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**Diocesan website:**

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

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

(May 12, 2024)

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Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.**

Communion Antiphon: **Father I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, 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 – Samuel Da Costa (Intentions) Simmi Gracias (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Augusto Fernandes (Anniversary)
	10.30am	Mass – Russell Fernandes (RIP) Joseph Fernandes (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Violante Cabral (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Marilyn D'Cruz (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Raydon Rodrigues (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Catarina Andrade (RIP) Jose Antonio Crasto (Anniversary)

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MAY 19, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Deceased relatives of Rosario & Vas family
	09.00am	Mass – Johnson Dias (Thanksgiving)
	10.30am	Mass – Jose D'Souza (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, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Savio Fernandes and Queeny De Sa who will be married here at St Mary's this weekend.

**BAPTISM:** We Welcome into the Church Niall Quinn and Franklyn Watts who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please remember to pray for Patrick Willis and Kathleen Hopgood who died recently. Patrick's Funeral Service will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12.30am here in St Marys Church. Kathleen Funeral Service will be on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am in Kingsdown Crematorium. Please also remember to pray for both their families.

**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 £1344.70 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

### First reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

In the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**                      Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

**Second reading**                                      1 John 4:11-16

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

My dear people,  
since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.  
No one has ever seen God;  
but as long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us.  
We can know that we are living in him  
and he is living in us  
because he lets us share his Spirit.  
We ourselves saw and we testify  
that the Father sent his Son  
as saviour of the world.  
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him, and he in God.  
We ourselves have known and put our faith in  
God's love towards ourselves.  
God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 17:11-19**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,  
keep those you have given me true to your name,  
so that they may be one like us.  
While I was with them,  
I kept those you had given me true to your name.  
I have watched over them  
and not one is lost  
except the one who chose to be lost,  
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.  
But now I am coming to you  
and while still in the world I say these things  
to share my joy with them to the full.  
I passed your word on to them,  
and the world hated them,  
because they belong to the world  
no more than I belong to the world.  
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,  
but to protect them from the evil one.  
They do not belong to the world  
any more than I belong to the world.  
Consecrate them in the truth;  
your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
I have sent them into the world,  
and for their sake I consecrate myself  
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

The Gospel of the Lord.