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Parish Priest: Rev. David Mills

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, 24th March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	9.30am <i>Moira Jones RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Michael Gompertz RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 25th March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i>
Tuesday, 26th March <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	9.30am <i>Sarah McKenna RIP</i> 12Noon <i>Requiem Mass for Mary Cooper RIP</i>
Wednesday, 27th March <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	11.00am <i>Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral</i> 7.00pm <i>Ecumenical Tenebrae Service</i>
Thursday, 28th March <i>The Sacred Paschal Tridium</i> <i>Holy Thursday</i>	11.00am <i>Requiem Mass for Margaret Clemmens RIP</i> 7.30pm <i>Mass of The Lord's Supper</i>
Friday, 29th March <i>Friday of the Passion of Our Lord</i>	10.30am <i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> 3.00pm <i>Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord</i>
Saturday, 30th March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:00pm <i>The Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday, 31st March <i>Sunday of The Resurrection</i>	9.30am <i>John Horgan RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Repose of the Souls of Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin</i>

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.

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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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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.

Tenebrae at St Gregory's

This special office (literally meaning 'shadows') will be sung on the Wednesday of Holy Week ('Spy Wednesday'), **27 March at 7pm**. The ecumenical service, about an hour's duration, is a meditation on the betrayal, arrest and crucifixion of Christ, with the gradual extinguishing of candles marking darkness's incursion into the world, darkness which is finally conquered by the Light which darkness could not overpower.

Final Session of the Lent Study Course - Monday, 25 March at St Thomas More

Based on the Lord's Prayer 'We dare to say' will be held at STM, Princes Elizabeth Way, 7.00-8.30pm

The Chrism Mass - Clifton Cathedral: Wednesday, 27 March at 11am

Bishop Declan will be the main Celebrant and will bless the three oils — the oil of catechumens, oil of the sick and holy chrism.

Good Friday Special Collection - Holy Places

There will be a special collection taken during the Liturgy of the Passion & the Family Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. This annual collection contributes to the maintenance and upkeep of the Christian Shrines of the Holy Land.

Newman Association - Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Rd, Charlton Kings, Tuesday, 2 April at 2pm

Please note this is earlier than usual. Rev Duncan Munro is a non-stipendiary minister and a Councillor on Charlton Kings Village Council, and a leading theologian and priest in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England. He will introduce us to the life and work of Rev Mascall. Admission: £3 (members & students free).

Away Day focussing on the Eucharist for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and 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 **10am** 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Friday 23-30 August

For information on the hotels, we use, and Bristol to Toulouse flights, please contact: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com. For assisted pilgrims, you can book via the Catholic Association: www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims. Flights for assisted pilgrims are available from Birmingham and London Stansted. The Catholic Association are also looking for volunteer helpers, doctors/nurses, young helpers (17-25), musicians, fund raisers, subsidies available. For more information, please complete the online form at: [CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Expression of Interest \(jotform.com\)](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage) www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage

Clocks 'Spring' Forward - Saturday, 30 March/Sunday, 31 March

A gentle reminder to adjust your clocks to British Summertime. Clocks go forward 1 hour.

Parish Office Easter Closure

The office will close on **Thursday, 28 March** at 12noon and, will re-open on **Thursday, 4 April** at 9am.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Anderson, Janet Bonnar, Barbara Williams, Monica Moore, Harry Holbrook, Eileen Browning, Terence White, John Morgan.