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THIS SUNDAY: We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacra-ments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirm-ing all that baptism achieves.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year C)

5 – 11 June 2022

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

SUNDAY 5 June PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass: 9.30am

Mass: 11.00am *Pro Populo*

Polish Mass: 12.30pm

Confessions: 5.50pm – 6.20pm

Mass: 6.30pm

MONDAY 6 June

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am *Fergus Lyons RIP*

TUESDAY 7 June WEEK TEN OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8.00am *Sam Ghali's Ints*

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

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 8 June

Mass: 8.00am

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

Mass: 10.00am *Michael Delaney RIP*

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

THURSDAY 9 June

JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Mass: 8.00am *For our priests*

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

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

Holy Hour: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

FRIDAY 10 June

Mass: 8.00am *George Chapman RIP*

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

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

SATURDAY 11 June

ST BARNABAS

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am

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

First Mass of Trinity Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

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

CAKE SALE: Amelia Gibbens made just over £100 with her cake sale last Sunday morning drawing in £105.50. What was on the table after Mass went, literally, like hot cakes. Thanks to her contribution the Bell Fund is moving in the right direction.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY brings the Easter Season of fifty days to a close and now we must set foot into ordinary time once again. It is the power of God's Spirit ablaze in us that sends us out into the ordinary areas of our lives to bring the Good News of the Risen Christ. Empowered by God's Spirit we, like the women and the apostles, reach every corner of the world to tell the story of Christ – in ordinary ways – so that God's love and mercy may be known and experienced. The Paschal Candle finds its home in the baptistery, lit for every baptism and every funeral.

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.

AN EXHIBITION ON THE EUCHARIST: St John's is hosting an exhibition curated by and flowing from the prayerful initiative of Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young Italian man with such a love for the Blessed Sacrament. Around our Church across this month of **June**, and **July and August** there will be a narrative of saints and places so touched by the Eucharist across the centuries. This pilgrimage around the Church enables us to deepen our understanding of the Real Presence of the Lord and a love that is revealed in this great gift of himself. The Exhibition, enabled here by Tom and Angelina, will feature panels around the north and south aisles and exhibits in the Lady Chapel and the Sacred Heart Chapel, too. There is also a display of some beautiful things that are 'at the service' of our celebration of the Eucharist. There is a simple and beautiful guide to the exhibition and it becomes a prayerful trail in itself. You don't have to complete the

exhibition all at once; you can come back! Use the trail in such a way that end in the Sacred Heart Chapel during the week for a time of prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION 2022: The children will gather again on **Wednesday 8 June** in the Church at 4.30pm as they prepare for their First Communion. The rehearsal allows them just to find their feet! We continue to keep them in our prayers – Matvey, Kryzstof, 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, Mariella and Renee. First Communion this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 12 June** at 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

ADORATION: Adoration continues to grow beyond Pentecost now. The two evening periods of prayer are to be extended so that in the week leading up to Corpus Christi, there will each Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from 7pm until 8am the following day. It is so good to encounter people who cross our threshold to be drawn into the tranquillity and peace that comes from being before the Lord. Each day (Tuesday – Friday) the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Sacred Heart Chapel after the 10.00am Mass until 5.30pm. If you want to offer yourself for an hour's prayer – either in Church during the day or in the Chapel for one of the evenings - do 'sign up'.

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH MEIGH: Deacon Joseph has been at St Mary's this last ten months or so and is to be ordained priest at the Cathedral on Saturday 9 June. You are warmly invited to come along to the ordination and St Mary's have arranged a coach. The coach leaves at 9.30am from St Mary's and will return, leaving the Cathedral at 1.30pm. £10 coach fare. You'll need to contact St Mary's to reserve a space on the bus. bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

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

FRIDAY LUNCHESES: Friday lunches have borne fruit in simply bringing people together across the weeks of Lent and Easter. They have been such a good thing – seeing 20, 25, 30 people sat down in conversation around a delicious meal – that they continue now beyond the Easter Season. All you need do is turn up. A hearty fresh soup, with fresh bread, fruit and cheese await you... all served and laid up for you, too. Come and enjoy the conversation and the company. **Every Friday at 12.30pm.**

LECTIO DIVINA: The final session takes place on **8 June – 11am** in the Adoration Chapel. Caroline Price has taken us on a journey of discovery into praying the Word of God and now there is an opportunity to draw together those who may want to start up a new Lectio group or join with the Monday group. Come along and see!

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: The Club meets on **Tuesday 7 June** for a Jubilee Tea at **2pm** in the Hall. It would be good to see folk come together for this Club afternoon. Don't have such a big lunch that day... you'll be well fed and the conversation is always good. If you are free for the afternoon and would like to enjoy company and conversation, please come along. It is a great way of keeping the Jubilee Celebrations going for just a little longer. There's freshly made sandwiches, delicious cakes and lashings of tea on offer. All you need to do is come along and enjoy the afternoon of being together. All are most welcome.

THE SYNOD – A DIOCESAN PRESENTATION: Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on **June 22 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. You will need to register your 'presence', and to facilitate this, you are asked to book onto the event via this link (Eventbrite): eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023: World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from **July 31 to August 8, 2023** for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1 April 2023, please register your interest at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com - Please spread the word to any young adults you know who may be interested in attending World Youth Day!



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

7th, 9th and 15th of June at 7pm

WYD LISBON 2023

Join Jason and Simon to learn more about our plans for formation and WYD 2023. Email us to sign up for a session wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com



MARRIAGE MASS – SATURDAY 2 JULY: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 July (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

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: *Intentions of the Mawhood Family*

Lady Chapel: *Intentions of the Mawhood Family*

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: We remember **Colin de Paul** who died during this last week. His funeral will be here at St John's but arrangements have yet to be completed over the Bank Holiday. May he rest in peace.

A PARISH CENSUS 2022: So many of you have started signing up using the Census facility on the parish website. The online facility allows you to fill in your details online and update as-and-when. But what if you are not connected or do not have computing facilities? The system will also allow new arrivals and returners to be part of the process and also offer us a clear vehicle of contact and communication. We can use this opportunity to explore a harvest of skills and gifts that can be put to good use with a very clear *follow up* to ensure that what is offered is made good use of. The Parish Census team, drawn together, will begin to make things available for you. If you are no online and need a little help the Census Team will be at the back of the Church one weekend to help you out. If you want to look here, stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/parish-census/ then you can begin to 'sign up'.

FINANCE NEWS:

Last Sunday's collection: £911.79

Online and Contactless Giving: £357

Standing Orders: £978

Gift Aid on S/O: £244 Candles: £173.42

Thank you

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Don't forget that if you are putting cash into the collection and you pay UK tax, you can add an extra 25% in tax reclaimed to your gift simple because you fill out one of the white envelopes and pop

your offertory into that. That GA bonus makes such a difference... at not extra cost to you! Just take the time to complete the simple form on the envelope.

CRICKET TEAM: The St John's Church cricket team are in full swing with their matches for the new season. We have five matches in June starting on 8 June with a match against Buro Happold. We would love to encourage players of all ages & abilities to get involved and play for us. For more details please contact David Parker on dwparker2018@virginmedia.com

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL: Open Mornings which will be from 9am until 11am on Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June. All visitors must book an appointment in advance via the school website at Saint Gregory's Summer Open Events – Saint Gregory's Bath (st-gregorys.org.uk)

VESPERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI: Corpus Christi is celebrated on **Sunday 18 June**. We can gather for sung Evening Prayer at 5.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction over the city of Bath at the West Doors of the Church. It gives us opportunity to come before this great Sacrament of Christ's presence and to pray for the people of our city.

RECRUITMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – PRIOR PARK SCHOOLS: Prior Park Schools is partnering with Nurole, the leading board-level hiring platform, to recruit new Trustees. You can find out more and register your interest here. For any questions please contact william.prescott@nurole.com. For an informal and confidential discussion, you can also contact John Shinkwin who is the Chair of Trustees jshinkwin@priorparkschools.com or Emma Sandberg, Director of Operations and Finance and Clerk to Trustees esandberg@priorparkschools.com.

OUR DIACONAL STUDENTS are here with us at St John's next Saturday. They join us for Mass and for Morning Prayer and then use the space for a quiet day's reflection. We hold them in our prayers.

FR PRATAP'S AUTUMN VISIT: Many of you support the work and mission of Fr Pratap through the Monsignor Kelly Fund. Fr Pratap will be making a visit to the UK in September and October and is due to visit Bath from **8 – 14 October**. He will be making an appeal whilst here for support for some projects he is involved within the Diocese. Remember, the best way and the safest way to send Fr Pratap your offerings is through the Mgr Kelly Fund. Money is transferred in a safe way.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to gather together at the diocesan shrine of Glastonbury on **Sunday 10 July**. Keep the date free.

WEDDING THIS WEEK: This coming Saturday we welcome Stefan Shaw and Betsy Gaitan Andrade to celebrate their wedding.

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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Psalm

Psalm 103(104)

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height.
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come, with treasures
which endure; Come, thou Light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful
guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the
heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine, Visit thou these hearts of
thine, And our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will
stay; All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness
pour thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen,
warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee
adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on
high; Give us joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'