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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY - PSALTER WEEK 1

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>

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LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 2: 1-11	Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34	1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23
Mon	Gn 3: 9-15, 20	Psalm 86		John 19: 25-34
Tues	2Pt 3: 11-15, 17-18	Psalm 89: 2-4, 10, 14, 16		Mark 12: 13-17
Wed	2Tm 1: 1-3, 6-12	Psalm 122: 1-2		Mark 12: 18-27
Thurs	Gn 22: 9-18	Psalm 40: 7-8, 10-11, 17		Matthew 26: 36-42
Fri	2Tm 3: 10-17	Psalm 118: 157, 160-161, 165-168		Mark 12: 35--37
Sat	2Tm 4: 1-8	Psalm 70: 8-9, 14-17, 22		Mark 12: 3

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

Ronnie Ballard, Doreen Gibbons, Alan Hughes, Thomas Nichol, Eileen South, John Locket, Marjorie Sparkes, Josephine Jones, Francis Mason, Edward Stock

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, Dr. Roy Lamb

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Albert Black, Mary Ballard, Alexandra Bishovek, Bertie Smith, Emily Workman, Constance Marsden, Isobel Turk, Joseph Little, Albert Fruin, Mary Robins, Mary Marshall, Frances Hanley

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

That all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Fairford with Cricklade: St Thomas of Canterbury

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Whilst everyone is still in lockdown, Father Bill asks you to keep each other in your prayers, as you are all in his.

———— IN GENERAL ————

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is the joyful celebration of Pentecost. Our Gospel speaks of the disciples locked away behind closed doors afraid of the Jewish authorities. Jesus comes and stand amongst them and offers them peace. Twice he says to them, 'Peace be with you.' His presence and his offering brings the disciples great joy and confidence. It is a confidence that sends them out into the world once more. This is the peace we are offered. It is not a simple handshake, it is an offering of deep inner peace which reassures us that with Jesus we are safe, we can feel confident that all will be well. As Christians we have been given many gifts. If we have a role to play in the world it is to share this gift of peace, the peace that leads to freedom and hope and a belief in all things that are good.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid 19. We have been invited to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 1.00pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR CHILDREN

The Catholic Children's Society and the World Community for Christian Meditation are producing videos on Christian Meditation for primary aged children and secondary aged pupils on weekdays. In these difficult times of Covid 19, it is with a mind to look after the spiritual well-being of children and young people that we have produced these. To view the videos and see more information, please visit: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Cb5LrAIU7_MPTRDMUBcvQ.

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/>

Is a useful site as it has lots of tips for supporting someone, personal stories, explanations of different mental health categories, myth busting facts and

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material and resources for promoting 'time to talk day'.

DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life 2020 has been given an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis. This year, the theme is 'Choose Life', which will focus on the dignity and worth of the unborn child and expectant mothers. This will be celebrated on 21st June.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

CAFOD has launched an urgent appeal to respond to the unprecedented global challenge of tackling the spread of coronavirus in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Aside from the many deaths that are likely due infections, millions of people around the world who already struggle to feed their families will face extreme hunger as jobs are lost and markets shut down because of coronavirus. If you are able to donate, please go to www.cafod.org.uk

HOW ARE WE ALL DOING?

We are all friends as well as parishioners and I'm sure we are all wondering how we are all doing. The suggestion has been put forward that we create a weekly check-in so we can all keep in contact. The idea would be that on a weekly basis, you can email a paragraph or so on how you and your family are keeping, how you are occupying yourselves and any useful tips about events in the community etc. If you are in the Stonehouse parish, then email to stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com and if you are the Woodchester parish, then email to Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com; with the subject heading "OUR PARISH NEWS", by Weds midday each week. These emails would then be collated and emailed out alongside the weekly bulletin. Of course, this isn't compulsory and by submitting your email you would be agreeing to your name and the contents of your email being shared publicly, so please don't include any sensitive information.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

For a full list of the support services available, please visit <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/coronavirus/find-support-services-map> for all community groups, charities and other organisations who are in operation at this time. Stonehouse council have also issued the a comprehensive list of support services: <https://www.stonehousetowncouncil.com/your-council/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>