

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

18th and 19th May 2024 - Proper of Season, Year B

DPL: Christ the King, Amesbury

The second collection is for the Building Fund



SAT	18 th CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	Matthew Martin
SUN	19 th StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	Rita Barros Goncalves, Maria Helena Ho
Tue	21 st CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes	Dee Intention (LOLO)
Wed	22 nd CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Rita of Cascia	Dave Family Intention
Thu	23 rd		No Service: Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	Lorna Intention (LOLO)
Fri	24 th CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Aldhelm, Bishop	Vivien Brown Intention
SAT	25 th CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Gerry Betka RIP
SUN	26 th StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Anastasia da Costa Jesus, Amaro de Jesus Filipe
Tue	28 th CS	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Williams Special Intention (LOLO)
Wed	29 th StP	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope	Theresa Corbett RIP
Thur	30 th		No Service	Ann Webb (LOLO)
Fri	31 st CS	9.30am	Mass: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Spirit
SAT	1 st CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Cummins Family (Fmass)
SUN	2 nd StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Beatrice Cuddily (Fmass)

Confessions: Please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

To contact a Priest: Fr. Jim Williams (01454) 312161 St Augustine's Office 0117 983 3939
 Parish Office Our Lady of Lourdes: 0117 949 8743. To send items for the newsletter email Sian stlpnewsletter@gmail.com

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St Augustine		UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sat 18 th Pentecost Sunday	6.00pm	2 nd June: Priests' Retirement Fund	Sun 19 th Pentecost Sunday	9.00am
Sun 19 th Pentecost Sunday	9.30am	16 th June: Building Fund	Tue 21 st Mass	9.30am
Sun 19 th Cantonese Mass	3.30pm	23 rd June: Day for Life	Thu 23 rd Feast of Our Lord Jesus	9.30am
Tue 21 st Mass	7.30pm	30 th June: Peter's Pence	Sun 26 th The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am
Thu 23 rd Feast of Our Lord Jesus	9.30am	14 th July: Sea Sunday	Tue 28 th Mass	9.30am
Fri 24 th Memorial of St Aldhelm	7.30pm	21 st July: Building Fund	Thu 30 th Mass	9.30am
Sat 25 th The Most Holy Trinity	6.00pm	28 th July: Mission Appeal	Sun 2 nd Corpus Christi	9.00am
Sun 26 th The Most Holy Trinity	9.30am	18 th August: Building Fund		
Please check website to confirm times: www.staugustinesbristol.co.uk		8 th September: Education Sunday	Please check website to confirm times: www.ololbristol.co.uk	



COMING SOON

CAFOD : A Year of Encounter



Although the next General Election has not yet been called, CAFOD is encouraging us all to "Use our Catholic Vote". The Church tells us "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes"; To do this, we need to come together with other groups and churches to invite local candidates to hustings where we can question them about topics such as the cost of living crisis, migration, climate, debt cancellation and human rights. This is your chance to make concerns that are close to your heart heard and encourage those in authority to make positive change. Here's how you can make a difference - our first meeting to plan our approach will be in July so

PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR DATES.

For further information contact Fr Duncan or Sue Jarvis (bandsjarvis@gmail.com)

***** PARISH GARDEN FETE *****

This year our Fete will be on **Saturday 22nd June at St. Lawrence Parish Hall and Gardens**. We need donations of bottles, gift sets, books, toys, Bric-a-Brac, cakes (nearer the time please). If you can help please see Fr. Jim or Pat O'Rourke. **We are looking for volunteers to run our stalls. Many thanks.**

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for May is for the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



BONUS BALL Game 1106 w/n 14. Clive Helbert £25 and £25 to the Parish Building Fund
 Please speak to Kay Chapman/Pat O'Rourke for more details.

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What's on?



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH
Next coffee mornings are on **Saturday 8th June & Saturday 13th July**

*Please speak to Pat O'Rourke
for more information.*



COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST PAUL'S STARTING AGAIN at 11.00 a.m.

A very good opportunity for a drink and chat with fellow parishioners. Interested in helping then speak to Father Jim so he can draw up a rota.

===== PRISON OUTREACH =====

Do we have a Romanian or Romanian speaking parishioner in the parish?

There is a Catholic prisoner at Eastwood Park who speaks no English and is therefore very isolated.

Any help with translations or visiting would be much appreciated.

Please contact Phil Collings at collingsphilippa@gmail.com or at 11.00 Mass.

ENCOUNTER - DAY OF RENEWAL

Special day of renewal at St Bonaventure's, Bristol from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. starting with Mass on Saturday 25th May.

Refreshments provided, but bring a packed lunch. Please book a free ticket for your party here: www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, face another urgent crisis – extreme hunger.

Please give to **CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal** in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal

Your donation will help CAFOD's partners support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuild water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Donations can be given using the contactless card reader at the back of the church or you can text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Texts cost the donation amount plus a standard network rate message and you'll be opting to hear more from us.

*If you'd like to donate, but not hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.*



CLIFTON DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese Safeguarding team seeks a volunteer with in-depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, health and mental health. You'd need to commit to a 2-hour meeting roughly five times a year for the Safeguarding Committee and Risk Allegation Review meetings either in person or online and do some pre-reading. If you wish to volunteer or discuss further, contact Janice Pearson, Safeguarding Coordinator, on janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or 07887 990385.

Reflections for Pentecost Sunday Year B

1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11.

We see the Spirit in action with sound and sights, a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The fire and the mighty wind are symbols of what we shall see in the Acts, as the story of the Holy Spirit unfolds. The mighty wind blows throughout the Acts driving the story on, changing people's lives dramatically, Peter, Paul and all the others being driven onwards to the ends of the earth. The tongues of fire symbolise the speeches which constitute a third of the Acts. The Gospel is already preached to the ends of the known earth. If you view a map of all the places mentioned it describes a complete circle round the Ancient Near East, and they are all hearing about the wonders of God. This is Luke at his most dramatic and imaginative symbolism of the Spirit giving life to the Church. It is a vibrant piece of literature.

Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34.

A song in praise of God's creation, wherein the Spirit of God was most active. It continues Luke's vision of the Spirit moving the Church into life. It affirms the creativeness of the Spirit.

2nd Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 5: 16-25.

We have the choice between self-indulgence or life in the Spirit. If you are led by the Spirit no law can touch you, however self-indulgence is always apparent in its fruits of fornication and gross indecency, sexual irresponsibility, idolatry etc., whereas the Spirit brings love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. The choice is ours to make; will we crucify all self-indulgence and desire to be with Christ?

The Holy Gospel according to John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15.

Jesus here describes the Spirit as the Advocate; this is a very legal position given the Spirit. The Advocate is one who speaks on behalf of a person, if you like he gives word to what we would like to say or do. It is a creative and affirming Spirit that is released from the task of creation to attend to us and be at our disposal, to teach us about Jesus and enable us to become his witnesses before mankind. The Spirit is with us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enable us to live our lives as Christ-like as possible. With this Spirit at our sides, we can undertake whatever is given us to do either the menial tasks or the great amazing tasks for Jesus. The Spirit strengthens us to be able to sacrifice our own desires, thus liberating us to attend to others' needs. This feast celebrates the birth of the Church, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and take courage to proclaim the Gospel by our lives and if necessary, use words.

May God continue to enrich us and his holy Church with the Spirit. Deacon Vincent

** I fully acknowledge the assist given me by Nicholas King's Study Bible in this and all my reflections.*

*For his insight into the books and writings of the Holy Bible. He has been my inspiration and insight into the wonders of Holy Scripture. **

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children

All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage you to access these policies, which you can find in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages.

Parish website: <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliftondiocese.html> <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/safeguarding.html>



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Email csandyatesvp@gmail.com

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www.cliftondiocese.com
www.vatican.va

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