

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

1st and 2nd May 2021

Psalter 2 Proper of Season

**DPL: Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury; St Michael, Shepton Mallett;
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar; SS Joseph & Teresa, Wells**



SAT	1st	CS	5.00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	John Cartmell
SUN	2nd	StP	11.00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Helbert Intention
Tue	4th	CS	9.30am	Mass English Martyrs	
Wed	5th	StP	9.30am	Mass	
Thur	6th			No Service (9.30am Mass at OLOL)	
Fri	7th	CS	9.30am	Mass	Maureen Kelly Intention
SAT	8th	CS	5.00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mary Keane Intention
SUN	9th	StP	11.00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Martins, Goncalves Intentions
Tue	11th	CS	9.30am	Mass	
Wed	12th	StP	9.30am	Mass	
Wed	12th	CS	7.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Ascension	
Thur	13th	StP	9.30am	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Also Evening Mass at OLOL 7.00pm)	
Fri	14th	CS	9.30am	Mass	O'Rourke Thanksgiving Mass
SAT	15th	CS	5.00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
SUN	16th	StP	11.00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	

Confessions by appointment only. Please phone if in isolation.

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HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
Fr Frank and Fr Jim wish you every blessing for the Easter Season.

GIFT AID INFORMATION

Many thanks to all parishioners who have been able to donate the parish collection through the gift aid/Ad-hoc envelopes and cash, some envelopes passed on in bulk. As we approach the end of the current Tax Year in lockdown could all parishioners, if possible under the ongoing restrictions, get their contributions to the parish office to enable the completion and return gift aid information to the Diocese.

Hand delivered donations If donations are posted directly via the presbytery letterbox, I have been asked to clarify by Fr Jim, that any envelope needs to be addressed to 'St Lawrence Catholic Church'. (Personal gifts to the clergy should be marked Private & Personal or 'Easter Offering' for example.)

AD-HOC gift aid envelopes Anyone who is a taxpayer and wishing to make a gift aided donation can use an AD-HOC gift aid envelope. I have been made aware that if you cannot get a preprinted envelope it is acceptable to use a standard envelope ensuring the following information clearly: Title, full name, full home address including postcode, date, signature and what it is for.

Gift Aid Small Donations Cash donations that would have been collected in church can also be claimed for so if you are not a taxpayer and wish to donate please address it to 'St Lawrence Catholic Church' Any Queries ref gift aid, joining etc, email GA.chippingsodbury.stlawrence@cliftondiocese.com Thanks, Terry Organ

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

just one world

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus, with more than 16 million cases and 200,000 deaths confirmed. Frontline workers and volunteers from our partner agency Caritas India are working around the clock to provide healthcare, reaching out to the most vulnerable households. CAFOD has already pledged £200,000 to Caritas India. If you could help by donating to our Coronavirus Appeal (visit cafod.org.uk), it would allow us to reach more families around the world and help support Caritas India's response. Thank you.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for May - Universal: The World of Finance: That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

BONUS BALL -

The lottery is a fun way of supporting the Parish. The monies raised are for the building fund, which helps towards the continuig maintenance of all our Parish Buildings. If you don't feel safe enough yet to return to Mass, you can still take part by posting your lottery money, preferred numbers, and **contact details** through the Presbytery front door.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Please speak to P O'Rourke or K Chapman for more information.

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What's on?



Livestream Mass from Clifton Cathedral

The Cathedral continues to live stream daily Mass and Sunday Mass, with recordings saved so that they can be watched later on. To watch, go to cliftondiocese.com and scroll down until you see the heading **Live Daily Mass** - next to that will be the player. Pressing play will show the live view. Under Schedules you will be able to see the Masses for the week, and under Recordings are the videos of previous Masses.

RED BOX 2020 : THANK YOU!

In 2020, our Community of St Lawrence and St Paul raised £512.18 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Yate and Chipping Sodbury are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at Missio.org.uk. If you are able, please bring your Red Boxes to any Mass or to the Presbytery and I will collect them. If you would like me to collect them from your home in a Covid safe manner please get in touch on 07832430067. Thank You. Tony Chapman.

Reflections for 5th Sunday of Easter – Year B



1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31.

Luke in his writings moves Saul out of the Acts for the moment, but it is very temporary, for this person will dominate the rest of the Acts. Saul has encountered suspicion amongst the Christian community and attempted murder from his fellow Jews. This passage really sets out the themes, which will be the hall mark of Saul's mission, which is important for the Acts; they are the preaching that Jesus is the Messiah; the power given to evangelists; always preaching first to the synagogues; the threat of violence; and the solidarity of the Church. Saul, who will eventually become known by his Roman name of Paul, is going to take us on an adventure of the spread of the Church to the centre of the known world, which will be the launch pad for the spread of the Church throughout the Roman Empire, taking it East and West.

Psalm 21: 26-28, 30-32.

This is the triumphal conclusion to the psalm that Jesus cried out from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you deserted me." So, we see that Jesus was telling us that he will be vindicated, at the Resurrection. Alleluia.

2nd Reading from the First Letter of St. John 3: 18-24.

John is endeavouring to lift us and encourage us, and give us confidence, in the same language as the fourth Gospel. "that we are children of the truth." (John 18: 37); "whatever we ask him, we shall receive," (John 14: 13); "keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants." (John 8:29); "love each other", (John 15: 17); "lives in God and God lives in him." (John 6: 56). It is obvious that this letter comes from the same community as the Gospel of John. The Spirit enables us to live the life that Jesus desired for us. Though we fall; seek his forgiveness and there is no need to worry about coming face to face with Jesus at our passing from this life. It is a letter of Hope. Thank God, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John 15: 1-8.

This passage uses the powerful image of Jesus as the Vine; The believer is invited to belong to Jesus, but they will need pruning, which can be uncomfortable, but he assures us that it is much better than being thrown on the fire. If we hang on to the vine, as one of his branches, we will gradually gain in the strength that he gradually pumps into us from the main trunk, who is Christ Himself. We need to draw close to him via his commandments to Love God, and our neighbour as ourselves for God's sake. When we begin to wilt, we most probably need pruning, going back to the base of our belief, Jesus himself. We cannot live the life he calls us to live without him, it is our pride that thinks we can do it alone, but we cannot. We really need to be humble enough to realise that we require His life in us, to achieve the Gospel life. Let us therefore make sure we keep well pruned and constantly feed from our trunk who is Christ Himself. Alleluia.

God Bless you all. Alleluia, Alleluia. Deacon Vincent

Children's Liturgy cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

www.churchservices.tv

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