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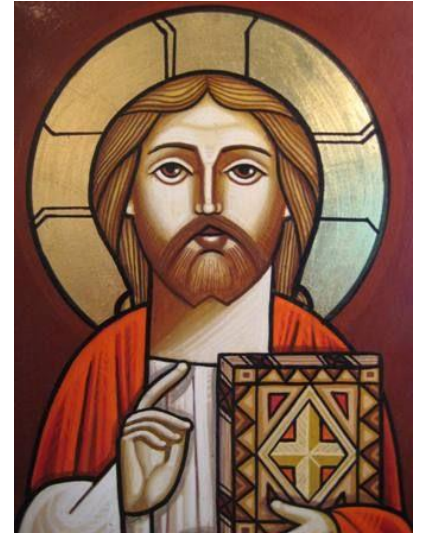
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## LATEST NEWS

### 10<sup>th</sup> MAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

5.30pm (Sat) VIGIL MASS  
with Children's Liturgy - Cancelled

9.30am SOLEMN MASS  
Cancelled

All Liturgies are cancelled until  
further notice due to the  
Coronavirus

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May - Weekday of Easter

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May - Weekday of Easter

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May - Our Lady of Fatima

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> May - Feast of St Matthias,  
Apostle

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Weekday of Easter

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May - Weekday of Easter

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May - SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER (A)

**YEAR OF COMMUNION** 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' Jesus speaks these words to reassure his disciples that, although he is going to leave them, they will not be forgotten. As the world continues to respond to the devastating Coronavirus, many people are troubled. They are anxious, unsure of where the virus will strike next. Fearful that someone they love will contract or already has the virus and not knowing what the outcome will be. Jesus wants to reassure his bewildered disciples and us, that we will never be abandoned. God is with us and no more so than in this time of the pandemic. As people of faith we are encouraged to trust, to believe in God's loving care for us and be confident that whatever we may face, we will not be overcome. Jesus is 'the way, the truth and the life' so let us stay close to him so that when we emerge from this time, we will do so stronger in faith and stronger in love.

**MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY** This Wednesday we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. Mary appeared to three peasant children, near Fatima in Portugal, six times between 13<sup>th</sup> May and the 13<sup>th</sup> October in 1917. She asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision

of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Saint Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary. "In the visionary Lucia's account, the three chosen children found themselves surrounded by God's light as it radiated from Our Lady. She enveloped them in the mantle of Light that God had given her.



According to the belief and experience of many pilgrims, if not. We need but take refuge under the protection of the Virgin Mary and to ask her, as the Salve Regina teaches: ‘show unto us... Jesus.’” –Pope Francis, Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Pope Francis has invited us to pray the Rosary during the month of May. The Vatican has published guidance for those who may be new, or have forgotten how, to pray the rosary [http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri\\_en.html#How to pray the Rosary](http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html#How_to_pray_the_Rosary)



**CORSHAM FOOD BANK COLLECTION** The food bank is still in need of essential supplies and the following will be gratefully received: Tinned meat of all descriptions- Hotdogs, minced beef, tinned pies, ham, corned beef, curry etc. also rice, long life fruit juice, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, cereals, squash, pasta and sugar. Ann-Marie will run another car park collection from St

Patrick's this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 11am-12noon. Alternatively, you might like to contribute some money to buy groceries. The boot of Ann-Marie's car will be open for your donations enabling you to maintain safe distancing. Thank you Ann-Marie and thank you all for your generosity.

**SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY & THOSE IN ISOLATION** If you are a Parishioner and are elderly, alone or vulnerable or know any Parishioners of St Patrick's who are in this situation, please be aware that we have volunteers who are willing and able to support by ensuring people have food and medication delivered and contact with the Parish or simply just a chat. For assistance, please call Mark on 07513967191, Frank on 07751484148 or Lorraine on 07767395909 and we will endeavour to provide the help or assistance that is needed. It's also important that we keep in touch with people and the telephone may well be a real lifeline for many.

**MAGNIFICAT** The 'Magnificat' booklet is an excellent resource which is used by some people in the parish. It is now available online and free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, the daily Mass Readings, a daily mediation and Saint of the Day at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER** Do you know of anyone who is alone and without access to the internet? Just ring Mark on 07513967191 to post/deliver them the bulletin.

**MASS FOR THE SICK, THEIR FAMILIES, NHS FRONT-LINE & SOCIAL CARE WORKERS** In order to show spiritual solidarity with the sick and their families and NHS and social care workers, a Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm, as follows: 14th May – Bishop Robert Byrne CO – Newcastle Cathedral, 21st May – Bishop Mark Davies – Shrewsbury Cathedral, 28th May – Bishop Terence Drainey – Middlesbrough Cathedral. You can join the Mass by visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk).

**DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL** We would really like to encourage as many volunteers as possible to take this opportunity to engage with our EduCare e-Learning modules. All members of the Catholic community have free access to this thought-provoking material, that may just be the information that enables us to recognise a concern and make the difference to enable it to be resolved. There is an expectation by the Charity Commission that all those who perform a voluntary role which necessitates DBS clearance should have a minimum standard of Safeguarding training. To gain access to this free resource, email [safeguarding@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:safeguarding@cliftondiocese.com), and we will add you to the system, you should then be able to access the material within a couple of days.

**PARISH GIVING** For those of you who have the means to continue to support Saint Patrick's Parish financially, we cannot thank you enough. Your generosity and continued stewardship of our Parish in these frightening and uncertain months will play a tremendous part in ensuring that we will be able to maintain the mission and ministries of St Patrick's throughout this crisis and on into our shared future. Standing Order forms are still available and donations can also be made via the website through

PayPal. Thank you also to those who are saving their planned giving envelopes or posting them through the office door. These continued contributions will play an important part in stabilising the financial security of our Parish and will serve as a bridge that will allow us to move forward together through this crisis and into a brighter future.

**RUH** If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

**PRAY AS YOU STAY** Need some prayer inspiration in lockdown? This guide produced by the Jesuits is aimed to support you during this time of self-isolation, uncertainty and fear, which we are all going through. We find ourselves in new and unknown territory as a global family, bringing confusion and chaos. This prayer guide will help you stay close to God as you stay where you are. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/pray-as-you-stay-week-1> Why not try it?

**WHAT CAN WE DO IN THESE DAYS WHEN WE CANNOT GO TO CONFESSION?** In these days when it is difficult for us to seek God's mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation, the Church teaches that it is possible to repent through an "act of perfect contrition." But what is an act of perfect contrition? Perfect contrition is sorrow for one's sins based upon love for God, which includes the firm resolution not to commit them anymore. The catechism explains that perfect contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible. So, how is an act of perfect contrition done? Practically, there are two things to do. The first is to pray an act of contrition "out of love for God. There is no set formula for making an act of contrition, but we often say: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads



"DO NOT BE AFRAID  
OF CONFESSION!"  
-POPE FRANCIS

me to sin." Second, we must make a firm commitment to go to confession when that becomes possible again. An act of perfect contrition is not a replacement for the sacrament of penance— far from it. The person who says: 'I have perfect contrition, but I'm not going to the sacrament' does not in fact have perfect contrition. The sacrament of penance remains the sole, ordinary means for the forgiveness of mortal sins after baptism. Pope Francis encourages us as we are confined to our homes to ask God for forgiveness and then to go to confession when they are able. "You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth...Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God," Pope Francis said.



## STRONG IN THE FACE OF TRIBULATION



**STRONG IN THE FACE OF TRIBULATION** The Vatican has recently published a helpful booklet *Strong in Tribulation*, containing prayers, homilies from Pope Francis, prayers for the sick and other resources that may be of help to you in your personal prayer in this time of pandemic.

It is available on line at

[www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/bis-27-aprile-inglese.pdf](http://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/bis-27-aprile-inglese.pdf)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR WANTED** To provide administrative support to the Finance Department and provide secretarial support to the DFA and the Management Accounts Officer. This role is based in Alexander House, Bristol and is part-time (24 hours per week worked over five days). Please see the Clifton Diocese website for full details.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** As the weeks go on and we cannot celebrate Mass together it is good to know that Mass is still celebrated. Even though we are not together yet it is good to remember that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ and if we desire to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, but are prevented from doing so, we can MAKE what is known as a spiritual communion. To make a spiritual communion we open ourselves to Lord and he will give us the grace of his presence. Pope Francis has suggested we say this prayer - "My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You."

**MARRIAGE WEEK 2020** 11th – 17th May is the week that is nationally set aside to celebrate commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. The theme this year is "The Forever Conversation," recognising the need for continual open communication to enable a marriage to be long lasting. Marriage Encounter is working in partnership with Marriage Week UK to promote events and celebrate marriage. For more information see <https://marriage-week.org.uk>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Sadly, the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion scheduled for next month are postponed. We will resume preparation after the lockdown and celebrate them together as soon as it is safe to do so. We are looking forward to gathering together for those very happy occasions.

**WATCH MASS AT HOME** Our Cathedral at Clifton is streaming Mass live each day at 9.30am. Simply go to [www.cliftoncathedral.org](http://www.cliftoncathedral.org) and press 'Live Stream.' Alternatively, you may go to [www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/](http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/) This will give you a menu of all live services within the next two hours. Fr Michael continues to offer Mass privately each day and you are all remembered at the altar at this time. If you wish Mass to be offered for a particular intention that is still possible. Please call or email Fr Michael and that will be arranged for you.

## AND FINALLY TO MAKE YOU SMILE – SOME REAL BULLETIN BLOOPERS



"This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

"The Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary."

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**The Sick:** Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all suffering with Coronavirus and all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

### **Recently Departed:**

**For all suffering from violence and abuse** in the home from spouses, partners, parents or guardians, especially under lockdown.

**Pope Francis May Prayer Intention:** that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** The Abbey Church, Downside with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.

**Christians in Corsham Prayer Link:** The Anglican Parishes.

## ***Prayers in a time of coronavirus***



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## ***A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times***

***May we who are merely inconvenienced***

***remember those whose lives are at stake.***

***May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.***

***May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and paying their rent.***

***May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.***

*May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.*

*As fear grips our country, let us choose love.*

*And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.*

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***Month of May - Mary Mother of God –  
The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary***



*As we honour Mary, who is higher than the cherubim and yet like us, let us pray that through her intercession we may achieve holiness of life, and a deepened faith, hope, and love, as we seek to do the will of God in all things.*

*God our Father, you have given us the Mother of your Son to be our Queen and Mother. With the support of her prayers may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

*The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so as we have begun this month of May we call on Mary in our prayers for her intercession and comfort in these present times.*

***REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.***

***Amen.***

***Hail Mary.....***

***Glory be.....***

**The Little Sisters of the Poor ask us to spread the word to encourage everyone to join the quest to get one million families around the world to pray the Rosary with them each day for an end to this pandemic. If you would like to join them in prayer, please go to: <https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/>**

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