also pray for those who mourn or whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please pray for the sick especially:** Brian Hutcheson, James Broslin, Margaret Knight, Max Hall, Zita Drummond, John Connors, Susan Maher, Ellen Wagner, Maria Oldfield, Janet Wagner, Andrea Brushneen, Peggy Keogh, Maureen Moloney, Elizabeth Bopoto, Pat Murray, Janet Peacey, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Bernadette Williams, David Williams, Jan Donnelly, Roman Peacey, Rita Smith, Monica Evans, Patrick McGovern, Julia Brenchley, Kathleen Withers, Edgar Rebello, Ian Gough, Maria Oandasan, Alan Dinsmore, George O'Neill, and Maria McGovern. **A gentle reminder that names can only be added to the pray list for the sick if individuals or their legal representatives have consented in order to comply with GDPR regulations**

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will take place this Sunday and next on Sunday 12th May. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group. The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 8th May starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm The group continues to read & discuss the Acts of the Apostles. The following meeting will be on 22nd May.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for the 14 children and their families who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday 4th May.

St Augustine's Fete Saturday 11th May 11am to 2pm: Please do support all those who have worked hard to make this a success. It is a great social event. We need parishioners to come along on the day. It is a key fundraising event for our parish and we ALL need to do what we can. Please donate what you can for the various stalls - cakes, bottles, books, toys, tombola gifts. They can be left at the back of church. **No bric-a-brac this time please** There will be delicious lunches. We welcome the curry stall as well. The cake stall is legendary! And the summer plant stall is a popular attraction.



The next St Augustine's Parishioners' meeting is Wednesday 15th May at 7.15pm in the Hall:
Any items for the agenda to Richard Merigold by email: richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk

English Martyrs Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass will be on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May and will involve a short play based on the reading from the Acts of the Apostles. There will also be a great song to sing along too! All those children who want to be involved please see Nikki and Lucy after mass this Sunday when acting parts will be discussed and scripts given out.



English Martyrs Summer Fete is to take place on Saturday the 22nd June 12 noon until 4 pm: We would like you to start bringing in items for the fete and leave them in the Narthex. We need good bric-a-brac, toys, handbags/scarves, books, toiletries and bottles (full) for the bottle stall. On the week of the fete we'd really appreciate cakes for the cake stall. Sorry but we can't take electrical goods or videos. Thank you all in advance for your continued support of our events

Grange Baptist Church: Are hosting an open meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 2.30pm with a guest speaker Sophie Lemon who is the area organiser for the Leprosy Mission. All are welcome.

Mary's Meals Appeal and Collection: Next Sunday 5th May at 9am at English Martyrs. With a video about their work showing afterwards for 10 minutes in the hall.

Ascension Day: Thursday May 9th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times St Augustine's at 10am and English Martyrs at 7pm. St Peter's Church at 8.00am and 12noon with a Vigil Mass on the Wednesday at 7.00pm

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 7 May at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Peter Harrison has a long association with Clifton Cathedral, as Priest and now as a lay parishioner. He has been ideally placed to follow the challenges and controversies connected with this Grade 11 listed building. Peter's book was published to mark the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary of Consecration in 2023. He will speak to us on: **The Clifton Cathedral Story: the Building and its People.** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810. Stephanie Jamison.

Michael Perham University and Cathedral Lecture 2024: Allen Maqbool BBC Religion Editor will be the guest speaker. **7pm on Monday 13th May** at the University Chapel Cheltenham. Admission fee book via Eventbrite search for Allen Maqbool.

CYAN – Young Adult Social: CYAN is a group of Catholic Young Adults (18-35 year olds). They will be having their next social on Sunday 26th May. Join us for Mass at St Gregory's at 5.00pm, followed by Pizza and socialising in the Old Priory, all topped off with Mini Golf in the Brewery to end the night. register your interest either by following and messaging our Instagram page: [cyan_glos](#) or please message Abbi on 07495 788633.

A Year of Encounter CAFOD With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A *Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more info. including online sessions on Sat. 4th May to learn more.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding: The Diocese Safeguarding team are currently looking for an individual to join the Safeguarding Committee and sit in on the Risk Allegation Review meetings. Suitable volunteers should have in depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health/mental health. The role is voluntary and would require a commitment of one 2hour meeting approximately five times per year for the Safeguarding Committee and also the Risk Allegation Review Meeting. The meetings can be attended in person or online and there will be some pre-reading prior to the meetings. If you are passionate about safeguarding and would like to volunteer your experience and services to the team, or would like to discuss the role further, please contact the Coordinator Janice Pearson on janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or 07887 990385.

Living the Common Good Discerning Challenges and Responses: On the **Saturday 18 May 2024** from 10am to 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Please register at cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk You are encouraged to join this day of formation, taking place the day before Pentecost, to help prepare our parishes, pastoral areas, and diocese for our Pentecost mission this year. If you have any questions, please send an email to Jason.Charewicz@CliftonDiocese.com

The Eucharist: A Bond of Love Which Can Never Be Undone: There is an opportunity on **Saturday 8th June** at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. The day will finish by 4pm. Please use the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register.

Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support Officer: The Clifton Diocese Curia offices are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen it's central finance and property functions. The role is a part-time, 2year fixed term contract, to be worked over 25 hours per week and based at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, good communication and organisational skills, to include time management and working on various tasks simultaneously. Previous administrative experience and a can-do flexible attitude are essential. For further information please go to <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th May 2024.

2024 - Year of Prayer

May is a month dedicated to Our Lady and the anniversary of the month of the first apparition to the 3 seers of Fatima, now Saints Jacinta and Francesco as well as Venerable Sister Lucia, on 13th May 1917. Our Lady's consistent message is for all of us to pray the Rosary for Peace and other matters. St Padre Pio said "Abandon yourself into the hands of Mary. She will take care of you".

Short Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Rosary

"Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, I renew my consecration to you and to your Immaculate Heart. Please accept me, my dear Mother, and use me as you wish to accomplish your designs upon the world. I am all yours, my Mother, my Queen, and all that I have is yours. Amen"