



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Year of Prayer
2024**

Patchway



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Sunday Readings Year B ~ Weekday Readings Year II ~ Prayer of the Church ~ Psalter: 1 & Proper of the Season

SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'
"The seed must die"

Saturday	16th	6.00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'	<i>Birthday Intention</i>
SUNDAY	17th	9.30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'	<i>Carl & Anna Siau's Intentions</i>
		11.00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'	<i>Gosia Gregorczyk RIP</i>
Tuesday	19th	7.00pm	Solemnity of St Joseph spouse of the BVM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday	20th	9.15am	5th Week of Lent St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, BS32 8EJ	<i>Private Intention</i>
		2.30pm	St Joseph Class Liturgy Yr 1 Holy Family School	
		7.00pm	Reconciliation Service ~ Christ the King, Thornbury	
Thursday	21st	9.30am	5th Week of Lent	
		7.00pm	Station of the Cross	
Friday	22nd	9.30am	5th Week of Lent	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday	23rd	11-11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		6.00pm	PALM SUNDAY	<i>People of the Parish</i>

READERS **5th LENT 'B'**

17/3/2024

EUCH MINISTERS

6.00pm

Kevin Loud ~ Daphne Havercroft

Sam & Charlotte Witts

9.30am

Greta Hoole ~ Saranna Tam

Maria McNally ~ Becky Law

11.00am

Alicja Balec ~ Anne Rolls

Edward Nicks & Peter Nicks

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Francoise Galy ~ Mary Morrison ~ Mike Chin ~ Dolores Willey ~ Mary Crozier ~ Veronica Trew ~ Vera Quinn ~ Jean Young ~ Eileen Helm ~ Maureen Kendy ~ Tommy Campbell ~ Tony Cooper ~ and all who are, housebound, and living in sheltered or care homes in our parish. We pray for God's healing love on them, and all those in hospital or receiving any treatment, or awaiting the results of medical tests.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD: We pray for and ask the Lord to take into his care all those who have died, those who have died recently, those who have died as a result of war and violence and natural disasters. We also pray for all those who will die alone and unloved, and un-mourned. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS

TIME: Susan Woodacre '01 ~ Mary Fahy '78 ~ Robert Morgan '88 ~ Christina Hogan '03 ~ Nigel Jonas '12 ~ Gosia Grzegorzczak '22 ~ Rachel Withers '86 ~ William Farrell '73 ~ Pamela

Bartlett '86 ~ Walter Cantillian '86 ~ Wiktar Glapinski '94 ~ John Darlinson '95 ~ Mgr Donald McMillan '01 ~ Fr Francis Rynn '85 ~ *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

We join Bishop Declan and all the diocese in praying for St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, St Bernadette, Westbury.

THIS WEEKEND

As was published earlier this week, Bishop Declan Lang, 9th Bishop of Clifton has had his resignation accepted by the Vatican. We thank him for 23 years as the loyal Shepherd of the People of God in the Clifton Diocese. Please remember him in your prayers as he moves into the stage of his life.

Pope Francis has appointed Canon Bosco MacDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton. As many of you will know, part of Canon Bosco's ministry was served here at Holy Family, Patchway! Please remember Bishop-elect Canon Bosco as he now prepares to become the Shepherd of the People of God in the Clifton Diocese in your prayers. Details of Bishop-elect Bosco's Ordination will be

published shortly. He has big shoes to fill!

We have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Declan this weekend.

NEXT SUNDAY

Is **PALM SUNDAY** and because the there will be the Blessing of Palms and the Procession and reading of the Passion of St Mark, Masses will be longer than usual.

FINANCE

Please note that weekly Offertory Donations, Second Collections, ad-hoc donations etc. can now be made online at

www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk using the "donation link" on the home page, as well as via contactless terminals in the Church itself. THE

WHITE / BLUE ENVELOPES IN THE BENCHES can be used to GIFT AID your donations to the Offertory Collection or Building Fund or Donations to the parish.

Those who do not put anything on the collection and do not Gift Aid or donate by Standing Order or Direct Debit ~ why not? Who is going to support the expenses of the Church? You cannot rely on others, please think seriously, we need your

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'

First Reading: (Jer 31:31-34) Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new covenant with them. This time God will write his law, not on tablets of stone, but in the hearts of his people. Their past sins will be forgiven and forgotten. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood' (Lk 22:20).

Second Reading: (Heb 5:7-9) Here we catch an echo of the passion; we have the agonised prayer of Jesus and also his obedience to the Father: 'He learned to obey through suffering.' The reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus' death: he became the source of eternal life for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading: (Jn 12:20-33) In John's Gospel Jesus often speaks of his 'hour'. The hour is the culmination of his mission, and it is also the condemnation of 'this world' and its ruler. Now the 'hour' (of his passion and death) has finally come. On the one hand he fears it—we see the very real disquiet with which he approaches it. But he also longs for it, for he is sure that in this hour of crisis and suffering the Father will glorify him. In John's Gospel Jesus does not pray to be delivered from the hour of trial and death (as he does in the Gospels), for the hour is the whole purpose of his life. He uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his death will bear much fruit: when he is lifted up on the cross he will draw all people to himself. ('All' means Jews and Gentile, which of course includes the Greeks who have come asking to see him). The lesson of the seed holds true also for his followers. They must not cling to their lives but be ready to give them up in the service of God. If they do, then they too will be glorified by the Father. Jesus is not telling us that we must 'hate' ourselves or our lives. Following Christ does not preclude a healthy love of self. John has no account of the agony in the garden in his gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying, 'My soul is troubled.' This sounds very similar to 'My soul is sorrowful even unto death' (Mk 14:34). And in the words, 'Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?' we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane (Mk 14:36). In spite of his disquiet, Jesus' attitude is one of humble obedience to the Father. What are we to make of the voice from heaven? It is to be noted that the voice of God came to Jesus at all the great moments in his life. It came at his baptism. It came at his transfiguration. Now it comes when he is facing the ordeal of the cross. It indicates the closeness of his relationship with the Father and how the Father approves of what he is doing.

support. If you donate to another Church or Community, that doesn't help us to serve you!

10th March 2024

Offertory Cash: £ 655.97 ~ Digital: £ 358.00

Total: £ 1013.97

Building Fund Cash: £ 387.82 ~ Digital: £ 425.50

Total: £ 813.32

Thank you for your support and generosity
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Euros/ Rupees / Zloty / Pesos / Dollars etc. are not legal currency in the UK.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school recently underwent a Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection. They have now received the report on the inspection. The two day inspection has confirmed that they are a 'Good' Catholic school, but are 'Outstanding' in both Catholic Life and Collective Worship. Well done to Mr Harding and Miss Cullimore for their great leadership and support of the Catholic Ethos of the School. Congratulations to the staff, pupils, parents and governors for showing their best of our faith to the inspectors and to anyone who visits the school. You will be able to read the full report on the School Website. God bless you all.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2024

Continues this Saturday 16th March 2024.

Group One 10.10am ~ 11.10am

Group Two 11.30am ~ 12.30pm.

Please make sure your child arrives **BEFORE** the start time and drop them off at the Parish Centre not in the carpark. Please make sure you collect your child on time. The course will continue next week Saturday 23rd March 2024

NORTH BRISTOL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOOD BANK.

Here is the latest list of items required:-

SPRING SHOPPING LIST

SPONGE PUDDINGS ~ SMALL EASTER EGGS ~ COFFEE ~ UHT MILK (LONG LIFE) ~ TINNED POTATOES ~ WASHING POWDER / CAPSULES ~ WASHING-UP LIQUID ~ TOILET ROLLS ~ DEODORANT ~ TOOTH BRUSHES ~ TOOTHPASTE ~ **PLEASE NO MORE:- PASTA ~ ~ BAKED BEANS ~ CEREAL ~ TEA.** You can now browse and purchase the items that they need this month. The team at Give Today then make sure your donation is delivered directly to their door. North Bristol and South

Gloucestershire foodbank is a project founded by Ebenezer Church and Filton Community Church, working together towards stopping hunger in their local area. go to this website. www.givetoday.co.uk/nbsgfoodbank Please put your donations in the collection box just outside of the Sacristy door. Thank you.

DIOCESE OF CLIFTON ~ LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

Friday 23rd August to Friday 30th August 2024
Pilgrimage to include: Blessing of the Sick Visits to the Grotto Daily Mass Torchlight Procession Stations of the Cross Day trip to Bartres 'A water gesture' at the Baths Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation ... and much more ..

Accommodation in a 3 or 4 star hotel full board close to the Domain, including return coach transfer from Toulouse airport to Lourdes.

Single rooms from £680 ~ Shared Rooms from £510

Pilgrims will need to arrange:

Own flights: Information available on enquiry

Own travel insurance (Required)

Information available from:

lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

Or call Alexander House: 0117 9025590

Deposits due 31st March 2024

Balance by 31st May 2024

Please note: the diocese regret that due to costs we are not running a coach or Jumbulance service.

If you are interested you can also contact Fr Eugene the Diocesan director for the Lourdes Pilgrimage.
eugene.campbell@cliftondiocese.com ~ 0117 9081247

LENT RETREAT: 'Transformed by Love'

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening 19 March, 26 March. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) or search Light of Truth online: a suggested donation of £5 per person.

ST JAMES PRIORY BRISTOL - JOB ADVERT

www.stjamespriory.org.uk

We are seeking a Support Worker (30hrs) to join our Team at St James Priory Project Charity.

Previous experience of Support Work /

Counselling desirable. Flexibility essential.

Email: info@stjamespriory.org.uk to express an interest.

INVITED

These formation sessions are

for parishioners who are interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others.

Invited - God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe and how do we grow deeper in our Faith? This twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. **Who is Invited?** This is a course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, so very useful for new and experienced catechists. The course will take place at **The Immaculate Conception, Stroud**. The Wednesday evening dates are: 17 April, 24 April; 1 May, 15 May, 22 May; 5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June; 3 July, 10 July, 17 July. For the full outline of the course please see [here: cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/](http://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/). To express your interest please complete the [booking form](#) on the [diocesan website](#) and send to catechists@cliftondiocese.com or post to the Department of Adult Education & Evangelisation, Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX. **Cost of Full Course** £50 or £6 per session (bacs details are on the booking form). Although it is not necessary to attend every session (they are stand-alone) we hope that the group will grow together as a community. The sessions will be 7pm to 9pm including time for refreshments.

Poświęcenie koszy

w kościele Świętej Rodziny w Patchway.

Wielka Sobota 30 marca 2024

11:00 ~ 11:15 ~ 11:30 ~ 11:45 ~ 12:00

"On Saturday 23rd March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 27th March 2024 ~ 11am ~ Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul, Pembroke Road, Clifton.

Bishop Declan invites you and all the clergy to join him at this Mass. If you intend to go, please be aware seats are first come first served, and the fill up very early. **Also, there is NO PARKING at the Cathedral.**

If you intend to take a wheelchair to this Mass, you must contact the Cathedral in advance, to let them know. 0117 9738411