

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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Pope Francis

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A message from Bishop Bosco

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with deep sorrow that I write to you following the death of Pope Francis. His passing from this life will be felt not only by the Church but far beyond it. Across the world, he was recognized as a voice of mercy, justice and hope – a tireless advocate for the dignity of every human person, especially the poor, the excluded, and those on the margins.

Pope Francis often spoke of the moment, as a young man, when he experienced the overwhelming mercy of God in the confessional. It was this encounter that led him to the priesthood, and it remained the beating heart of his ministry – as a Jesuit, as a bishop, and as the Bishop of Rome. His life reminds us that only through receiving and sharing God's mercy can we build communities that reflect the values of God's kingdom.

His legacy is vast and rich – not least his call for us all to be 'missionary disciples': people whose faith is not static but active, outward-looking, and rooted in the joy of the Gospel.

That vision will continue to shape our mission in Clifton Diocese for many years to come.

Let us now commend him to the Lord he served with such courage and compassion. May he know the fullness of God's mercy and rest in the peace of Christ.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025

Date		Intention	Donor
Saturday 26 th April	6.30pm	<i>Grace Strong (P/int)</i>	
Sunday 27 th April	8.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Frances Murphy (RIP)</i> <i>Mary Dias (RIP)</i> DIVINE MERCY SERVICE <i>Brazilian Mass</i>	<i>Loughlin family</i> <i>Marie Porter</i>
Monday 28 th April	12 noon	<i>Phyllis Haynes (RIP)</i>	
Tuesday 29 th April	7.00pm	<i>Teresa & Geoff Stacey (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday 30 th April	9.00am	<i>Families of the Living Rosary Group (P/int)</i>	<i>Beata</i>
Thursday 1 st May	9:15am	<i>Whole School Mass</i> May Procession of Our Lady	
Friday 2 nd May	12noon	<i>Dennis and Marie Grant (RIP)</i>	
Saturday 3 rd May	6.30pm	<i>1)Veronica N Onyebuchi (RIP) & Silvia Akabueze (RIP)</i>	<i>Ifeoma J Onyebuchi</i>
Sunday 4 th May	8.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	<i>1)Donal Coleman (RIP)</i> <i>2)Kitty McCarthy (RIP)</i> <i>3) Eileen Hussain (RIP)</i> <i>1)George Adims (RIP)</i> <i>2)Benjamin & Victoria Obi (RIP)</i> <i>Brazilian Mass</i>	<i>Angela Loughlin</i> <i>Rose Adims & family</i>

PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL

St Patrick's is one of 15 Parishes in the Pastoral Area of St Edmund of Abingdon. The Dean wishes to establish a Pastoral Area Council with 2 representatives from each of the 15 parishes.

WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS to represent St Patrick's.

Duties:

1. To attend six meetings a year of about 2 hours each meeting in the evening.
2. To promote events for all the parishes to participate, example Penitential Services, Social and Educational events. About three events a year.

The next meeting is next Friday, 2nd May at 7.00pm in Saint Augustine's Church Hall, Downend.

Please contact Savia or Father Jerome if you would like to represent St Patrick's. (N.B Canon Gregory will be attending next Friday's meeting and can give a lift to any volunteer.)

PICTORIAL REVIEW OF THE PARISH

Father Jerome has printed a lovely and lively review of the Parish activities in the last three months. Do take a copy home.

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

On May Day, Thursday 1st May, we celebrate a feast day created in 1955 to honour St Joseph the Worker. A carpenter and the foster father of Jesus, he is a great example of the holiness of human labour. He is the patron saint of the universal Church.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Rosy Joseph, Roy Joseph's mother who died recently. We offer our condolences to Roy, Recsy, Noel & Leon. May Rosy Rest in Peace.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE- POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. **Please take action now – collect a red and white postcard from the Narthex and fill out your details and post it to your MP today!**

WOMENS GROUP AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

There will be an Afternoon tea Fundraiser by the Women's group on 11th May in the Shore Gallery. Tickets will be £8 a person, and proceeds will go partially towards our Parish and a good cause.

Last year the Women's group hosted a Bake sale fundraiser that was very successful, and funds were sent to an orphanage in India.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection for the Shrine of Walshingham came to £120. The second collection for Priests Retirement Fund came to £250. Thank you for supporting these appeals. The collection for the Holy Places in Israel came to £400, Fundraising for CAFOD in Lent came to a total of £2100.

EASTER EGG HUNT FUNDRAISER

The School and Parish will be having an Easter Egg hunt fundraiser today in the Brooks Hall and the field. There will be Refreshments, Cotton Candy, Face Painting, Crafts table in the Brooks Hall and on the field, we will have the Easter Egg hunt. **Free Admission.** It will be a fun filled event, and we encourage all our parishioners to join and bring their friends and family along. It Begins at 11am and comes to an end at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

CANCELLATION OF CARLO ACUTIS CANONISATION

The Sad death of Pope Francis and his funeral on Saturday meant the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis is Postponed until a new Pope is elected. The Conclave for the new Pope begins in eight days' time. Please pray for all the Cardinals who will shortly be choosing the successor to Pope Francis.

WELCOME GUESTS

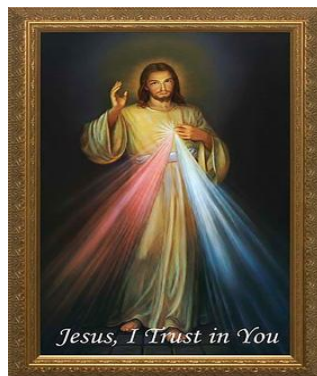
On Saturday 10 May the Diocesan School Governors Conference will take place in the Brooks Hall from 9.00am – 4.00pm. Bishop Bosco will attend the conference and will preside at a Mass for the delegates at 11:15am in St Patrick's Church. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass.

SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fair has been **CANCELLED** because only 1 person came forward to volunteer.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for a Holy Hour to venerate the Mercy of Our Lord from 3 pm to 4.15 pm. There will be a Holy Hour, including Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, The Rosary of The Divine Mercy, Benediction and Hymns. During this hour the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available.



We are asked to continually pray the simple words contained in the painting:
“Jesus, I trust in thee”.

Immediately after the Holy Hour there will be a Complimentary Tea served downstairs in The Shore Gallery

FOOD BANK - Donations are requested from parishioners to assist those in Need. There is a box in the narthex for donations to the food bank for school families in need. Any donation is gratefully received, and we **Thank you for your generosity.**

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT

The diocese is seeking to appoint a Part-Timer RE Advisor for schools. Full details can be found on [working for us / Clifton Diocese](#)

PARISH SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

40 societies and activities meet regularly at St Patrick's. Hundreds of parishioners give thousands of voluntary hours to participate in helping these events run smoothly and provide us all with beautiful liturgy and a vibrant community life. On your census form, you can tick the things in which you are interested, and the organiser of that activity will get in touch with you. Volunteers in every area of parish life are welcome.

JESUS YOUTH

Prayer meetings each Friday from 7.00pm – 9pm in Church.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Bosco is Celebrating a Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 17th May at 12noon for families and married couples celebrating anniversaries in 2025. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary, please inform Savia in the Parish office as the bishop would like to send you a personal invitation.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

St Patrick's School has a vacancy for a new Principal following the resignation of Mrs. Michele Marshall after a long and successful career at our School. This post commences on 1st September 2025 and is a full-time, permanent position. For application details please visit My New

Term: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138465/EDV-2025-SPCPS-07144> and apply via the CES application form."

Unfortunately, there has not yet been any applications for this post so we pray that God will provide some good candidates.

RECORDING A NAME IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You may have the name of a loved one as a permanent remembrance of their life. Parishioners pray for the souls of those recorded. **Forms are available on Book of Remembrance cabinet, its cost from £50 to record a name. £75 for inscription with an illustration. You may choose their date of birth or death or a special anniversary.**

LEGION OF MARY

The group has their usual weekly meeting this Wednesday at 7:30pm in Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes resumed from 26th April 10.00am – 11.30 am in The Shore Gallery.

TEA AND COFFEE

Today, there will be no refreshments served after Mass due to the fundraiser in the Brooks Hall. Refreshments are being sold in the Brooks Hall.

THE JUBILEE ICON IN CLIFTON DIOCESE

To celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, an icon was commissioned from iconographer Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The icon interprets Jesus' teaching and liberation in Synagogue in Luke 4:16-21, which refers to Isaiah 61:1-2. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

You are warmly invited to visit, meditate on and pray at the following churches:

28th – 30th April: St John the Evangelist, Bath; **1st and 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.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter is a series of Online workshops running from Easter to Pentecost (7 weeks). Encounter will teach parishioners how to participate in many areas of parish life and administration. If you would like to enrol, email pentecost@cliftondiocese.com

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

Please pray for the following recorded in the month of April.

Mary Pickering, Barton Family, Monsignor William Dillon, Ronald Keetch, Catherine Bennett, Jack & Win Sullivan, Marion Burns, Ellen Organ, Mary Theobald, Frederick Lloyd, Cecelia Commons, Frances & Lilian McDonnell, Edward Packer, Jimmy Hennessy, Helen Turner, Patricia O'Connor, Douglas Brumby, Will & Marie Howie, Cyril & Pauline Hope, Elsie Shaw, Madge Grant, Clarice & Harry Brumby, Margaret King, Windell Medley, Anne Speirs, May Joyce-Cawley, Richard Whelan, Trevor Howell, Christopher Blackford, Joan Hennessey, George Beacham, Karl Mullen, Rosemary McGregor, Audrey Margaret Speirs

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Mick Lewis, Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Katie Cunningham, Sisters Bernie and Biddie Arscott, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwyn White, Bernard Stadden, Ian Cleverly, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Adam Wright, Libby Nykolyszn, Philip Green, David Griffiths, Peter Wahinya, Irene Agidee, Don Keys Massey, Liz Coventry, Janet Smart, Tony Gilmurray, Andrew Dobbins, Gabby Sislby, Michael Stars, Terry Rooker, Steve Jackson, Angie Cortolli, Rosaleen Hourigan, Graham Parker, Kim Parker, Julie Priddle, Peter Auret, Sheila Bicker, Bernie Murphy, Liam Murphy, Damien McGinn, Wayne Pollock, Liesolotte Hanks, Mark Coleman, Leanna Risdale, Natalie Hewitt, Daren Burges, Alan Anstey, Marion Thomas, Mark Kingston-James, Jim Robbins, Andrew Agius, Aoife Shelley, Andy Gray.

Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 1. First Confessions | 24 th May 2025 |
| 2. First Holy Communion | 14 th June 2025 |
| 3. Summer Fayre (School & Parish) | 21 st June 2025 |
| 4. Brazilian June Party | 28 th June 2025 |
| 5. Mrs Michelle Marshall's Thanksgiving | 6 th July 2025 |

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

We have a parish WhatsApp Group solely **for information and updates ONLY**. Scan the QR code below or on the advert on the notice board and link yourself to any news and updates regarding the parish. The parishioners are encouraged to join. There are currently 111 members on our WhatsApp group.



CARLO ACUTIS GROUP

The next meeting is on 4th of May, Sunday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Brooks Hall. *There are currently 50 members in the WhatsApp group.*

Scan Barcode to join Carlo Acutis WhatsApp Group.



PARISH CENSUS FORM

We are updating our Parish Census. New forms are available requesting your personal information. Please complete a form as an individual, couple, family or household. Your assistance will help us make the parish more efficient. You may take the form home with you but if you complete it TODAY while you are in church, it will be a great help. It will take less than 10 minutes of your time.

It is wonderful to see so many people attending Church and the services of the parish will be greatly improved with updated information. All your information is confidential and not circulated outside of the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

It is also Possible to fill the form Online. You can access the form by using the below QR code.



MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins

8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Deacon Rob, Natasha Mulvihill

READERS:

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey

8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Molline Ndermani, Teresa Smaka

BIDDING PRAYERS: Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed

8.30am Trish Goddard

10.00am Caroline White, Teresa Smaka

Church Cleaners: Team 1

Tea & Coffee: Pan African Community

Children's Liturgy: 11th and 18th May

Join The Women's group

Invitation to all women with an interest
in friendship, fun & togetherness

- ALL CULTURES, AGES, BACKGROUNDS & STATUS WELCOME
- WE TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT AND ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO NETWORK & BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
- A PLACE FOR WOMEN TO COME TOGETHER TO DISCOVER THEIR SIMILARITIES AND TO LEARN FROM THEIR DIFFERENCES.

WE LOVE ENGAGING OUR MEMBERS IN COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES AND MOST OF ALL -
HAVE FUN TOGETHER!

Meetings on the first
Wednesday of every month

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO ON:
07790949212 / TAPPERCANI@HOTMAIL.CO.UK



women's group
presents

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

Please kindly join us for a delightful
afternoon of tea, raffle and wonderful
company as we host an enchanting
afternoon tea party.

11 May 2025 at 3 PM

Shore Gallery



TICKETS £8 PER PERSON

Tickets Available after every Mass

Contact Sally - 07790949212
or the Parish Office