



Sunday Year B  
Newsletter 5th May 2024  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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Clifton Diocese  
Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, Alleluia!**

**First Reading The Acts of the Apostle 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

*The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; his shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth ring out your joy.

**Second reading from letter of John 4:7-10**

*God is Love.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

**Gospel According to John 15:9-17**

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend.*

**Communion Antiphon**

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you for ever. Alleluia!**

**Diocese Prayer Link: Chaplaincies to HM Forces in the Diocese.**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

For true Peace and Justice around the world

For the 14 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and their families. And for another 12 children who are at St Peter's High School who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

For Bishop-Elect Bosco as he prepares for his Ordination as the Tenth Bishop of Clifton this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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St Peter's Catholic Primary School

[www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 524792

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

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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 4 <sup>th</sup> May		6.30pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Sarah O'Neill for healing Seamus Curran RIP
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		David Peter Rogers RIP
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Dominic and Diana Philip Special Intention
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass in either Church today. Please pray for Bishop-Elect Bosco whose ordination Mass at Clifton Cathedral begins at 12 Noon today		
<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation</b>			
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm Mass	10.00am Mass	Philip Harkin B'day Remembrance Michael Smith B'day Remembrance
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May		10.00am Mass	For the intentions and ministry of Gary and Luke.
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass	For the Intentions of Denise Evison Joe Donnelly RIP

**Confessions times this week:** English Martyrs after Saturday Morning Mass from about 10.45am to 11.15am

St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm to 6.15pm in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry

**Please pray for those who have died recently especially:** Teresa Kilker whose Requiem Mass will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am 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**

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

**Episcopal Ordination:** The Ordination and Installation of Canon Bosco MacDonald as the Tenth Bishop of Clifton will take place on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in Clifton Cathedral. Attendance is by ticket only, all of which have now been allocated. The Ordination can be viewed on [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com). Please note there will be no Masses at either Church nor a midday mass in St Peter's Church on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**Bishop Declan Retirement Gift:** Anyone wishing to contribute to a diocesan retirement gift to Bishop Declan is welcome to do so via the following means: Place your donation in an envelope marked Bishop Declan and drop it into the offertory collection; using the QR code to the right or by going to <https://donate.mydona.com/clifton-diocese> or via the parishes digital collection plate. All donations must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> May



**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will take place next on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and then the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

**St Augustine's Fete Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 NEXT Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm in the Hall:** Any items for the agenda to Richard Merigold by email: [richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk)

**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass will be on Pentecost Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group.** The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**English Martyrs Summer Fete is to take place on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Ascension Day:** Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Volunteers Required we urgently need your help to keep our church going? Can you spare a few hours per month during the day? We would love help cleaning the church and hall plus cutting the grass? If so, please please contact Marisa in the office at English Martyrs.**



**Newman Association:** There will be a talk this **Tuesday 7th 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 13<sup>th</sup> May** at the University Chapel Cheltenham. Admission free 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.

**We are pleased to confirm that the Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by the Bishop, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July – Sunday 14th July 2024.** The theme of this year's pilgrimage is again 'Mary, Woman of Prayer', in line with the Pope's theme of the Year of Prayer. Once again, this year, from 12 noon until 3.00pm, the Shrine Church will become a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration, and will also offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in a quiet and more contemplative environment immediately opposite the Abbey grounds. Also, from 12 noon until 3.00pm, Private Healing Prayer will be offered in a separate tented chapel, which will be erected immediately inside the Abbey gates, close to the church. The Rosary Procession will start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm, and the pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 3.30pm

**Living the Common Good Discerning Challenges and Responses:** On the **Saturday 18th 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **2024 - Year of Prayer** **'One Million Roses for Mary'**

Have you heard about the "1 million Roses for Mary" campaign? The Hozana association wants to invite Christians from around the world to show our love to the Virgin Mary by making her an IMMENSE gift, thanks to the Rosario app! They want to bring together as many people as possible who love the Virgin Mary and who want to pray to her in particular. You can form a group on the app to pray together. You can find out more by clicking on this link: <https://rosario.app/en/1-million-roses-for-marie/>

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

(Further details at [Pope's May Prayer Intention: For the formation of men and women religious - Vatican News](#). A video with Pope Francis talking about this can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCecwPqLY1I&t=1s>)