

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CAFOD FAST DAY: Some confusion may have arisen this year about what to do with money saved on the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Some of you may have put it in your CAFOD Box which will be brought up on Maundy Thursday evening. This Lent you are being encouraged to have more than one fast day to mark CAFOD's 50th Anniversary. If you forgot all about Family Fast Day you may wish to designate another day and put what you save into a special CAFOD envelope. These can be found at the back of the church. Please place these in the Sunday collection.

BATH HALF MARATHON – MASS TIME CHANGES: On **Sunday, 7th March** the morning Mass will begin at 9 am. The Polish Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 6th March at 3 pm.

Lower Car Park Users: Your annual fee of £65 is now due. Please make a cheque payable to 'St John's Church' and put your car registration and name on the back of the cheque.

Papal Preparations: With the prospect of Pope Benedict XVI visiting this country later in the year, our award-winning website cliftondiocese.com is looking for your memories and photographs of the last Papal visit back in 1982. As we look forward to welcoming the Holy Father to the UK, tell your story by emailing webeditor@cliftondiocese.com and share your thoughts and experiences of the momentous occasion.

Assistant Tower Tour Manager, Bath Abbey (Apr – Oct, 2010)

This responsible role, working within an enthusiastic and committed team, pays £6.80/hr for a minimum of 16hrs/wk. For further information see www.bathabbey.org/vacancies.htm or contact the Abbey Office. Applications deadline: 8th March; Interviews: 16th March

CLIFTON CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Many thanks to all those who supported the Bring & Buy Sale last week. We raised £200 for the children who need our help.

JOURNEY TO EASTER: Daily reflections and articles. Now on sale at the back of the church - £1.50

Parish Diaries for 2010. £1 – please put money in Third World Box.

DIOCESAN Liturgical Diaries & Directories now on sale.

Weddings & Baptisms

For enquiries about weddings and baptisms, please see Fr Tom at the end of week-end Masses.

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7th March 2010. Third Sunday of Lent. Year 3

Pss 3 & Proper of Season

We welcome you to Mass here this Week-end.

Where does this leave disciples of Jesus at the dawn of the third millennium? The counsel of many, to live each day as if it were one's last, contains much wisdom. Ignatius of Loyola in the *Spiritual Exercises* offers this advice: consider what the choices made today will look like "as if I were at the point of death." Similarly, the *Imitation of Christ* recommends that "every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out."

It is a noble intention to live and act in a way that always advances God's reign. Certainly, this passage is an urgent call to become reconciled to God and to one another. Who are those in your family, among your friends, or in your community with whom you need to make peace? And, are there areas of your life that are still closed off from relationship with God? What steps do you need to take to live in peace and harmony? Finally, what thoughts and feelings come up when you consider your mortality? Reflecting on our own death can prompt us to re-evaluate priorities, to make changes, and thus to become more faithful disciples of Jesus.
~ *John Gillman, Luke: 'Stories of Joy and Salvation' ~*

This Sunday's Antiphons and Readings

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8; 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6; 10-12

Gospel Acclamation: Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to you altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

Parents – A Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) takes place at most Sunday 10 am Masses. Suitable for children from toddlers upwards! The children return with their contribution to the Offertory. Please join us!

NO COFFEE MORNING after the 9 am Mass.

TIMES OF MASS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

<i>Mass Intentions</i>			
Sat	6 th March	Mass 3 pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
		Mass 5.45 pm	<i>Jambeau David RIP</i>
Sun	7 th March	Mass 9 am	<i>Dennis Giles RIP</i>
		Mass 6.30 pm	<i>Jo Gilmore RIP</i>
Mon	8 th March	Mass 9.30 am	<i>Fernando Sammartino RIP</i>
Tue	9 th March	Mass 10 am	<i>Helen Kuca RIP</i>
Wed	10 th March	Mass 10 am	<i>Ina Gomez-Luque RIP</i>
Thu	11 th March	Mass 10 am	<i>Irene Weetman RIP</i>
Fri	12 th March	Mass 10 am	
		Mass 5.45 pm	
Sat	13 th March	Mass 11 am	in LSU
		Mass 5.45 pm	Vigil of 4 th Sunday of Lent

Confessions: Saturdays 12-12.30 pm; 5-5.30 pm; 6.45-7 pm

Offerings for the week:

Offering:	£	552.46
Second Collection: CAFOD Lent Fast Day	£	880.20
Gift Aid Giving	£807.00	
Tax Recovered	£227.00	£1,034.00
Third World	£	42.55
Sunday Coffee Morning: Church Maintenance Fund	£	37.12

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK-END 13th / 14th March – READERS

5.45 pm	Volunteer
10 am	M Dinner
6.30pm	T Dunne

PARISH EVENTS:

RCIA meet on **Wednesday (9th March)** at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

COFFEE MORNING AND LENT LUNCH for Faith & Light in Africa and Russia on **Friday, 19th March**. Raffle and Stall and Coffee at 10.30 am with usual bread and cheese lunch from 11.45 am till 12.45pm.

SOUP RUN: Many thanks to all who helped with the Soup Run in February. Our next date on **Friday, 12th March**. Rota A -Yellow; leader:Eileen Vickers

MEETING of Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, 20th March** at St John's Parish Hall from 10.30am until 12noon. This will be open to Commissioned Ministers from St Mary's. The purpose of the meeting is to draw up a rota of Ministers to go into the RUH on Sunday with Holy Communion. Fr Tom is now the chaplain to the RUH.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR will be singing at the 10 am Mass next Sunday - Motehr's Day.

LENTEN REFLECTION - SERIES OF TALKS: Fr Peter Cornwell will be giving half-hour talks at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall on the theme of **"Faith Seeking Understanding."** The schedule and topics are:

Monday, 8th March	<i>'Incarnation'</i>
Monday, 15th March	<i>'Holy Spirit'</i>
Monday, 22nd March	<i>'Holy Trinity'</i>

Everyone welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There has been a delay in the start of the programme this year. New volunteers have now come forward to act as Catechists. They are being CRB checked at the moment. The programme will begin either before Easter or immediately after Easter with the usual 4.30 to 5.30 pm meetings on Saturdays in the Parish Hall. Could you please notify Fr Tom if you would like your child to be prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion this year.

EXTERNAL EVENTS:

DAY RETREAT at Downside New Pastoral Centre on **Saturday, 13th March** from 10.30am to 3.30 pm led by Fr Peter Cornwell. Subject: The forgotten themes of Holy Week. Please sign up on the noticeboard. Could you offer someone a lift? Please bring a packed lunch; hot drinks provided.

The Gethsemane Garments Exhibition: by Peter Privett at the Sanctuary, Manvers Street Baptist Church from **20th March - 1st April**; open from 10 am to 2.30 pm. It is an aid that reflects upon the experience of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

What are you doing at Easter? Celebrate by walking to Lindisfarne during Holy Week ! Journey with Northern Cross (**starting Fri 26 March (evening), ending Easter Sunday 4 April**) . "It's a vibrant and meaningful way to spend Easter". This year 3 groups will set off from places in Scotland & the North of England and walk across Northumberland and the Scottish Borders towards Lindisfarne, each group carrying a large wooden cross, to witness towards Easter. The groups come together on the sands, on Good Friday (2 April), and walk across the causeway together to celebrate Easter as a community on Holy Island. We welcome walkers of all ages and levels of fitness and we have reduced rates for children and unwaged. Details: Michael Hanson, northerncross@freenetname.co.uk landline 444251 www.northerncross.co.uk Take a look! Another similar Easter walking pilgrimage is StudentCross, walking across East Anglia to Walsingham, see details www.studentcross.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO OLD CASTILE - SPANISH MYSTICS AND ENGLISH MARTYRS – May 31st – June 7th, 2010: Join Mgr Jeremy Rigden on a pilgrimage-holiday to Valladolid in Central Spain. Total cost £525 per person. For more details, please see leaflets (with application form) in church or contact Mgr. Jeremy (01793 527931). Further information from www.cliftdiocese.com/spanish-mystics-and-english-martyrs.