

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YEAR C  
11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025: Mass Time**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	VIGIL MASS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Prinston Leitao (Birthday)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Felicio & Alzira (Wedding Annv.)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA	Fatima Martins (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am	FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	Private Intention
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Departed souls from 5 Howard close +
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	HOLY ADORATION ROSARY WEEKDAY OF EASTER	Delanie Silveira (Thanksgiving)



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”*

**MALAYALAM MASSES: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm**

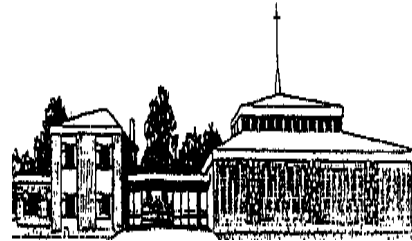
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Father Obi is available to celebrate this sacrament on Saturdays from 5:45pm until 6.15pm and on request when possible.

**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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<b>Readings</b>	:	<b>Sunday Mass Cycle C: Easter Week 4 Year 1.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	:	<b>Psalter 4 (or at Priest's Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	:	The merciful love of the love fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
<b>First Reading</b>	:	Acts of Apostles 13: 14, 43-52.
<b>Psalm Response</b>	:	<b>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	:	Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my own know me. <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	:	John 10: 27-30
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	:	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.*

**Gospel**

*I give eternal life to the sheep.*

Paul and Barnabas are good example of missionaries. A true missionary doesn't give up in time of challenges and great persecution. They don't run away and leave the sheep vulnerable.

But then they know when to leave, for a moment, and turn to another sheepfold, where they are most needed. In the text of this Sunday, Paul and Barnabas decided to turn to the pagans, since the original audience of the good news wouldn't appreciate it.

The impossible number of heavenly inhabitants of John's vision couldn't have been possible if true and dedicated missionaries were not called, nurtured and sent, even to the pagans.

The good news we carry is our missionary mandate. This mission starts from where we are, but not limited to our immediate environment.

It is Good Shepherd Sunday. Vocations Sunday. It is very significant that, at this moment, God has chosen for us, Pope Leo XIV, to be our shepherd. Would you hear the voice of the Master calling and saying, "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the good news."

**SECOND COLLECTION: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> MAY - CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We congratulate the Communicants who make their First Holy Communion this weekend, and we thank the Catechists, Volunteers, Altar Servers, Children's Choir, Parents, and all who assisted our children to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP:** Next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm-3.15pm in the Convent. Come along for a cuppa and chat. Meet old friends and make new ones. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

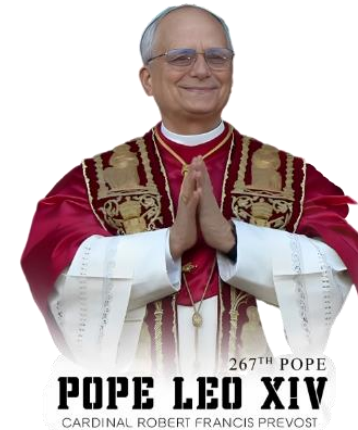
**PARKING:** Please Park considerately and legally when using the Church. Parking is available in the car park behind the church, and also in our primary school car park on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings. It is important that **footpaths and pavements are kept clear**, particularly for people 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 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	90	OSVALDO CAMELO
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	125	EILEEN KENNY
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	211	ANTHONY RUTHERFORD
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	132	NUALA SZELIGA
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	170	CHINAZA ONYEOKORO



*With Joy and gratitude, We welcome Our New Holy Father,  
Pope LEO XIV.*

**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. George, Warminster.**

**A Message from His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV:** Peace be with you. Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the Risen Christ—the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. In the spirit of that sacred greeting, I, too, wish for this peace to enter your hearts, to reach your homes and families, and to embrace all people, wherever they may be. To all nations, to every community, and to the whole earth, I proclaim once more: Peace be with you.