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PRAYER MATTERS

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for all who are unwell:

Edmund Richardson, Ann Fletcher, Julie Phinikas, Gabriele Green, Ken Wright, Eliza James, Andy Dawes, Sheila Daly, Pat Kissane, Dolores Kennedy, Adam Walker, William Gregory, Lorretto Coyle, Jenny Coyle, Clare Coyle, Jane Cooper, Clem Cox, Chris Vigars, Sylvia Hambidge, Judy Haworth, Allan Liversedge, Mary Peacock, John Hunt and all in our hospitals, residential and nursing homes.

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Rupert Ridge, Anne Robson, Agnes Thompson, Eileen Melling, Peter Ware, Brian Cross, Hugh Feeny, Gill Lovell, Harry Coles, John McCalley, Francis McCall, Liam Snailham, Gwen Newman, Guy Driffield, Katharine O'Connell, Jean Kuitche, Clara Toffolo, Clare Annis, Mary Page, Helen Kirby, Julia Duffy, Sally Waller, Vera Newman, Gino Carpanini, Tom Mahoney, Mary Redondo.

Please also keep in your prayers those Catechumens and Candidates preparing for entry into the Catholic Church at Easter, whose names are in the Rite of Election book in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st March
First Sunday of Lent



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| 6pm | Vigil Mass | Holy Souls |
| 8am | Mass | Private Intention |
| 9.30am | Family Mass | People of the Parish |
| 11.15am | Solemn Mass | Allan Swallow RIP |
| 6pm | Mass | Liam Snailham RIP |

Monday 2nd March

7.30am Mass Leena Crump RIP

Tuesday 3rd March

7.30am Mass Alford, Ashworth & Stephenson RIP

Wednesday 4th March

7.30am Mass John Myrvold RIP
7pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 5th March

7.30am Mass Joan Jeffrey RIP

Friday 6th March

7.30am Mass Special Intention
5.15pm Vespers (Junior Choir)

Saturday 7th March

10.30am Mass John Penny RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.15am – 12.15pm; 5pm – 5.30pm
6pm Vigil Mass Bristol Street Pastors

Sunday 8th March – Second Sunday of Lent

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| 8am | Mass | Carpanini Family |
| 9.30am | Family Mass | Private Intention |
| 11.15am | Solemn Mass | Margaret MacDonald RIP |
| 6pm | Mass | People of the Parish |

St Joseph's Home. Monday to Saturday: Daily Mass at 10.30am.
Sunday: Mass at 11am; Exposition at 4.30pm; Evening Prayer at 5pm.

Wednesday 4th March: Mass will also be celebrated at 2pm with the children of Reception and Year Six from Ss Peter and Paul School.



CLIFTON CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st March 2020
First Sunday of Lent, Year A

Money Can't Buy You Love. We're tempted to think that if only we had enough money then we could be really happy. In fact, the only guarantee is that we would be really rich. For money does not equate with happiness any more than sex equates with fulfilment, drugs with serenity or alcohol with sociability. What temptation actually offers us is illusion. It's that flickering image of greener grass on the other side. But green grass always needs mowing eventually, and temptation always needs payment of one kind or another.

Jesus' temptations were all-inclusive. They were about money, power and success. The Devil was saying that if Jesus would give in to him, then the world was Jesus' oyster. There's nothing sinful about that – it's only an offer. But it's an offer that he could and did refuse. As Lent begins we are pointed in the direction of real life. We are reminded that there are so many choices that face us each day. We have to be clear not only about which ones we are going to make, but also about why we are doing so.

The ashes, with which we began Lent, are a reminder of the cross. And it's this cross that we hold before our eyes as we journey along the forty days. It's a constant reminder to us that there are no easy ways out, no quick fixes, and no shortcuts to holiness. If we are to share in the joy of the Easter resurrection than we have to embrace the cross. And this means making some choices in life that are difficult. It means sometimes swimming against the tide of public opinion and practice. It means having a vision of what life really is rather than the flimsy imitation that temptation would have us believe.

Jesus knew that what the Devil had to offer could not help him in his mission from the Father. What the Father offered was glory. What the Devil offered was (at best) fame. Jesus was steadfast in facing whatever would lead him to fulfil his mission. In Lent, as in life, we will come across the chance to take what look like wonderful offers but which in our hearts we know to be flawed. They are the temptations which can be our undoing – or our making.

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel Acclamation: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

PARISH MATTERS

BAPTISM: Congratulations and welcome to Evelyn Rose Bewley, who was recently baptised here at the Cathedral.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The presentation of Bibles to the children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will take place at our 9.30am Mass today. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The Annual General Meeting of the Clifton Foundation UCM will be held at 1.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March at St Joseph's Home (66 Cotham Hill, BS6 6JT).

SCHOOL MASS: A Mass for the children of Reception and Year Six at Ss Peter and Paul School will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 2pm on Wednesday 4th March. Cathedral parishioners are welcome to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross here at the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 7pm, beginning on Wednesday 4th March. Stations will also be prayed at St Joseph's Home (66 Cotham Hill, BS6 6JT) at 5pm on each Friday of Lent. Please do come and walk the way of sorrows with the Lord.

NEW READERS: Clifton Cathedral would like to increase the number of readers for all our Masses – especially for the 6pm weekend Masses. The Ministry of Readers is an important contribution that lay people can make to our liturgies. If you are interested in being involved in this way, please contact Mary Manners at Cathedral House by Thursday 5th March. A training session will be available for all new readers.

JUBILATE: Jubilate Chamber Choir (one of Gloucestershire's leading chamber choirs) will present a recital of European choral music here at the Cathedral at 1.15pm on Saturday 7th March. The performance will include works by Mozart, Duruflé, Franck, Poulenc, Higginson, Fauré and others. Admission is free; there will be a retiring collection.

SATURDAY SOUP RUN: Our parish takes over the Churches Together Soup and Sandwiches Run from Saturday 7th March to Saturday 28th March inclusive. If you are interested in joining the dedicated team of volunteers, or if you would like to make a Lenten donation, then please contact Mary Manners in the parish office at Cathedral House.

COFFEE MORNING: There will be a fund-raising coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale at St Joseph's Home (66 Cotham Hill, BS6 6JT) following the 10.30am Mass on Saturday 14th March. Please do come along and lend your support to this very worthwhile event if you can.

SOURCES OF WISDOM: On Saturday 14th March, here at the Cathedral, Fr Lawrence Freeman will explore new and old sources of wisdom to show how to live hopefully. Starting at 2.15pm, there will be a talk, a period of meditation and time for questions. There is no entry fee; a donation of £10 is suggested. For further information, please contact Roger Layet at roger.layet@btinternet.com or on 01275 463727.

PASSIONTIDE MEDITATION: On Saturday 4th April, at 7.45pm, you can join the Cathedral Choir (Stephen Bryant – Organ; John Gibbons – Conductor) for words and music reflecting on the Passion of our Lord: Fauré's 'Requiem', Allegri's 'Miserere Mei' and Lotti's 'Crucifixus'.

PARISH MATTERS

CATHEDRAL WEBSITE: Parishioners may have noticed that the website for Clifton Cathedral at www.cliftoncathedral.org has been relaunched. The new website is still in development, with further content still to be added. Any feedback – positive or negative – will be gratefully received.

FINANCE: The offertory collection for last week came to £1223.43, comprising £870.43 in loose cash and £353.00 in weekly envelopes. Thank you for your generosity and donations throughout the year.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The generosity of the parishioners of the Cathedral is always much appreciated, not only with regard to our own weekly offertory collection, but also when it comes to retiring collections. Should it be of assistance in planning your donations, the second collections taking place between now and the end of April are as follows: Sunday 8th March – CAFOD (following the Lent Fast Day); Friday 10th April – The Holy Places. Thank you for your support.

CAFOD: CAFOD Lent Fast Day will be on Friday 6th March. Please find attached an envelope for your Fast Day offering, which will be collected after next weekend's Masses. If you pay tax, don't forget to Gift-Aid your offering. This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the first CAFOD Family Fast Day. Just like that first Fast Day, this year's Fast Day is our opportunity to assist the vital work of CAFOD, and so to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts all around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Another way to raise funds for CAFOD is through the use of a CAFOD collection box. Boxes are now available in the Narthex for you to take and fill this Lent. They will be collected in on Maundy Thursday. Thank you for your support.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is celebrated around the world in a hundred and seventy countries. This year's service has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. The service in Bristol will take place at 10.30am on Friday 6th March at Cotham Parish Church (Cotham Road, BS6 6DR). Refreshments will be available from 10am, and a crèche will be available too. A retiring collection will be taken. All are welcome.

THE WELL – CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY

The Well (Centre for Spirituality, 38 Church Road, Westbury-on-Trym, BS9 3EQ) is one of our Cathedral Parish Projects, and welcomes groups and individuals, for quiet prayer, for retreats, and for special events.

A TIME OF PRAYER FOR HEALING: There is a time of prayer for healing on the second Tuesday of each month. The next will be on Tuesday 10th March, from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Using an Iona-style format, we come together to pray for healing for those who have asked for our prayers, for the world and for ourselves. Prayer petitions may be sent to the warden to be added to those at The Well. All are welcome – there is no need to book. For more information, please contact the warden on 0117 9502742 or at warden@thewellcentreforspirituality.org.

LENT TALKS

Clifton Diocese is celebrating a Year of Communion. In the words of Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton, "Our Parishes and Communities should be places where Christ is celebrated, shared, proclaimed and lived, where everyone is welcomed and valued and where all have a sense of responsibility for the life of the community and the world."

We will be using the theme of Communion for this year's Lent Talks, which will take place on Tuesday evenings in the Apostle Room. Each evening will open with tea and coffee from 7pm, followed at 7.30pm by the talk, which will start with a short liturgy. An opportunity for discussion will follow the talk, and the evening will finish by 9pm.

Tuesday 3rd March – Canon Bosco MacDonald, Cathedral Dean
St Thérèse and the Communion of Saints

Tuesday 10th March – Richard Jeffrey-Gray, Director of Music
Building Communion through Music and Song

Tuesday 17th March – Ian Knowles, Catholic Iconographer
The Trinity Icon: Theosis through Communion

Tuesday 24th March – Phil McCarthy, Caritas Social Action Network
Social Action and the Eucharist

Tuesday 31st March – Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton
Laudato Si' – Care for our Common World
This talk will end with sung night prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

All are welcome. Please do join us for what we hope will be a series of interesting and thought-provoking talks, with the opportunity to meet and share with people from throughout our parish community.

LENTEN CONVERSATIONS

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland is very pleased to present four talks for Lent. The first of these talks will be held here at the Cathedral, with further talks to follow in other local churches:

Thursday 5th March – Rev. Dr John Weaver
Faith, the Climate and Pollution
Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral

Monday 9th March – Nick Spencer
Science and Religion: what are they actually disagreeing about?
Victoria Methodist Church (Whiteladies Road, BS8 1NU)

Thursday 19th March – Bishop Dr Alastair Redfern
Modern Slavery
Cotham Parish Church (Cotham Road, BS6 6DR)

Thursday 26th March – Laura Hobbs
Managing Investments Ethically
Redland Park URC (Whiteladies Road, BS6 6SA)

Hot drinks will be available from 7pm, and the talks will commence at 7.30pm. The evenings will draw to a close by 9pm. All are welcome. Please do come and support these interesting and ecumenical talks.