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FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

MAY 2022

LITURGY THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

Sunday 15 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday 16 th May Weekday of Easter	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th May, Weekday of Easter	Mass: 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th May, Weekday of Easter	Mass: 7.30am
Thursday 19 th April, St Dunstan	Mass: 7.30am
Friday 20 th April, Weekday of Easter	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 21 st April, Weekday of Easter	Mass: 9.30am
Confessions: 10.00am (Saturdays) and by request at any time.	

PRAYERS PLEASE: For all who are unwell: Edmund Richardson, Gabriele Green, Eliza James, Annabelle Cervantes, Angela Manning, Theresa Johnston, Ian Venters, Barbara Freeman, Mario Toffolo, Sue Wright, Christine Bartlett, Nick Lee, Steve Hatwood, Claire Valsler, Margaret Meech, Patrick O'Sullivan, Malcolm and Jane Cooper, Dinah McAlees, Patricia Sheppard, Timothy Robinson, Kate Painter, Steve Bell, Jo Cotton, Carol and Chris Chadwick, Valentina Kelemenova, Kate Cullen, David Bull, Nic Dunn, Mary Burke, Ian and Amy Mackenzie, Maelor Raymond.

For those who died recently: Dawn Sidoli, Fr Jose Costas.

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Elizabeth Smith, Desmond Northcott, Gloria Harrison, Bruce Sparks, Anna Kravicki, Patricia Crosse, Emilia Tyler.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Although we may understand many more words, most of us only use about 800 different ones in our daily conversation. This means that we employ general words to convey lots of different things. Love is a word that we use to express all sorts of different things. We say that we love ice-cream. What we really mean is that we like it. We say that we love the way someone talks when what we are really saying is that it fascinates us. We sing of love in every pop song that reaches the charts, yet we are almost always talking about infatuation. So it's natural that when Jesus tells us to love one another we translate it in our own minds as being nice to people. But the love Jesus is speaking about is much more than being kind, polite or considerate. The bible makes the extraordinary claim that God is love. This means that God's essence, his very being, is love. To love, therefore, means to be like God. But we are not talking about a fatherly kindness or condescension. We are talking about the attitude that God has towards everyone he has made. God loves us in such a way that he yearns for us to know him, he longs for us to understand the dignity which he has given us through life, and he aches for us to respond to his offer of happiness. Each time we throw that offer back in God's face we diminish ourselves, because we are made in God's own image and likeness: we are made in the image of love. God never stops giving. He gives himself completely to us in Jesus Christ who came to reveal the God of love. When we have true feelings of love for another person we are responding to their loveliness, which is the same as their godliness. Our feelings of love only come about because we have experienced God's love. That's why Christians are called to see all God's children as loveable and to respond to them with a care and concern that knows no limits. Loving our neighbour is not about respecting their space. It's more about doing everything within our power to help them see their own dignity in God's eyes. This is the same giving God who loved us so much that he gave his only Son, who in turn gave his life.

LISTENING SYNOD: Thank you to all who participated in our listening events and the follow-up sessions. Your valued feedback and comments are central to the synodal process in our parish and in the diocese too. The full report is available on our website and at Cathedral House. Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on Wednesday June 22nd at 7.00pm when he will present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. To attend please book via eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK: The theme for the awareness campaign this year is loneliness, as it has become a significant issue for so many through the pandemic. The Cathedral Mercy Group offers support to those with anxiety, isolation, low self-esteem, addiction, family issues, bereavement and other life-affecting issues. Weekly meetings are held in the James Room at 7pm on Wednesdays. FFI, please contact Canon Bosco at Cathedral House, Robert on 07767706163 or via email mercygroupbristol@gmail.com. Here are a few useful links, both with information of this year's campaign and support services available; [Mental Health UK](https://www.mentalhealth-uk.org) [Mental Health Awareness Week 2022 - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://www.mentalhealth-uk.org/mentalhealth-awareness-week-2022) [Mind](https://www.mind.org.uk) - [Mental Health Awareness Week 2022 - Mind](https://www.mind.org.uk/mentalhealth-awareness-week-2022) .[Mind Helplines Information - Helplines and listening services - Mind](https://www.mind.org.uk/helplines) , NHS - [Mental Health Helpline for Urgent Help - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mentalhealth)

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Has returned to the Apostle Room for the weekly sessions from 9.30-11.30am. Nominal cost £1 per family, grandparents, child minders, nannies all welcome.

WYD 2023: World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from July 31st to August 8th, 2023 for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, please register your interest at www.cliftondiocese.com/world-youth-day-2023

TERM TIME ACCOMMODATION: Bristol University Catholic Chaplaincy in Clifton has rooms available for Catholic students of Bristol, UWE, and other institutions of higher education in Bristol at. If you would like the opportunity to be part of a vibrant Catholic community, please e-mail sharon.owen@cliftondiocese.com.

FINANCE: Last week's collection came to £566.83, and second collection for the Priest Retirement Fund to £717.78 – thank you very much for your generosity.