



Sunday Year B

Newsletter 7th April 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



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Clifton Diocese
Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia!

First Reading Apostle 4:32-35

United, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has not end.

Let the sons of Israel say; 'His love has no end'.
Let the sons of Aaron say; 'His love has no end'.
Let those who fear the Lord say; 'His love has no end'.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work for the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading from letter of John 5:1-6

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'You believe because you can see the me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe! Alleluia!'

Gospel According to John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing. Alleluia!

Diocese Prayer Link: St Luke and St Terese, Wincanton with Milbourne Port, Castle and Bruton.

Prayer to Trust in Divine Mercy.

*Most merciful Jesus,
I turn to You in my need.
You are worthy of my complete trust.
You are faithful in all things.
When my life is filled with confusion,
give me clarity and faith.
When I am tempted to despair,
fill my soul with hope.
Most merciful Jesus,
I trust You in all things.*



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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 6 th April		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sun 7 th April	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes In thanksgiving for Cathy & George Harkin's 60th Wedding Anniversary
Mon 8 th April	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		The Annunciation of the Lord Gray & Moloney Families RIP
Tues 9 th April		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	In thanksgiving for Dorothy & John Fowler's 65 th Wedding Anniversary
Wed 10 th April	10.00am Mass		For the intentions of the Cavanagh Family
Thurs 11 th April			Memorial of St Stanislaw Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 12 th April		12 Noon Mass	Thanksgiving Mass BJ
Sat 13 th April	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass	Brian & Cecila Hutcheson's Intentions Linda Keogh RIP

Confessions times this week: St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm- 6.15pm

English Martyrs after First Confessions about 11.15am and in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry.

Please pray for those who have died recently especially Ivor Philpott whose Funeral Service will be at English Martyrs at 12.30pm on 15th April. **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, Jim Young, Elizabeth Bopoto, Pat Murray, Janet Peacey, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Bernadette Williams, David Williams, Teresa Kilker, 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.**

Congratulations: On Thursday 4th April two couples in St Augustine's Parish celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries. John and Dorothy Fowler whom Fr Gerry visited with Holy Communion and gave a blessing to the following day who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary and George and Cathy Harkin who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary who will be present with their family at the 11am Mass this Sunday which will be offered in thanksgiving for them.

We welcome into the Church: Nathan and Angel who will be baptised this Sunday at English Martyrs. Please continue to pray for Raquel and Don who were Confirmed on Easter Sunday and those still preparing to for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in the next few weeks.

Lent lunches Congratulations and many thanks to all those who supported this year's Lent lunches The final total for this year's is £1339.45p Split between CAFOD £669.73 and Together in Matson £669.72p which is £31.35p more than last year. Good effort by all the soup makers and a huge thank you to Ann K, Cathy, Katie, Betty, Judith, Gunia and Ann B and anyone else who helped in anyway.

T@3: This Tuesday 9th April at 3pm in St Augustine's Hall. All welcome for a cuppa some cakes a raffle and some great banter.

St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group. The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 10th April 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 April 24th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will take place next on Sunday 14th April and then on 28th April. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

Youth Group at English Martyrs: The next session is Friday 19th April in our Church Hall starting from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The gathering on the third Friday of each month takes a café setting and all young people are encouraged to bring board games or anything else they would like to share with others. The Youth Group is for those in school years 7-13. The Mission Statement and Ground Rules of the Youth Group can be found on the notice board.



English Martyrs Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass is on Sunday 21st April. Normally children at these Masses, will do the main readings, bidding prayers and bring up the Offertory. For more information speak to Lucy, Nikki or Flit. When there are Children's Masses there is no Children's Liturgy of the Word which takes place in the Church Hall on all other Sundays.

Children's Liturgy leaders at St Augustine's: One of the current helpers is moving away from the parish in August. We would really like to keep the new routine going and therefore need an extra person willing to be a leader. It really is not difficult and we have lots of helpful plans available so you don't have to think of the ideas yourself! Also, if you would like to be a helper, then please speak to any of the current leaders or Fr. Gerry.

An appeal for help for the St Augustine's Summer Fete: Sadly, a faithful helper, is unable to run the plant stall at St Augustine's Fete on Sat 11th May 2024! We urgently need to find someone to step up to run the stall on this occasion. If you can help, please speak to Moira Pratt or Fr Gerry, or sign the sheet at the back of church. Thank you,

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Led by Fr Stephen Corrigan at St Peter's Church, London Road today, Sunday April 7th at 3.00pm to include the blessing of Divine Mercy Images

Episcopal Ordination: The ordination of Canon Bosco MacDonald as the tenth Bishop of Clifton will take place in Clifton Cathedral on May 8th 2024. More details to follow.

Words of Faith: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening from 9th April to 14th May. See Poster or diocesan website for more details. To sign up for the course please click on this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcsde2gpj8pHdy_rbP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration

Invited: Is a diocesan course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, which will take place at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, beginning on Wednesday 17th April (7:00pm – 9:00pm). It will meet on twelve Wednesdays altogether (final session on 17th July) and will explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. The cost of the full course is £50.00 (or £6.00 for individual sessions). Visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/> for more information and a booking form.

St Joseph Prayer Group at Prinknash presents: A Day of Prayer for Healing/Laying on of Hands led by Gary Daly, leader of The Night of Prayer for Healing Team at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. 11 - 4 pm Saturday April 27th 2024 Prinknash Meeting Room Cranham, GL4 8EX. · Adoration, Benediction, Confessions and Mass led by Father Gerry Walsh. Luke McCann, the leader of the Rosary at Belfast's monthly Healing Mass at St Peter's Cathedral will be leading the Rosary following Mass. Gary will be offering the laying on of hands during Rosary/Divine Mercy to all requesting it. It is essential to book in advance due to limited space if you wish to attend. Please email moira.govan@gmail.com or phone John O'Donnell: 07598 797252

The Bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May at 12 Noon: And is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. Fr Gerry is aware of some significant wedding anniversaries this year and of course of a couple who are marrying at St Augustine's. However, if you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2024 please do let him know and with your permission he will pass your names onto the Bishop.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Friday 23rd ~ 30th August 2024. There is still time to book, to join us on the Pilgrimage. For information of the hotels, we use and the Bristol to Toulouse Flight please contact Lourdes@cliftodiocese.com. For assisted pilgrims, you can book via the Catholic Association, Catholic Association — Assisted Pilgrims www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims. Flights for assisted pilgrims are available from Birmingham and London Stansted. The Catholic Association are also looking for volunteer helpers, doctors / nurses, young helpers (17-25), musicians, fund raisers, Subsidies available. for more information please complete the online form at CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Expression of Interest (jotform.com)

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SJOG Homes for Ukraine: So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone. As of March 2024, our project has successfully matched 139 guests, and this shortly set to rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. We have also indirectly supported more than 300 people through webinars and offline events. However, the need is still great. The number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity, [head to our Do Justice website and read Anna's story](#). If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

Thank You: For your generous donations to the Easter Collection which are used entirely to support our Parish Priest, Fr Gerry who wishes to renew his thanks to all those who helped in anyway with the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses and Services.

Regina Caeli

During Eastertime, the Regina Caeli is sung/said in place of the Angelus it goes like this:

Regina Caeli, Laetare, alleluia, (Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia)
quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, (the Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia)
resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; (has risen as he said, alleluia).
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. (pray for us to God, alleluia)