

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday

YEAR B: 21st April 2024

Mass Times

Sunday 21st April	11.00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)	Jean Roberts & Family †
Tuesday 23rd April	9.30 am	SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	Karol Piechota †
Sunday 28th April	11.00 am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maura & Michael McCluskey †



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession.

If Father Nnam Di Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Holy Family : 01793 297 256

Saint Mary's: 01793 535 089

Holy Rood: 01793 522 062

Saint Peter's: 01793 871 167

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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings	:	Sunday Mass Cycle B: Weekday Mass Year 2. Psalter 4
Eucharistic Prayer	:	2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	:	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
First Reading	:	Acts 4: 8-12
Psalm Response	:	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Second Reading	:	1 John 3: 1-2
Gospel Acclamation	:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!
Gospel	:	John 10: 11-18
Communion Antiphon	:	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved.

2nd Reading

We shall be like God because we shall see Him as He really is.

Gospel

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

By His Grace We Are What We Are

The Lord is my Shepherd! There is nothing I lack. He provides me with all my needs, beyond my desires.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, invites us to tune our ears to his unique voice and recognise him.

Think of the love which God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children. By His grace, we are what we are. And what we will become in the future is in his precious hands.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session in the 2024 First Holy Communion programme is a Day of Recollection at Nympsfield Convent **next Saturday, 27th April 2024** from **10 am – 4 pm**. All children are requested to be at Holy Family Church on time at **9:45 am**.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The 2024 Confirmation programme is now underway. The next session is **this Tuesday, 23rd April 2024**, from **6.30 pm - 8.00 pm** at **Holy Family Church**.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: There will be an escorted pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & County Mayo from **12th – 17th May 2024**. The price is £899.00 per person sharing. Single supplement on enquiry. For further details see the poster in the porch or contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 (23rd August to 30th August): The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August. Details are on the Diocese website at www.cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes, or email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or call 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Payment in full by **31st May 2024**. *See the poster and leaflets in the Church porch.*

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Join the Bishop for Mass in Clifton Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 25th May at 12 noon**. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2024, then please contact us at : adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.

MOTHERS PRAYERS DAY: You are warmly invited to a Mothers Prayers Day at **Sacred Heart Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AH** on **Saturday 25th May** from **11.00 am to 3.30 pm**. 'Mothers Prayers is a beautiful way of praying together for our children, which we mothers have found very helpful and comforting.' Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Mothers Prayers booklets and materials available. Limited free parking in the Church grounds. For more information please contact Pat Connolly on 07854 566735 or email patcon60@gmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund**. *Envelopes are available in the Church porch.*

YOUTH GROUP: We are looking to start up a Youth Group at St. Joseph's. Any young people who would be interested in getting involved in the church and getting together as a group regularly, please put your name down on the list provided in the church porch or email wroughton.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com. More information to follow soon.

Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support Officer: The Clifton Diocese Curia offices are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen its central finance and property functions. The role is a part-time, 2year fixed term contract, to be worked over 25 hours per week and based at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, good communication and organisational skills, to include time management and working on various tasks simultaneously. Previous administrative experience and a can-do flexible attitude are essential. For further information please go to Working for us | Clifton Diocese or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 10th May 2024**.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding: The Diocese Safeguarding team are currently looking for an individual to join the Safeguarding Committee and sit in on the Risk Allegation Review meetings. Suitable volunteers should have in depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health/mental health. The role is voluntary and would require a commitment of one 2hour meeting approximately five times per year for the Safeguarding Committee and also the Risk Allegation Review Meeting. The meetings can be attended in person or online and there will be some pre-reading prior to the meetings. For more information please contact Janice Pearson janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or call 07887 990385.

PARKING: Please park considerately and legally when coming to St. Joseph's. At busy times, such as Sunday Mass, please consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. It is important to keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and not cause a nuisance to our neighbours.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass and also after the 9.30 am Mass on Tuesdays.

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: **St. Ambrose, Diocesan Curia, Diocesan Services.**

Pope's Message: Throughout April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.