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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

(April 14, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

Response to the Psalm:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

Communion Antiphon:

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Francisco Xavier Pereira (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Reginald and Treza Britto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Giuseppe Gugliotta (RIP)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Intentions of De Sa family
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Francisco Vas & Bernadino D'Melo (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Gaspar Pereira & Ubaldinha Dias (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Franthon Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Canneda Pires & John D'Souza (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (APRIL 21, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Alec Noronha (Intentions) Lea Noronha (Intentions) Leshem Gonsalves (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Rosaria Gonsalves (RIP) Francisco Pereira (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – David John Cooper (RIP) June Mary Cooper (RIP)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Elena Dias and Alora Fernandes who are being baptised this weekend here in St Marys.

BISHOP-ELECT BOSCO MacDonald

Our new Bishop, Canon Bosco MacDonald will be ordained Bishop on 8th May at Clifton Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayer.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the souls of:

Anna Sammarco: her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 17th April at 10.30am.

Robert Gamble: his Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 18th April at 11.30am.

Georgina Rivera: her Requiem Mass will be on Saturday 20th April at 12.30pm.

Kathleen Venison: her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd April at 11am.

Please also keep their families in your prayers.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY is always celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. It is particularly a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. God does call but it is not always easy to discern his call. Let us pray that those whom God is calling will have the generosity to respond in love and faith. **The retiring collection** is always to support those in formation. We have three seminarians at present and your generosity and kindness supports them through the six-year formation. There are diocesan leaflets available for you to pick up in readiness for Vocations Sunday (21st April).

A DAY ON THE EUCHARIST: A bond of love which can never be undone. An Opportunity for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as a Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. The day will be led by Fr Michael McAndrew and everyone is welcome. This event will be held on June 8th at St. Bernadette's School, Whichurch, Bristol. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music and silence. Refreshments available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. It will end by 4pm. To register click on to the Eventbrite link <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk>

DIOCESE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: The bishop (Bishop Bosco) will be celebrating his first diocesan celebration of Marriage in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, the Mass will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. If you are or you know of a couple celebrating special anniversaries during 2024 please do let the Adult Education Office know. Send in names to adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with the address so that a personal invitation can be sent to them from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of the diocesan family gathered with our bishop.

MOTHERS PRAYERS DAY: You are warmly invited to Mothers Prayers day in Sacred Heart Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett. SN4 7AH Tea/ Coffee provided. Please bring packed lunch. For further details see poster on notice board.

BRO. VINCENT LISBOA will give a teaching on how to live a Victorious Christian Life on Sunday 28th April 2024 from 3pm until 8pm here in St Mary's Church, Tovey Road, Swindon SN2 1LQ. Contact Freddy 07516215395 or on Whatsapp call contact +919834822419.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

PARISH DINNER/ DANCE: We will be having a Parish dinner and dance on Saturday 31st August. There will be a meeting to plan for it next Saturday 20th April at 7pm in the Sacristy. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to help.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1364.03 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

*OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

or

Alleluia!

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

Second reading I John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.