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**Diocesan website:**

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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

(May 5, 2024)

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Entrance Antiphon:	<b>Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.</b>
Response to the Psalm:	<b>The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.</b>
Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."</b>
Communion Antiphon:	<b>If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.</b>

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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 – Malucha Rosario & Dixon Vas (Intentions) Blasia Estrocio (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Antoneta Pereira (RIP)
	10.30am	Mass – Anne Ruddick (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Antonio Fernandes (RIP) Marian D'Souza (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Aruba Fernandes (RIP) Valliton Fernandes (RIP) Catarina Cruz (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION</b>	
	09.00am	Mass – Manuel Gonsalves (Intentions)
	06.00pm	Mass – People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Cruz & Sophia Silveira (Intentions)

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MAY 12, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Samuel Da Costa (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Augusto Fernandes (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Russell Fernandes (RIP) Joseph Fernandes (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

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and is a holy day. Mass here at ST Marys will be at 9am and 6pm.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Gianna Cardozo and Declan Fernandes who are being baptised here in St Mary this weekend.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 £ 1355.50 and £500 in standing orders. 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

### First reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**Second reading**

I John 4:7-10

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another, as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master’s business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me:  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.