

# SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL



## CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Proper of Season, Year B

DPL: Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies

Second Collection: World Communication Sunday



SAT	11 <sup>th</sup> CS	5.00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Helen & Family Intention
SUN	12 <sup>th</sup> StP	11.00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	James Kerry & Family
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup> CS	9.30am	Mass: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	Mary May (OLOL)
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup> StP	9.30am	Mass	Joanne O'Brien
Thur	16 <sup>th</sup>		No Service	
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> CS	9.30am	Mass	O'Brien Family
SAT	18 <sup>th</sup> CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	Matthew Martin
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup> StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	Holy Spirit
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup> CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes	Dee Intention (OLOL)
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup> CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Rita of Cascia	Dave Family Intention
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>		No Service: Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	Lorna Intention (OLOL)
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup> CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Aldhelm, Bishop	Vivien Brown Intention
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup> CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Gerry Betka RIP
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup> StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish

Confessions: Please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

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 Parish Office Our Lady of Lourdes: 0117 949 8743. To send items for the newsletter email Sian [stlpnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stlpnewsletter@gmail.com)

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St Augustine	UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 6.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> June: Priests' Retirement Fund	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter 9.00am
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9.30am	16 <sup>th</sup> June: Building Fund	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St Matthias 9.30am
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St Matthias 7.30pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> June: Day for Life	Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 9.30am
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 9.30am	30 <sup>th</sup> June: Peter's Pence	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday 9.00am
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass 7.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> July: Sea Sunday	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass 9.30am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday 6.00pm	21 <sup>st</sup> July: Building Fund	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feast of Our Lord Jesus 9.30am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday 9.30am	28 <sup>th</sup> July: Mission Appeal	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Most Holy Trinity 9.00am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Cantonese Holy Mass 3.30pm	18 <sup>th</sup> August: Building Fund	
Please check website to confirm times: <a href="http://www.staugustinesbristol.co.uk">www.staugustinesbristol.co.uk</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> September: Education Sunday	Please check website to confirm times: <a href="http://www.ololbristol.co.uk">www.ololbristol.co.uk</a>



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](mailto:bandsjarvis@gmail.com))

### \*\*\*\*\* PARISH GARDEN FETE \*\*\*\*\*

This year our Fete will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 also 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 1105 w/n 44. Fr. Jim. £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 8<sup>th</sup> June & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

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



**COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST PAUL'S STARTING AGAIN at 11.00 a.m.** is a good opportunity for a drink and chat with fellow parishioners. If you're interested in helping speak to Father Jim so a rota can be drawn up.

## RETIREMENT COLLECTION FOR BISHOP DECLAN

If you wish to contribute to Bishop Declan's retirement collection then please use the online donation button on the Diocesan website under Finance and the Dona page. Either scan the QR code or use the link <https://donate.mydona.com/clifton-diocese>. Any questions, please contact Lyn Murray on 0117 902 5598



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> May.** Mass, uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Children's stream will be available. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch. To give us an idea of numbers for the day, please book a free ticket for all members of your party here: [www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal)

Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. Donations can be given via the contactless card reader at the back of the church or you can text **CAFODSUDAN** to 70450 to donate £10.

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate, but don't wish to hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.*



**CLIFTON DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING:** The Diocese Safeguarding team is seeking someone to join its Safeguarding Committee and sit in on Risk Allegation Review meetings. Volunteers should have in-depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health and mental health. The role is voluntary and would require committing to a 2-hour meeting roughly five times a year for the Safeguarding Committee and Risk Allegation Review meetings. You can attend meetings in person or online with some pre-reading. If you're passionate about safeguarding and wish to volunteer or discuss the role further, contact the Safeguarding Coordinator Janice Pearson on [janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com) or 07887 990385.

## Reflections for Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17, 20-26.

Peter is showing his leadership skills, which is not always apparent in the Acts. Here we have Peter initiating God's choice of a successor to Judas. Notice the criteria for an Apostle, "Someone who has been with the Twelve the whole time that Jesus was travelling around with them, right from when John was baptising until Jesus was taken up from the Twelve – this person can act as a witness with the Twelve to Jesus' resurrection." The emphasis that they must choose a successor to Judas and his betrayal was foretold tells us that they believe they are being prompted by God in the Holy Spirit to select Judas' replacement. To enhance the idea that this choice must not be influenced by their likes or choices they agree to let the Holy Spirit choose by the casting of lots over the two candidates found amongst the Disciples who met the required criteria, thus allowing God to select the desired replacement. As the lot falls to Matthias, he is selected to be numbered amongst the Twelve. Strange that Matthias is never heard of again. This whole episode illustrates that God is in charge and the Holy Spirit is irresistibly running the show by prompting Peter. We witness right from the beginning the influence of the Holy Spirit upon the Church's appointed Vicar of Christ.

### Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20.

This song is written in praise of God's goodness. God is so good he removes our sins as far as the East is from the West. God's forgiveness is totally abundant to those who choose to seek Him.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from the first letter of John 4: 11-16.

Once again, this letter echoes the language of the Fourth Gospel, as the writer links the God's Spirit dwelling in us to showing our love to our neighbour, especially within our community, by accepting Jesus as Son, Saviour and Love. To live in love is to live in God, and God lives in them. Typical of John's Gospel, we have this commandment; "the one who loves God should also love their brother and sister." We have this assurance that, "God is love."

### The Holy Gospel according to John 17: 11-19.

At this point it moves from being a discourse to almost a priestly prayer. In the selection we have today we concentrate on the people the Father gave Jesus from the world. "Keep them in your name." Next Jesus warns us that the world will hate them. There follows a prayer for those whom they will reach out to, namely us. Jesus will pray that we will all be one. His followers will be consecrated in the truth just as Jesus consecrates himself in the truth. Jesus is praying that we will become like him. When we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist he continues to fashion us in his likeness. As stones in the Temple of the Lord must be chiseled and have their rough edges removed so we need shaping to fit into that spiritual temple with Jesus as the corner stone and ourselves honed into one, just as he requests the Father to make us one like Jesus is one with the Father.

### Lord grant us faith and patience to become one with You. 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 everyone to access these policies which can be found 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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