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3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Sunday 3rd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Immaculate Conception, Stroud,</i> <i>with Brownshill, Painswick and More Hall</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Clare Selman <i>RIP</i> & Martina Dunbar <i>RIP</i>
	9.00am Mass People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass Leona Hayes <i>Anniv</i>
	12.30pm Polish Mass
Monday 4th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	5.30pm Mass Annamkuty Jose Vallooran <i>RIP</i>
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 5th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass Marlene Gough <i>RIP</i>
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 6th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass Madge Sparkes <i>4th Anniversary</i>
	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 7th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12.00 noon Mass Margaret Sophie O'Neill <i>RIP</i>
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Friday 8th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass Ints of the Donors
	9.10am Morning Prayer
	9.30am Mass Ints of Pope Leo & Bishop Bosco
Saturday 9th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	7.00pm Polish Mass
	9.00am Mass Thanksgiving – Joseph & Family
	11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
	1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass
	5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions
Sunday 10th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Mass Tibor Balog <i>RIP</i>
	7.30pm Polish Mass
	9.00am Mass Jayne Maguire <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am Mass People of the Parish
	5.30pm Mass Utú Lupan <i>RIP</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory - £1657.98 (Inc £390.00 contactless/online)

Donations - £129.60 (Inc £122.00 contactless/online)

Clergy Training Fund - £632.37 (Inc £205.00 contactless/online)

Mass Attendance – 960

Church Cleaning: Will not take place on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

This Week: Easter Week 5. Daily Prayer of the Church Psalter Week 1.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Bosco issued a pastoral letter for last weekend. There are copies available at the back of the church. It is also available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/bishop/>.

Easter Garden: As we celebrate Easter and journey through the Easter Season do spend some time at our Easter Garden (by the statue of Our Lady). There is a collection plate there for the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle (S.P.A.) which is part of Missio, and it supports priestly and religious formation in the missionary Church. Many of our Scripture readings during Eastertide are from the Acts of the Apostles and they remind us of the first preaching of the Gospel. It is good to pray for and support the next generation of Christian Priests and Religious, whether in our own country or elsewhere in the world.

Saturday Morning Mass will be at 9:00am next Saturday (9th May) due to First Holy Communion Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will only be available in the afternoon (5:00pm - 5:30pm).

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion Masses are next Saturday at 11:00am and 1:30pm. We pray for the children at this time.

Confirmation 2026: Next session is this Sunday 10th May at 6.45pm.

Baptism Preparation Session: There will be a Baptism Preparation Session in the Parish Hall on Sunday 17th May (2:15pm - 4:00pm). Catholic parents seeking baptism for their children (up to six years of age) are invited to attend. Application forms will be available during the session, as well as reserving dates. These sessions will take place approximately every couple of months.

Message from Deacon Colm: At the age of 77 and after 31 years' service as a Permanent Deacon in St. Peter's Parish, I have decided it is time to leave. Over the years here. Liz and I have enjoyed contributing to the spiritual life of the parish as well as in many other ways, and wish to thank Parish Priests past and present for their acceptance and encouragement. Liz and I will take with us many happy memories of the people who allowed us to share our journeys together, including many events in our own family history. It is now time for a new challenge and thanks to Fr. Gerry, will be returning to my Diaconal roots in English Martyrs and St. Augustine's. It was in English Martyrs that my journey to the Diaconate began and where I was ordained by Bishop Mervyn in 1993. I will be leaving on the weekend of 16/17 May, hopefully with your prayers and wish each one of you God's Blessings for the future.

Publications: available at the back of church: Bible Alive double edition - £6, My Day by Day - £1

Lectio Divina: After morning mass next Friday, 8th May in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Congratulations: to Edward Bartlett and Lesley-Ann Meir and to Chike Onyenze & Amarachi Inyekwe who were married here recently, we wish them every happiness as they begin married life.

Come Away and Rest a While is a day of reflection on Saturday 13th June with Father Thomas Mannion OP and Sister Ann Catherine Swailes OP at Saint Rose's School (Beeches Green, Stroud GL5 4AE). The day will begin at 10:30am with coffee and finish at 4:00pm with a cup of tea. Please bring and share something for lunch. There will be Mass during the day. A small donation on the day will be gratefully received. For further details and to reserve a place please contact Sister Julie OP (alvesjulie@hotmail.com).

Encounter 2026: is a diocese-wide programme during Eastertide entitled 'Mission - How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation'. There will be a series of inspiring evenings each Tuesday until 19th May (7:00pm - 9:00pm) at Clifton Cathedral, exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission. The sessions will be live-streamed and then available on YouTube. Father Stephen will be the speaker this Tuesday 5th May. To find out more information please email encounter@cliftondiocese.com or telephone Ann (07815 751556). There are also details at <https://cliftondiocese.com/encounter/>.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on Tuesday 5th May at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moored Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Tony Comer OBE will speak on *What Happened Next? Liturgical Change in the First Half of the Twentieth Century*. Enquiries S Jamison 01242 539810.

Alpha in a Catholic Context: on Thursday evenings at Saint Augustine's, Matson beginning on 7th May and continuing until 23rd July. These sessions can help us all to have a deeper look at the essentials of the Christian Faith but are especially good for those beginning to explore Christianity. The evenings begin with a light supper at 7:00pm and finish at 9:00pm. While it is good to attend every session, this may not be possible for everyone (and there will be access to any missed material via an app). To register please contact Father Gerry (gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com) or visit <https://alpha.org.uk/try>. There is also more information at <https://alpha.org.uk/catholic-context>.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Betty Meadows, Andrea Brushneen, Christy & Sue Hartnett, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Sandra Flanagan, Michael Casey, Terri and Sean Tyreman, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson, Armani Parker, Sam Kirby, Julie Brooks, Poonam Britto, David McClurg, Sr Veronica Robson, Josie Hedderman, Bruce Ellis, Julio Antonelli. 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.