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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

1 May – 7 May 2022

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

Peter Owen RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass: 9.30am

Pro Populo

Mass: 11.00am

Dick Eryen RIP

Polish Mass: 12.30pm

Confessions: 5.50pm – 6.20pm

Mass: 6.30pm

MONDAY 2 May ST ATHANASIUS

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Brian Huggins RIP

TUESDAY 3 May SS PHILIP AND JAMES

Mass: 8.00am

For Steven and Family

Morning Prayer: 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Mass: 8.00am

Patricia Macarthur RIP

Morning Prayer: 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

David Humphreys RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

THURSDAY 5 May

Mass: 8.00am

Morning Prayer: 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Kathleen Jones RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

Holy Hour: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

FRIDAY 6 May

Mass: 8.00am

Intentions of SB

Morning Prayer: 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

SATURDAY 7 May

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am

In thanksgiving

Confessions: 10.00am – 10.30am & 5.00pm – 5.30pm

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

Intentions of John King

THIS SUNDAY: The rest of the world has settled 'back to normal' after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: 'Come and have breakfast.' We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

AN OPEN CHURCH: During this Week, the Church will open at **7.30am** each morning and will close around 6.30pm.

LANGUAGE SHEETS: Those of you who might like to follow the Liturgy of the Word in either Italian, Spanish, French or Polish will be able to make use of the sheets that can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please help yourself and take them with you as you leave.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open from 9.00am until 2pm (Tuesday to Friday).

SUNDAY CONFESSIONS: There will be a priest in one of the confessionals from about 5.50pm until 6.20pm ... but please don't turn up at the last minute - Mass begins at 6.30pm.

THE EASTER GARDEN – THE EMPTY TOMB:

Just as we have the stable of Bethlehem to catch our eye during the Christmas Season, so the empty tomb that has been beautifully created in the Sacred Heart Chapel draws our attention to the Garden of the Resurrection. As you light a candle at the steps of the Chapel, maybe use this as a real opportunity to pray that the Risen Christ may touch the hearts of all men and women and so bring us his gift of risen peace! The basket near to the empty tomb is your Easter Gift to support CAFOD's outreach to the people of Ukraine. The garden will come down after next weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION 2022: We move to the final few weeks of preparation for First Communion. Parents meet with Fr Christopher this coming Wednesday evening in the Church at 7pm. The children join us for their last preparation Mass at 9.30am next Sunday, 8 May and they will gather again on 11 May in the Church for session seven. We continue to keep them in our prayers – Matvey, Krysztof, Gabriel, Alicja, Aleksander, Ronnie, Kaiser, Patryk, Jewel, Agata, Laurie, Oscar, Rafferty, Frances, Calogero, Domenico, Amelia, Lena, Erin, Isabella, Julia, Aiden, Hudson, Benitha, Isobella, Filip, Adeleine, Nadia, Patryk, Nela, Sophia, Daniel, Maisy, Enrick, Laura, Lena, Aleksandra, Aleksander, Zofia, and Renee. First Communion this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 12 June** at 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

ADORATION: Adoration picks up its simple rhythm again this week with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Sacred Heart Chapel after the 10am Mass. Do make use of this opportunity to come close to the Lord present

to us and to open yourself up with the peace the Risen Christ offers us.

EVENING ADORATION: The Lenten Saturdays were such an attractive moment of prayer for so many across the season of Lent. We'll keep this going across the Easter Season but tweak it slightly. **Each Saturday** up to Pentecost, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Adoration Chapel from 7pm until 8am on the Sunday morning. This allows those who want to use those hours for keeping vigil the space and the safety to come before the Lord. If you want to pop into the Chapel, then just ring the doorbell and someone will let you in. There's the added opportunity of **Friday nights** as well: a twelve-hour moment of prayer in the Adoration Chapel from 8pm until 8am. There is a little sign-up sheet but you can always contact Catherine or George if you would like to take part during one of these 'vigil' hours. Do make use of these peace-filled and quiet moments before the Lord. It is to him we come with our burdens knowing that he is taking care of us.

WORSHIP AND PRAISE during Adoration on a Wednesday from 12.30pm until 1.30pm. Do come along – prayer and music before the Lord.

YOUR PRAYERS: We pray for Patricia Macarthur who died on Easter Monday. Her funeral is to take place at St Alphege's on Monday 9 May. We also pray for Kathleen Jones who died recently. Her funeral service takes place here at St John's on **Monday 9 May** at 1pm. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

FRIDAY LUNCHESES: There has been such a lovely gathering of people across the Lenten weeks, people who have come together each Friday for that sense of building community and renewing friendships. We can continue to keep this going for as long as people want to come - a simple lunch of freshly made soup, crusty bread, cheese and fruit. Each Friday from 12.30pm lunch will be served in the hall... and a generous welcome awaits you. There's no charge for the lunch. All that is gathered pays for the following week's lunch. We have been well served, well fed and well looked after so far... come and be nourished.

CAFOD LENTEN BOXES: Keep them coming in! So far, those little boxes of loose change have brought in £388 as an additional Lenten gift to some of the world's most hungry and thirsty. Your kindness and your generosity keeps rolling in. Thank you.

EASTER LECTIO DIVINA: Lent has been enriched by the opportunity to listen attentively to the Word of God. Caroline Price has been leading this school of *Lectio* over the weeks of Lent and now we come to a little pause before the next session. We meet again from 11am until 12.15pm in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday 11 and 25 May, and 8 June. This is a chance to immerse oneself in a new way of praying and a prayerful way of reading the scriptures. It's not too late to start if you want to pick up after Easter.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION each Friday at 4.30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This simple hour before the

Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to draw families together in stillness and in prayer. Do come along if you can.

THE CLUB: After two years of not meeting, The Club re-opens for business on **Tuesday 3 May** at 2pm in the Hall. It's a great way to meet up for a cup of tea and some cake as well as enjoying an afternoon's conversation and some good company.

200 CLUB APRIL DRAW: Congratulations to those lucky winners of this April Draw. Chris McGinn should be sending you your cheques in the post. **First:** Patricia Sears (107) - £380; **Second:** Bart Tappe (49) - £250; **Third:** Denise Fingleton (45) - £200; **Fourth:** Michael Gibbens (105) - £105; **Fifth:** L D Vivian (43) - £100; **Sixth:** Chris McMinn (50) - £70.50. Congratulations to all our winners.

THE SYNOD – A DIOCESAN PRESENTATION: Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on June 22nd at 7pm when he will also present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. Fr Christopher will be accompanied by our three Synod Delegates in receiving the report on behalf of the parish... but it would be good if others were there in the gathering. There are no restrictions on numbers gathering with our bishop so please do feel encouraged to go along. However, you will need to register your 'presence', and to facilitate this, you are asked to book onto the event via this link (Eventbrite): www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897

VOTIVE CANDLES: If you would like to offer one for your intention for the week, please use the brown envelopes by either chapel and pop them into the parish office. They cost £5 and each candle will be labelled with the donors intention and hung in the votive glasses for the week.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS:

Sacred Heart: *For peace in our hearts and our world*

Lady Chapel: *Jennifer Tang*

PARISH FINANCES: Space permitting each week in the newsletter, there will be chance to see the previous week's collection amount so that you can see what is coming in each week. The totals will include the Standing Orders as well as approx Gift Aid income and also the cash total and the amount that comes in through the digital collection plates.

Last Sunday's collection: £786.77

Standing Orders: £978

Gift Aid on S/O: £244 Candles: £442

Online and Contactless Giving: £313

Good Friday Holy Places: £543.80

MAY – THE MONTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD: This Sunday marks the beginning of the month of May; a month dedicated to Mary. It might be an opportunity to pray the rosary each day, or at least a part of it. The rosary draws us into conversation, as it were, with the Mother of Jesus, as we journey through the life of her Son. The simplicity of the prayers we pray as we

navigate our way through the Rosary offer us a familiarity in the way we call upon Mary. There are some simple rosaries at the back of the church if you would like to pick one up. You might offer it to someone as a gift, inviting them to come close to the Mother of Jesus and know her compassion, her tenderness, her care and her love. **There will be the recitation of the Rosary at 5.30pm this Sunday** as we start the month of May, gathering in the Lady Chapel (also the feast of St Joseph the Worker).

NEXT SATURDAY the students in formation for the permanent diaconate are with us for Mass at 9.30am and then spending the day here at St John's as part of the formation journey. Do keep them in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY: Vocations Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7/8 May 2022. Good Shepherd Sunday each year gives us the chance to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. Each of us in constantly discerning where God is calling us to live the Gospel but this one Sunday in the year allows us the opportunity to pray that those whom God is calling to priesthood or the religious life may have the faith and the generosity to answer his call. Maybe this intention is one that you can hold in your prayers across this coming week.

ST JOHN'S CRICKET TEAM: The cricket season is underway for St John's and the first match was played last Sunday against The Star Inn. The Star won the toss and batted first making 214-7, with St John's captain Henry Gibbons & Andy Hamilton both taking 2 wickets a piece and were backed with some strong fielding and one of the great catches from Brendan Rouse. A spirited reply from opener Danny Burke scoring 75 and support from Andy (36) saw St John's come up just 20 runs short. The sporting experience was enjoyed and appreciated by all and they are keen to go again, this time against Combe Down CC on the 4 May. Anybody who wants to get involved for future matches then please contact David Parker dwparker2018@virginmedia.com

A GOOD HOME: a 2012 Apple iMac 27" with wireless keyboard and mouse. It has a small crack in the display that isn't really visible when using it. If you might be interested, get in touch with our webmaster: website@stjohnsrcbath.org.uk

POSITION AVAILABLE: Safer Recruitment Officer Full-time – 35 hours per week. There is a new vacancy in the Safeguarding team to support safer recruitment activities throughout the Diocese. Based in the Curia Offices in Pennywell Rd, Bristol, the Safer Recruitment Officer role provides support to parishes regarding the safer recruitment of people working and volunteering within the Church. The provision of Disclosure and Barring (DBS) administration is also a key element of the role. For further information, the role is available on the Diocesan website: cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/

A STAY IN HOSPITAL? If you or a member of your family is going into the Royal United Hospital, please contact ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call the RUH Chaplaincy 01225 428331 on arrival. It can be such a useful thing to know so that the Chaplaincy team can call upon you.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: Female parishioner seeks accommodation. If you can help in any way, please contact macarthursarah@yahoo.com



The poster features a dark grey background with white text. At the top left is a circular logo with a stylized figure. To its right is the word "BATH" in large white letters. Further right is a small logo for the "BATH CHRISTIAN ACTION NETWORK". Below this is the text "24-7 Prayer" in very large, bold white font. Underneath that, it says "Prayer room open - 26th May - 5th June +" in a smaller white font, followed by "Location - chapel next to Kingston buildings at rear of Abbey BA1 1LT". Below this is a section for a "LAUNCH - 24th May - 7:30 - 9pm @BathAbbey". At the bottom, it says "Sign up to pray - today!" and includes a QR code.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

There are language sheets for the readings available at the back of the church – French, Italian, Spanish and Polish – as well as Mass cards to guide you through the Liturgy.

First reading Acts 5:27-32,40-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who

obey him.’ They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 29(30)
I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, ‘The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.’ Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, ‘To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.’ And the four animals said, ‘Amen’; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel John 21:1-19
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ They replied, ‘We’ll come with you.’ They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

Jesus called out, ‘Have you caught anything, friends?’ And when they answered, ‘No’, he said, ‘Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.’ So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’ At these words ‘It is the Lord’, Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, ‘Who are you?’; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Look after my sheep.’ Then he said to him a third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and said, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.

‘I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.’

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, ‘Follow me.’

