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[www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

(April 28, 2024)

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Entrance Antiphon:

**O Sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

Response to the Psalm:

**You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Make my home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

Communion Antiphon:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

### CONFESSIONS

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

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### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Aleixo Do Rosario (Intentions) Candelaria Fernandes (Intentions) Jose De Sa (RIP) Veranie De Oliveira (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Melvy Crasto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Santana Rodrigues (RIP) Brinnel Fernandes (Intentions) Rebecca De Sa (Intentions)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Delanie Silveira (Thanksgiving) Rosaria Eliza Fernandes (Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Jazlyn Pereira (Intentions) Lydia Fernandes (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Matheo Fernandes (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Carmelina Fernandes (Anniversary)

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MAY 5, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Malucha Rosario & Dixon Vas (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Antoneta Pereira (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Anne Ruddick (RIP)

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

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**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

**PARISH DINNER/ DANCE:** We will be having a Parish dinner and dance on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. There will be a meeting to plan for it next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Sacristy. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to help.

**BISHOP-ELECT BOSCO MacDonald:** Our new Bishop, Canon Bosco MacDonald will be ordained Bishop on 8<sup>th</sup> May at Clifton Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayer.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Godfrey Goodyear who died recently. His Funeral Service will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Kingsdown Crematorium at 2.15pm. Please also keep his family 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](mailto: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.

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**RED BOX 2023:** In 2023 Parish raised £1210.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community here at our parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS DAY:** You are warmly invited to Mothers Prayers day on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1423.60 and £500 in standing orders and the Clergy Training Fund came to £236.40. Many thanks for your generosity.

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*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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### First reading

Acts 9:26-31

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

***You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.***

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**Second reading**

I John 3:18-24

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.