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2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 2nd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>English Martyrs, Chard</i> <i>With Crewkerne & Ilminster</i>	6.00pm	Mass Alphonsus Killen <i>RIP</i>
	9.00am	Mass People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mass Leona Hayes <i>Anniversary</i>
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	5.30pm	Mass Ints of Paul Hawketts
Monday 3rd May <i>Saints Philip and James</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am	Mass Con & Vera McSweeney <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 4th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	6.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7.00pm	Mass Victims and Survivors of Abuse
Wednesday 5th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	11.00am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	12.00pm	Mass Mary Foylan <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 6th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am	Mass Margaret Sophie O'Neill <i>RIP</i>
Friday 7th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am	Mass Ints of Kathleen Wall
	7.30pm	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	9.30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 8th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am	Mass Jemma Paul <i>RIP</i>
	10.45am – 11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	6.00pm	Mass Ints of Jimmy Neely
	7.30pm	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
Sunday 9th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am	Mass Margaret & John Twomey <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am	Mass Kate Nash <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	5.30pm	Mass People of the Parish

This Week: Fifth week of Easter. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter week 1 and Eastertide week 5.

Last Weekend: Offertory- £686.33 Mass Attendance – 360.

Church Cleaning: Following morning mass on Monday. Thank you to all those who help each week in cleaning the church.

Dare to Dream: This inspiring and challenging resource from Clifton Diocese continues throughout this Easter Season. See www.cliftondiocese.com for full details. This week's reflection is from Fr Liam.

Coronavirus India Appeal: At an assembly in St Peter's Catholic Primary School this week, the staff and children committed themselves to standing alongside their Indian Community in prayer and support at this difficult time for them. They are also collecting money to support the British Red Cross and Cafod Coronavirus India Appeal. If you would like to support the children and staff in this effort you can place a donation in the money box on the wall in the church porch. We also support in the children in the following prayer which they are encouraged to pray with their families: *Dear Father, We place ourselves in your presence as we remember in prayer all those who have died from coronavirus. May you grant them eternal rest, may your light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. We also pray for their families who are grieving at this time. We ask that you bring them comfort, healing and strength. Give them your hope and help them to face every day with you by their side. Calm their fears, hold them in your love and surround them with your peace. Amen*

Happy Easter: According to the Julian Calendar, today is Easter Sunday for the Community of the Good Shepherd Ukrainian Church, Derby Road. We wish Fr Lubomry Pidluskyy and Community a Happy Easter.

Day of the Lord: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. The reflection, entitled 'Day of the Lord' is available [HERE](#).

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2021: In consultation with survivors, the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (May 4th) in England and Wales. The 7.00pm mass on Tuesday will be offered for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.

Prayer for the end of the Pandemic: Pope Francis is inviting Catholics across the globe to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Acts of the Apostles. See www.vaticannews.va for more details. As part of this initiative there will be a daily rosary in St Peter's Church throughout the month of May. The times for this week are as follows: Sunday 4.00pm, Monday 6.30pm, Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday 11.00am, Thursday after morning mass, Friday after morning mass, Saturday 9.30am.

Booking a place for Sunday Masses: It is essential that those attending a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. If you do not require the place you have booked do please let us know or cancel it through Eventbrite. Bookings are now been taken for all Sunday masses up to June 20th.

Church Opening: The church will be open for private prayer on the following days this week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday after morning mass until 1.00pm.

RIP: We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Angela 'Angie' Jones and Marlene Cushion whose private funerals take place in the coming weeks. We extend our sympathy to their families.

Admission to St Peter's Catholic Primary School: We currently have places available in our Reception classes. If you are looking for a place in our current reception year or know of someone who is, please contact Mrs Harris (Admissions Officer) by telephone: 01452 524792 or by email: admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience Wednesday 28th April 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of meditative prayer. Everyone needs moments of recollection amid the busyness of our daily lives. For Christians, meditation is not simply a matter of introspection but a method of prayer, a means of encountering Christ, above all in the mysteries of his earthly life. While there are many methods of meditation in the Church's rich spiritual tradition, all have a single aim: to enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus our Saviour. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ in faith is nurtured through the use of our intellect, imagination, emotions and desires. The Catechism teaches that meditation on the mysteries of Christ deepens our faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts, and strengthens our will to follow in his footsteps (cf. No. 2708). Our Lord's every word and action can thus touch us and become a part of our own lives. On every page of the Gospel we are invited to encounter Christ and to discover in him the source of our salvation and our true happiness.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Cecilia Edwards, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, John Shields, David Burke, Margaret Withers, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne and Paul Hawketts. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Please contact the parish office with any names you wish to add.