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PRAYER MATTERS

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

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

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Mgr Donald McMillan, Fr Daniel Campbell, Br Charles O'Donnell, Sr Rita, Jeanette Nicholson, Muriel Eden, Gwendoline Bradley, Arthur Tomlinson, Betty Stevens, Mary Sheeran, Valerie Kingman, Joe Jacklin, Nora Williams, Alan Govier, Dorothea Middendorf, Jacqueline Cannon, Anthony Blacker, Miguel Bottolotto, Nora Mellor, Antonia Casey, Una Thirza MacGranthin.

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 8th March – Second Sunday of Lent



6pm	Vigil Mass	Bristol Street Pastors
8am	Mass	Carpanini Family
9.30am	Family Mass	Private Intention
11.15am	Solemn Mass	Margaret MacDonald RIP
6pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Monday 9th March

7.30am	Mass	Daniel Harrison, His Family & Friends
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Tuesday 10th March

7.30am	Mass	Gino Carpanini RIP
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Wednesday 11th March

7.30am	Mass	Leena Crump RIP
7pm	Stations of the Cross	

Thursday 12th March

7.30am	Mass	David Pugsley RIP
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Friday 13th March

7.30am	Mass	Julia Duffy RIP
5.15pm	Vespers (Junior Choir)	

Saturday 14th March

10.30am	Mass	Joan Jeffrey RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.15am – 12.15pm; 5pm – 5.30pm</i>		
6pm	Vigil Mass	John Myrvold RIP

Sunday 15th March – Third Sunday of Lent

8am	Mass	People of the Parish
9.30am	Family Mass	Private Intention
11.15am	Solemn Mass	Alan & Anne Govier RIP
6pm	Mass	Private Intention

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



CLIFTON CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th March 2020
Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

The Agony and the Ecstasy. In some ways this Sunday of Lent is the other side of last week's coin. The face of Christ we saw last week was the human being, subject to the same temptations as we are ourselves. And today we see the same Christ, but in his divine nature, sharing and basking in the glory which is God's alone.

It's significant that the account of the Transfiguration comes amidst predictions of Jesus' impending Passion. It is as if the Transfiguration experience is given to the three disciples as a boost to their faith, because Jesus knows how hard it will be for them to accept that he must be handed over and suffer. Yet the Transfiguration encapsulates the meaning of Lent. It joins together the shame that becomes glory, the agony that is also the ecstasy, and the death that turns into life. And when the disciples protest, and say that they will shield Jesus from suffering, he lets them know that the only way that he can triumph is through obedience to the Father, through his death on the cross.

Perhaps we have become used to the story of the Transfiguration. Maybe we view it as just one of the many events of Jesus' life. What we must not do is to lose sight of the lengths to which God is prepared to go on our behalf. The Transfiguration points to a God who gave us the Law (Moses) to be a guide to daily living. It shows that time after time we had the Prophets (Elijah) to keep us aware of God's will. And most of all it presents us with God's only Son who was to give up his own life so that we might enjoy a life that never ends.

If we learn to live in Christ, then we will also have Transfiguration experiences. There will be moments, when we least expect them, in which we will catch just a glimpse of something greater than this world. Through other people and events, through anguish and elation, we will receive that boost to our faith. Renewed in hope, like Peter, James and John, we will be able to say, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here".

<i>Entrance Antiphon:</i>	Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
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<i>1st Reading:</i>	<i>Genesis 12: 1-4</i>
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<i>Responsorial Psalm:</i>	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
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<i>2nd Reading:</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1: 8-10</i>
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<i>Gospel Acclamation:</i>	From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
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<i>Gospel:</i>	<i>Matthew 17: 1-9</i>
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<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
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PARISH MATTERS

RON WEEKS RIP: We were saddened this week to hear of the passing of Ron Weeks, who was the lead architect of Clifton Cathedral. Ron had an ongoing fondness for the Cathedral, and continued to visit on a regular basis. We will always be very grateful for his creative vision and his role in the creation of our beautiful Cathedral. A memorial service for Ron will be held at the Cathedral later in the year. We keep his family and friends in our prayers at this time. May he rest in peace.

CORONAVIRUS: Given the current concern regarding the spread of COVID-19, with effect from this weekend's Masses (and until further notice) the provision of the Chalice at Communion will be suspended, and thus Holy Communion will only be offered in the form of the Host, which will be distributed in the hand. In addition, to minimise physical contact, the sign of peace during Mass will be omitted. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross here at the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 7pm. There will also be Stations of the Cross at 12 noon on Friday 10th April. Stations will also be prayed at St Joseph's at 5pm on each Friday of Lent. Please do come and walk the way of sorrows with the Lord.

RCIA – KNOWING THE FAITH: The RCIA group will meet at 7pm on Wednesday 11th March in the Chapter Room at Cathedral House for a session entitled 'The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?'

SATURDAY SOUP RUN: Our parish will be responsible for the Churches Together Soup and Sandwiches Run throughout March. If you would like to join the dedicated team of volunteers, or if you wish to make a Lenten donation, please contact Mary Manners 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.

TRAIDCRAFT AND FOODBANK: Fairly traded goods will be on sale after all our Masses next weekend (14th and 15th March). Food can be purchased from the stall for donation to the Foodbank – supporting communities here in Bristol and helping those in need in developing countries to transform their lives by fighting poverty through trade. Donations of any other non-perishable items are also very welcome of course, and the Foodbank is currently in particular need of: pesto; cooking sauces; olive oil; tinned fish; tinned meat; rice; pasta; coffee; biscuits; chocolate; jam; sponge puddings; toilet rolls; and nappies.

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. Many thanks to all those who have already been in touch to say how much they like it! The new website is still under development, and any feedback will be gratefully received as we continue to develop the site.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please ensure that any items for inclusion in the newsletter are sent in by noon on the Wednesday preceding publication (ideally by e-mail to robert.newton@cliftondiocese.com). Note that all items received may be edited for space and consistency.

FINANCE: The offertory collection for last week came to £1481.31, comprising £1112.59 in loose cash and £368.72 in weekly envelopes. Thank you for your generosity and donations throughout the year.

CAFOD: CAFOD Lent Fast Day took place on Friday 6th March. Your Fast Day offering will be collected after this weekend's Masses. If you pay tax, don't forget to Gift-Aid your offering. 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.

500 CLUB DRAW PRIZES FOR FEBRUARY: 1st Prize – 82 – £125; 2nd Prize – 95 – £100; 3rd Prize – 101 – £75; 4th Prize – 106 – £50.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN SPAIN

As part of our diocesan Year of Communion, Bishop Declan will lead a pilgrimage to Northern Spain from Thursday 22nd October to Thursday 29th October. This will also be a celebration of the forthcoming five-hundredth anniversary (in 2022) of St Ignatius at Manresa writing his Spiritual Exercises. Locations to be visited during the pilgrimage will include San Sebastian, Loyola, Pamplona, Montserrat, Manresa (City of the Jesuit Order) and the City of Barcelona. The full package price is £1088 per person (based on two people sharing), and a total of forty places are available. For further information, please contact Sarah Adams at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or on 0117 9025595.

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 are using the theme of Communion for this year's Lent Talks, which 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.

Last Tuesday a good number of parishioners joined us for an inspiring opening evening when Canon Bosco gave us a very engaging talk on St Thérèse of Lisieux and the Communion of Saints. Still to come:

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 was held here at the Cathedral, when Rev. Dr John Weaver spoke to us about Faith, the Climate and Pollution. Further talks now follow in other local churches:

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.