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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

(FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) – B

(April 21, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
Response to the Psalm:	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Gospel Acclamation:	I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Communion Antiphon:	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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 – Alec Noronha (Intentions) Lea Noronha (Intentions) Leshem Gonsalves (Intentions) Ethan Teles (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Rosaria Gonsalves (RIP) Francisco Pereira (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – David John Cooper (RIP) June Mary Cooper (RIP)
Monday	11.00am	REQUIEM MASS: KATHLEEN VENISON
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Margorie Jane Guiry (Anniversary) Ethan Pereira (Intentions) Francisco & Rona D'Souza (Intentions) Avatius Da Cunha & Vanessa Fernandes (Intentions)
	07.00pm	Mass of Confirmation
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Custodio Marques (Anniversary) Romeo Vaz & Sunita Fernandes (Anniversary) Anthony Rodrigues & Stacy Rocha (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Mary Benedicta Fernandes (Intentions) Neezan Pereira (Intentions)
	07.00pm	Mass of Confirmation
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Natasha Vas (Intentions) Brian D'Silva & Melba D'Cruz (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (APRIL 28, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Aleixo Do Rosario (Intentions) Candelaria Fernandes (Intentions) Jose De Sa (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Melvy Crasto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Santana Rodrigues (RIP) Brinnel Fernandes (Intentions) Rebecca De Sa (Intentions)

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Alannah Pereira who has been 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 soul of Kathleen Venison who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd April at 11am. Please also keep her family in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION: This week 56 of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Declan will be here to celebrate confirmation on Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm. Please do remember to pray for all our young people as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

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 at the back of the Church.

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 Saturday, 8th June at St. Bernadette's School, Whitchurch, 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.

EASTER KNITS- Many thanks to those who purchased Easter Knits over Easter which raised £204.90 for Future in Our Hands Charity. This is a charity which funds projects in India- to help abandoned street children with shelter, food and education Cameroon- to support a clinic for the disabled Sierra Leone-supporting environmental education. Your support is much appreciated. Many thanks to the knitters for their time, expertise and generosity too.

MOTHERS PRAYERS DAY: You are warmly invited to Mothers Prayers day on 25th May from 11am-3.30pm 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 call +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 £ 1444 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.*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

***The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.