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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – PROPER OF THE SEASON

THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK

There is a live daily Mass from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Clifton Cathedral. The Mass is 9.30am and can be viewed on the Diocesan website: <http://cliftondiocese.com>

LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Psalm 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Col 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-23	Psalm 15: 1-11		Matthew 28: 8-15
Tues	Acts 2: 36-41	Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22		John 20: 11-18
Weds	Acts 3: 1-10	Psalm 104: 1-4, 6-9		Luke 24: 13-35
Thurs	Acts 3: 11-26	Psalm 8: 2, 5-9		Luke 24: 35-48
Fri	Acts 4: 1-12	Psalm 117: 1-4, 22-27		John 21: 1-14
Sat	Acts 4: 13-21	Psalm 117: 1, 14-21		Mark 16: 9-15

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Vi. Burrage, Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie, Rosemary Sturup

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Natalia Siwiak, Matthew McCabe

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Tony Thompson, Georgina Mazzone, Frances Little, Christopher Notley, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Tina Hathaway, Phil Goodwin, Chris Jay

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Edith Berkley, Anne Willis, Harold Davis, Amy Shaw, Marie Carr

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Clevedon with Yatton: Immaculate Conception; Nailsea: St Francis of Assisi; Portishead: St Joseph

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Public Masses are still suspended until further notice.

Father Bill would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter! There will be no collection this year due the difficult times many are be facing. All scheduled special collections are being re-booked for later in the year.

IN GENERAL

DID YOU KNOW?

MAUNDY THURSDAY – “Maundy” comes from the Latin mandatum, or commandment, reflecting Jesus’ words “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Maundy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, the period that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

FLOWERS - The white lily is the official flower of Easter. As they represent grace and purity, many churches and homes have chosen to decorate with the white lily for the holiday. In fact, they’re commonly known best as “Easter lilies.”

EASTER EGGS - In medieval times, a festival of ‘egg-throwing’ was held in church. The priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys, and then tossed from one choir boy to the next. When the clock struck 12, whoever held the egg, was the winner and got to keep the egg.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS

In the Gospels, Jesus assured us on several occasions that persistent prayer would be answered. He told us: *“Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)*

THANK YOU TO THE NHS

A nationwide round of applause is set to take place every Thursday evening at 8pm to thank NHS workers for putting their lives on the line to help tackle the coronavirus

outbreak. The campaign, named #ClapForOurCarers, invites everyone to join together on front doorsteps, gardens, out of windows, on balconies or in their living rooms for a countrywide applause. The last two weeks witnessed an incredible turn out as households across the UK show their appreciation for those putting their lives at risk to save others.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice

as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

CAFOD are hosting a virtual children’s liturgy on their website (<http://www.cafod.org.uk>) for you to sign up and join in online, or you can download the materials and use in your own time.

VULNERABLE PARISHIONERS

If you are or know of a vulnerable parishioner who needs support during this difficult time, by means of help with shopping, errand running, or just a friendly phonecall, then with their permission, can you email their name, phone number/address to either: stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or

Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com and we will do our best to assist. If you would like to volunteer to help a vulnerable parishioner, please could you send your name and contact details to one of the above email addresses.
Many thanks.

CHAIR OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

There is a current vacancy to become Chair of the Finance Committee at Woodchester. It would be helpful if you have previous finance experience, but it is not necessary. There are four meetings a year that you would need to attend. If you are interested, please could you contact Father Bill.