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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, 10th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Laetare Sunday	9.30am (Children's Mass) <i>Malcolm Vicary RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Muriel O'Connell RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 11th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i>
Tuesday, 12th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Pauline Jones RIP</i>
Wednesday, 13th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Ann Wren RIP</i>
Thursday, 14th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Chris, Ian & Tony Costelloe RIP</i>
Friday, 15th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Rosemary Johnson RIP</i>
Saturday, 16th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Diana Gosling RIP</i>
Sunday, 17th March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Private Intention</i> 11.15am <i>People of the Parish</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>Intentions of the Hopewell Family</i>
<p align="center">Saturday Mornings Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am</p>	

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: 162 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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Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Main Altar: David McDonald RIP

Lady Chapel: Deceased Family & Friends of the Teesdale Family

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EASTER OFFERING

Traditionally the Easter Collection, along with that at Christmas, are the only collections given to the Priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the diocese. Envelopes, into which offerings may be placed, are located on the tables at the exits of the Church. Donations can also be made via the dona machines, or the parish website. Thank you.

About Today's Music at the 11.15am

We continue our series of music setting texts by St Thomas Aquinas (ca1325-74), in honour of the 750th anniversary of his death this past Thursday (7th March). Today we hear the setting by César Franck (1822-90) of Panis Angelicus, the penultimate verse of Sacris Solemnis, the Office Hymn for Matins of the feast of Corpus Christi: Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; dat panis coelicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis. (The bread of angels becomes human food; heavenly Bread supersedes all prefigurations. O what a wonder! The poor, the enslaved, the humiliated all feed on their Lord.) The music of the mass is Messe Basse (literally, 'low mass') by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), Organist of the Madeleine and Director of the Paris Conservatory, and probably the foremost French composer of his generation. Since 'Rose Sunday' allows a slight lessening of the austerities of Lent, we close the mass today with the Toccata from the Gothic Suite of Léon Boëllmann (1862-97).

St Kenelm Pastoral Area Penitential Service

A Lenten penitential service will take place at **7.00pm at St Thomas More Church on Tuesday, 19 March**. The Church asks that everybody participates in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lent period to prepare for their Easter Communion. This is a golden opportunity to fulfil this requirement in the context of a communal celebration. 5 or 6 priests will be available on the night to hear confessions.

Away Day Focussing on The Eucharist for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Other Volunteers

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, Saturday, 27 April**. 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 2pm. Please attend both the retreat day on the Eucharist and the safeguarding session.

Lent Study Course Based on The Lord's Prayer at St Thomas More

'We dare to say' which has been published by Clifton Diocese as part of our preparation for the Jubilee year, 2025, 7.00-8.30pm on Tuesday evenings during Lent. These sessions will include prayer and reflection on the scriptures. Email pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com

55 Club Social

Question Time - not with Fiona Bruce, with Ann Fowler, who will be answering your questions about Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Ann gave us a very good talk last year and has agreed to discuss the hot topics of gender and abortion. Meeting starts after Mass on Thursday, 14 March with coffee & cake in the Old Priory. Guests & visitors welcome. Tel: Stella on 511371.

Easter Flowers

Next Sunday, 17 March, there will be a retiring collection for donations towards our Easter Flowers. Please give as generously as you can which, will be much appreciated in helping with the decoration of our beautiful church.

<i>Triduum Mass Times & Services</i>			
<i>Tuesday</i>	27 March 2024	7:00pm	Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	28 March 2024	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	30 March 2024	8:00pm	The Easter Vigil
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	31 March 2024	9:30am	Mass of the Resurrection (Family Mass)
		11:15am	Mass of the Resurrection (Solemn Sung Mass)
<i>Easter Monday</i>	01 April 2024	No Mass	

Your prayers are asked for those who have recently died: Margaret Clemmens, Mary Cooper, Mary Lombard and Pauline Moloney RIP.

Remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen McDonaugh, Mary Jones, Patrick Walsh, Malcolm Vicary, Philip Tartaglia, Dennis Conlon, Marilena Meigh, Walter Nelson, John Egan, Bruce Francis, Mario Maselli, James Hart, Anne Jones.