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## 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Thomas More</i> <i>Bradford-on-Avon</i>	<b>6.00pm(Sat) Mass</b>	Margaret Sophie O'Neil <i>RIP</i>
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Leona Hayes <i>Anniversary</i>
	<b>12.30pm Polish Mass</b>	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Annam Kutty Jose Vallouran <i>RIP</i>
	<b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Eileen Dewsnip <i>RIP</i>
	<b>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	Margaret Twomey <i>RIP</i>
	<b>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	<b>12.00pm Mass</b>	Intentions of Mary Hicks
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>1.15pm Funeral Mass</b>	for Louisa Bufilco
	<b>9.40am Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Intentions of Mina O'Neil
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Philip Bowles <i>RIP</i>
	<b>7.00pm Polish Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<b>9.30am Rosary</b>	
	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Thanksgiving – Joseph & Family
	<b>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</b>	
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	Thanksgiving – Tegen Saunders
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>7.30pm Polish Mass</b>	
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Sr Quentin <i>RIP</i>
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Eamon Bohan <i>RIP</i>
	<b>12.30pm Polish Mass</b>	
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Mt & Mrs Paily Abraham <i>RIP</i>

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

**"Come, follow me":** This Eastertide we continue in Clifton Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our own diocese. Please watch Fr Thomas Lawes of Holy Rood, Swindon talk about vocation and his own journey to priesthood, as well as his life and ministry as one of our newer priests. To view the video please visit: [www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations).

**Retiring Collection:** Today, there is a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund for our diocese. This annual collection helps support our seminarians training for the priesthood for Clifton Diocese. It costs us £30,000 per year for each seminarian. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we do hope that you are able to make a generous donation. Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church.

**Supply:** Over the coming months, beginning today, Fr Liam/Fr Stephen will be helping with Sunday masses in the Forest of Dean by saying the 11.00am mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Newent or St Joseph's Church in Lydney.

**SVP:** Next meeting is on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the presbytery at 7.30pm. New members are always very welcome.

**Thank You:** To Debbie, and all members of the 200 club, for a recent donation to the parish of £1500.00.

**Next Church Cleaning:** After Mass on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who help each week.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance – 784      Offertory - £1570.81 *(including £321.00 online/contactless)* Donations - £500.00 *(including £450.00 online/contactless)*

**RIP:** We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

**Frantisek Konorza.** Funeral mass on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00pm.

**John Swioklo.** Coffin reception on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. Funeral Mass on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery.

**Louisa Bufilco.** Funeral mass on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of the church Nova D Souza and Chimezie Chukwuma baptised last weekend.

**Prinknash Rosary Walk Procession:** Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm as we celebrate and honour our Blessed Mother Mary. At the close of the Rosary Walk procession, the statue of the Blessed Virgin will be crowned with a garland or crown of flowers honouring Mary as “the Queen of May.” All are welcome.

**Filipino Heritage Day:** Experience the Philippines through food, music, and culture in Kings Square, Gloucester on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am – 5.00pm. See noticeboard.

**Help Your Marriage:** Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October, call or text 07887 296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Prayer for King Charles III:** Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

#### **From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters: In my recent Apostolic Journey to Hungary, I encountered a courageous people, conscious of its deep Christian roots and open to a future of hope. The nation's long history of sanctity was crowned in the twentieth century by the witness of many believers during the Nazi and Communist persecutions. Budapest, a city of bridges, symbolizes the challenge facing Hungary, and indeed all of Europe, to continue to build bridges of solidarity and peace between peoples. There I witnessed at first hand the “humanitarian bridge” created to welcome the numerous refugees from Ukraine, as well as the efforts of the Hungarian people to build a “bridge to the future” through care for the natural and human environment and efforts to ensure a sustainable future. At the impressive Mass that concluded my visit, I witnessed the vitality of the Church in Hungary and its commitment to strengthening the bridges of fraternity that unite Christians of different rites and confessions. As we begin this month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, I ask her, the Queen of Hungary, to intercede for the beloved Hungarian people and for all of us, so that, rooted in faith, we may build bridges of unity and concord in our communities and in our world.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O’Ryan, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O’Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Jean Crickett, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson. 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. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.