

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C
4th MAY 2025: Mass Time**

Saturday 3 rd May	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joaquim Fernandes (Birthday)
Sunday 4 th May	9:00 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Kelvin & Ashista (Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday 6 th May	6:30 pm	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Jarosz +
Wednesday 7 th May	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Margaret Evans + (1 st Anniversary)
Thursday 8 th May	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Caitano & Queency (25 th Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 9 th May	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Rosario Agustino Martins +

MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm

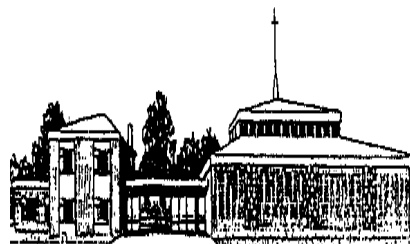
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father Obi is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:
St. Mary's: 01793 535089 / Holy Rood: 01793 522062 / St. Peter's: 01793871167

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We pray for God's special blessing on you.
We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Wed & Fri: 10 am - 2pm.

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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle C: Easter Week 3 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	:	Psalter 3 (or at Priest's Choice)
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	:	Acts of Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41.
Psalms Response	:	I will extol you, Lord, For you have raised me up.
Second Reading	:	Apocalypse 5: 11-14
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	John 21: 1-19
Communion Antiphon	:	The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.

Gospel

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

Who wants to get into trouble? And we know we can't be too careful in life.

Imagine being one of the apostles, who had been summoned by the high priest in these stern words: "We gave you a formal warning not to preach in the name of Jesus."

The accusation was that of civil disobedience. The apostles would respond that obedience to God comes first before obedience to humans. What a courageous thing to say before the authority. Such can only be inspired by the power of the resurrection.

It takes courage to trust and hope in a hopeless situation. The post resurrection experience of the apostles seemed hopelessly devastating. It was such a situation that made the apostles go back to their original fishing trade. But Jesus was not too far away from them. He appeared like a total stranger, urging them never to give up even when they had caught no fish all night.

And they recognised him at the meal. Like the apostles, we are invited to recognise and remember him always at the Eucharistic meal. At the same Eucharist, we recognise our unworthiness like Peter, and appreciate the worthy lamb who was slain; who has every right to receive honour, glory and praise.

BLESSING OF HOUSES: As usual, there will be house blessings this Easter. It is an opportunity to visit the sick and the house bound. Please, contact the parish office to arrange for it.

THE JUBILEE ICON - Bishop Bosco and Clifton Diocese would like to warmly invite you to pilgrim to and visit the Churches in which the icon, commissioned to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope, will be next in:

1st -2nd May: St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol

3rd May: Encounter 2025 event

4th-6th May: Holy Rood, Swindon

7th-9th May: The Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury

More info on the meaning and symbolism of the Icon: The Jubilee icon

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The next preparation session will be on Tuesday 6th MAY at 6:30pm - 8 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am and Sunday 11th May at 2pm.

CATECHISTS' FORMATION COURSE: We are running a new six-week formation course at St John the Evangelist, Bath, for new catechists and anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith & passing it onto others. The sessions will take place on Thursday evenings (7 – 9pm), 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May & 5 June.

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com / catechistsbath.eventbrite.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION: 10th & 11th MAY - CLERGY TRAINING FUND

ROSARY: Please write down your name on the notice board, if you would like to lead the rosary this month for 20 minutes before the mass. Thank you.

YOUTH RETREAT on Sunday 4th May at 4pm to 8pm.

Posters are displayed on the notice board for more information.

250 Club: 250 Club new applications and renewal forms for the Year 2025-2026 are now available in the parish porch. Thanks to all who subscribed last time and we encourage old and new members to subscribe. Thank you for your continuous support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The Gift Aid Envelopes for the 2025-2026 tax year is available at our parish porch. All the tax payers are kindly requested to make use of the tax benefit.

PARKING: Please Park considerately and legally when using the Church. Parking is available in the car park behind the church, and also in our primary school car park on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings. It is important that **footpaths and pavements are kept clear**, particularly for people with reduced mobility.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Holder Clifton Diocese

Account Number 66287197

Sort Code 52-10-03

250 CLUB (2024 - 2025): WINNERS OF APRIL 2025

APRIL 2025		
PRIZE	MN	NAME
1 st PRIZE	90	OSVALDO CAMELO
2 nd PRIZE	125	EILEEN KENNY
3 rd PRIZE	211	ANTHONY RUTHERFORD
4 th PRIZE	132	NUALA SZELIGA
5 th PRIZE	170	CHINAZA ONYEOKORO

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, and those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: *St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge. St. Bernadette, Westbury.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of May. The intention is for working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.