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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Sunday, 18th February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Prayer for Candidates For the Sacraments | 9.30am <i>Nell & George Spence RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Brian Dunlea RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Monday, 19th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | No Mass <i>(Church Closed)</i> |
| Tuesday, 20th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Joseph Lin RIP</i> |
| Wednesday, 21st February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>For the repose of the souls of</i> <i>Geroge Henry and Elizabeth John</i> |
| Thursday, 22nd February <i>Feast of the Chair of</i> <i>Saint Peter The Apostle</i> | 9.30am <i>Moira Jones RIP</i> |
| Friday, 23rd February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 11.15am <i>Requiem Mass for</i> <i>Peter Eamon O'Connor RIP</i> |
| Saturday, 24th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| Sunday, 25th February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Prayer for Candidates For the Sacraments | 9.30am <i>Bill Cody RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Paul Towey RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>Intentions of the Jones Family</i> |
| Saturday Mornings Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am | |

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:
Main Altar: Deceased Family & Friends of the Teesdale Family
Our Lady Chapel: Maureen Murphy

Readings for today's Mass



Scan the code on your smart phone or tablet and this will take you to the readings. This works for any day, not just Sundays.

Page:148 in the Parish Mass Book

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement!

To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr David is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr David in person at a Sunday Mass. He can check a few simple facts. After this an appointment can, be made to fill in a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but in person with the parents. They need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC AT 11.15am

On 7th March 1274 St Thomas Aquinas (ca1225-74) died. Best known for his monumental, never completed, Summa Theologica, he should also be remembered as a significant poet. In 1264 he was commissioned by Pope Urban IV to compose the liturgy for the offices and mass of the new feast of Corpus Christi. In honour of the 750th anniversary of his death, on each Sunday of Lent we will use one of the hymns he wrote for the feast. Today during Communion we hear the Antiphon O Sacrum Convivium, in a musical setting by the Spanish priest and musician Cristóbal de Morales (ca1500-53), himself regarded as one of the finest European composers of the mid-16th Century: O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us. The Psalm today is one of those appointed for the season, the very evocative Psalm 50, sung to the famous setting composed for the Sistine Chapel by Gregorio Allegri (ca1582-1652). An English translation can be found in the parish mass books, p.142. The mass today is sung (Kyrie and Agnus Dei) to a setting by Morales's younger contemporary, Francisco Guerrero (1528-99), also a priest-musician, Missa Inter Vestibulum, based on a motet setting by Morales of the traditional epistle for Ash Wednesday from the Old Testament prophet Joel.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CAFOD

Next Sunday, 25 February, there will be a second collection for CAFOD after all Masses. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope, via the Dona machines or online at cafod.co.uk.

AWAY DAY FOCUSING ON THE EUCHARIST FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND

OTHER VOLUNTEERS: SATURDAY, 27 APRIL 2024

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Catechist of any description, an adult altar server or anybody who requires a DBS check to function as a volunteer in the parish, you are warmly invited, and indeed encouraged, to attend an away day at **Sacred Hearts parish on Saturday, 27 April 2024**. The morning will commence with Mass at 10.a.m in the Church. This will be followed by two 45-minute sessions in the hall presented by Fr David on Jesus, the Passover and the Eucharist, followed by a lunch break. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee etc for the day will be provided. In the afternoon Janice Pearson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator will give a 45-minute training session on Safeguarding. The Catholic Church, as part of its serious commitment to safeguarding, has made it a requirement that all volunteers in parishes receive some safeguarding training. Janice's session will fulfil this requirement for anybody who requires a DBS check to function in a parish and would be a great opportunity to do this training with other volunteers on a face-to-face basis rather than on-line. It is envisaged that the day will end shortly after 2 pm. Please attend both the retreat day on the Eucharist and the safeguarding session.

2024 - A YEAR OF PRAYER

"Don't worry about anything: Instead pray about everything" Phil. 4:6

During the season of Lent, we would like to pray for the people of our parish. We invite you to send in your prayer requests (these could be in thanksgiving for birthday/anniversary, work promotion, the gift of family and friends, or asking God's help in preparing for an exam, interview or operation. You may need a friend, a job or new home. Perhaps you or a loved one needs healing?). Email your prayer request to thekinmonds@gmail.com. You may prefer not to give a full name: Just a Christian name or an initial will do (e.g. Please pray for Ann who is awaiting an operation on her knee). Keep the requests coming throughout Lent. Stella will also be available on Sunday, 25 February before 9.30am Mass to collect any prayer requests.

55 CLUB

Been on any exciting holidays? Received a special award? Got an unusual hobby? Lived abroad? Had an interesting career? The 55 Club would love to hear your story. We meet on alternate Thursday mornings in the Old Priory from 10-11.30am. There is a projector so you can share your photos, knowledge and smile! We are planning our programme for July-December and would be delighted to welcome you as speaker. Contact Stella on 01242 511371.

LENT STUDY COURSE BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

'We dare to say' which has been published by Clifton Diocese as part of our preparation for the Jubilee year, 2025, will be held at St Thomas More, Princess Elizabeth Way from 7.00-8.30pm on **Tuesday evenings during Lent**. The sessions will include a time of prayer and reflection on the scriptures. All are welcome. Please email pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com If you would like to order a 'We dare to say' booklet. This would be a great way to begin the Year of Prayer and prepare for the Jubilee Year.

ASH WEDNESDAY – RETIRING COLLECTION

Thank you for your donations towards supporting the Christians in the Holy Land at the Masses on Ash Wednesday, **£711.89** was collected which has been sent off to Aid to the Church in need.

LENTEN RETREAT

Clifton Diocese is offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. On Tuesday evenings: **20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March, 7.30pm**. To sign up, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) on the Diocesan website.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Nuala Elliott, Brian Morris, Olive Whelan, Margaret (Cecily Mary) Chapman, John Griffiths, George John, Michael Taylor, Moira Jones, Annie (Jo) Doswell, Maria Roures.