



Sunday Year B
Newsletter 14th April 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O Render him glorious praise. alleluia!

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostle 3:13-15, 17-19
You killed the prince of life, God, however, raised him from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

“What can bring happiness?” many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord makes me dwell in safely.

Second reading from letter of John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel According to Luke 24:35-48

You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised, the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

Diocese Prayer Link: All Religious Communities in the Diocese.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Make all persons witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become untied in one. May longing-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.
St Pope John Paul II



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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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 13 th April		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Linda Keogh RIP
Sun 14 th April	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Jack Williamson, B'day Remembrance and Elsie Apperley Anniv Jack O'Sullivan RIP
Mon 15 th April	12.30pm Requiem Mass for Ivor Philpott		Ivor Philpott RIP
Tues 16 th April		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Danny Burns RIP
Wed 17 th April	10.00am Mass		Mary Gillespie RIP
Thurs 18 th April			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 19 th April		10.00am Mass	Memorial of St Alphege Mike Lea RIP
Sat 20 th April	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass	Fr Pdraig McCarthy for healing and thanksgiving Robert Curtis RIP

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, nor the next two Saturdays & in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry

Please pray for those who have died recently Especially Ivor Philpott whose Requiem Mass will be at English Martyrs at 12.30pm on 15th April, Augustine McCarthy whose Requiem Mass will be at English Martyrs at 10.30am on Monday 22nd April. Jim Young Tuesday 30th April at 1pm at Gloucester Crematorium. **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 Oandasana, 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.**

First Holy Communion: Please pray for the 14 children and their families who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 4th May as they complete their final preparations.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will take place this 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.

St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group. The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 24th 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 8th May.

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.

St Augustine's Summer Fete Saturday 11th May 11am to 2pm: Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped up for the plant stall. They need your help now with donations of plants on the day. So if you have green fingers, perhaps you could donate some of your summer seedlings, or any plants you could propagate for 11th May. Many thanks.

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

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.

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/meeting/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.

LGBT+ Mass at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino Catholic church Sunday 21st April: ALL FAMILIES WELCOME! Serviced followed by social time and refreshments. Address: Lawford's, Gate, Easton, Bristol BS5 0RE Email: inculSIONforall@cliftondiocese.com Live stream via parish website <https://tolentiono.org.uk>

Good Shepherd Sunday 21st April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Vocations Sunday when we are encouraged to consider whether we have a vocation to become a Religious Sister or Brother, a Deacon or Priest, to pray for more vocations in these areas and to support in prayer and financially those who are currently in seminary or formation, Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. Leaflets available in the lobbies of both Churches.

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.

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

Living the Common Good Discerning Challenges and Responses: on Saturday 18 May, 10am – 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College (Broomhill Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 5RQ) It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good in our parishes, pastoral areas, and diocese. We are blessed to have Jenny Sinclair from Together for the Common Good (<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/>) guiding us through our discernment process, and focusing on identifying the specific areas for mission in our communities as well as the practical steps we can take to serve those needs and proclaim the Gospel by our lives. We are hoping that our newly ordained Bishop Bosco will be joining us as well! Living the common good is a call that we all share, and the formation will be enriched by the presence of both clergy and laity. We understand your busy schedules, but we hope that you will consider joining us on the day if you have the time. Your presence will make the day both more joyful and more fruitful for everyone. There is no cost to attend. Please register on our Eventbrite page cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk We hope to see you on 18 May!

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 on to 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.

The Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis: Is a two-year course for catechists or would be catechists and for those who wish to transmit the Catholic faith to others It prepares you for these essential roles: catechetical work in your parish, school, or diocese, understanding and communicating the Catholic Faith to adults, youth, and children in face of cultural challenges teaching, witnessing to, and accompanying others in their journey of faith.

It is designed for new or experienced catechists who wish to gain a greater understanding of their mission in the Church and of the mysteries of faith which they transmit to others in a changing cultural context. It equips them to share their faith with confidence, passion, and in faithfulness to the Catholic tradition, using the sources of catechesis. Those applying would include catechists, children's liturgy leaders, parents, and everyone passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others. No previous qualification is required to sign up for the programme.

This certificate is offered by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK. Their teaching, substantial yet accessible to all, is the fruit of their 25 years of experience in catechesis and catechists training at the service of the Church. For further information see www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate If interested please also speak to Fr Gerry.