

## South Bristol Mission Area

### *Our family of Catholic Parishes*

St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham  
St Pius Xth, Withywood; The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna  
(within the Pastoral Area of St Alexander Briant)



***In the name of Jesus: WELCOMED, LOVED, SENT***

**Easter Sunday, Year B – 31st March 2024**

#### **Fr Matt's Reflection for the Week:**

##### **The Joy of Easter!**

"Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled".

I speak to you, Christians! I speak to you, Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants!

I come to you with the marvellous announcement: Christ is risen! The One whom John the Baptist had indicated as the Lamb of God (cf. Jn 1:29,36) has redeemed his flock: Christ has redeemed the whole human flock, every human being, without exception. Christ, innocent victim on the cross, has reconciled us sinners with the Father. He who was without sin has brought us sinners back to the Father. On this great Feast of Easter we proclaim the reconciliation of humanity with the Father, through the power of Christ who for us became obedient unto death.

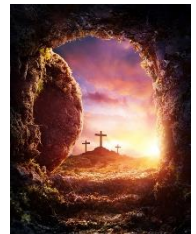
"Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign".

Let those who struggle against evil, those who must measure themselves against death, who strive to defend life and save it from every peril, let them today pause, pause in wonder. Behold, today death has been overcome. The Son of God born of the Virgin, God from God, Light from Light, the Son of God of one being with the Father accepted an ignominious death on the Cross. On Good Friday he had been laid in the tomb and behold, today before dawn, he has rolled away the stone closing the tomb and has risen by his own power.

St John Paul II

**Let us rejoice for Christ is risen!**

**Wishing you and all of your families a happy, holy and joy-filled Easter.**



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St Dunstan's: 20 Bristol Road, Keynsham, BS31 2BQ

St Pius Xth: Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol, BS13 9AB

The Sacred Heart: Chew Valley c/o South Bristol Mission Area Office at St Pius Xth

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# Mass Times for the Week

Sunday Readings – Year B

Weekday Readings – Year II      Hours: Proper of Season

	<b>Saturday 30th March</b> Holy Saturday	10am Morning Prayer at St Dunstan's 12pm Blessing of Easter Baskets at St Bernadette's 8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Bernadette's 8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Dunstan's
	<b>Sunday 31st March</b> Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)	9.00 Mass at St Pius Xth (L/S) <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S) <i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Monday within the Octave of Easter	NO MASS
	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (R) & 6.30pm Mass at St Pius Xth <i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	NO MASS
	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (R) & 10am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Friday within the Octave of Easter	10am-10.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer at St Dunstan's
	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Saturday within the Octave of Easter	5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Bernadette's 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette's (R) (L/S) <i>Hugh &amp; Olive McCorry RIP</i>
	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9.00 Mass at St Pius Xth (L/S) <i>Maureen &amp; Michael O'Neill</i> 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S) <i>Nick Doyle RIP</i>

(R) Sacrament of Reconciliation available      (L/S) livestreamed through our website

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**PARISH HEALING MISSION:** We are blessed to be able to welcome into our parishes 'Littleway Healing Ministries' from **Thursday 25th April to Sunday 28th April**. Led by Fr Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs Pauline Edwards and their team of experienced prayer ministers, this is an opportunity to be open to the healing power of Christ. There will be a Healing Service at St Dunstan's on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm. There will be the opportunity for extended times of healing prayer at St Bernadette's on Friday 26th April. There will also be a Healing Open Day at St Pius X from 10am to 4pm. Healing prayer will also be offered at the 5.30pm Mass, 9am and 11am at St Bernadette's. Flyers and invites will be available next week. This is an opportunity to invite anyone along who may feel they need healing. Come Holy Spirit!

**EASTER OFFERING:** The Easter Collection today is, along with Christmas, Fr Matt's main source of income. Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church. You will also be able to give an offering via the digital collection plate or the website as of Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a direct donation, Fr Matt's a/c details are: M H Anscombe, 20-51-43, 70115525

<b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	<b>Easter Weekend</b>	<b>St Bernadette's</b>
Please donate to the monthly food bank collection at St Bernadette's on the Easter weekend. See poster in the narthex for essential items required - but all donations are appreciated.		

<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP</b>	<b>Tuesday 2nd April 10.45am</b>	<b>St Dunstan's</b>
	<b>Saturday 6th April 2.30pm</b>	

Do join us for a time of silent prayer with some restful music, a teaching & a cuppa afterwards. This is an ecumenical group, meeting for about an hour, to which everyone is welcome. We follow the path of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Please contact Margaret or Brian Wilson on 0117 403 4012 or go to [www.wccm.uk](http://www.wccm.uk)

<b>ST DUNSTAN'S ART GROUP</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd April 11am</b>	<b>St Dunstan's Hall</b>
We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at about 11a.m. for art, light crafts and needlework followed by a light lunch. For more information phone Brian on 01172393892.		

<b>ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS</b>	<b>Thursday 11th April 7.30pm</b>	<b>On-line</b>
Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis: What it is, how to use the catechism and Scripture as foundations, and what methods to use. This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. First of six sessions.		

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**REFLECT & PRAY WITH THE SCRIPTURES      Saturday 13th April    10:30am – 3pm  
Emmaus House BS14 0QN**

The day allows us to unfold the Scriptures on the theme “*Risen and Appearing*” with space for personal reflection and ends with a celebration of the Eucharist together. Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided. A donation to our on-going mission is welcome. Contact Sr Ann at [Emmaus@emmaushouse.org.uk](mailto:Emmaus@emmaushouse.org.uk) or 01275 792670 to book. We are so privileged to have this oasis of peace and tranquillity on our doorstep.

**STAY & PLAY      Friday 19th April    10 -11.30 am      St Bernadette's Hall**

Open to local parents/carers, please do consider joining us for a hot drink, while your little ones play. This small, friendly group is a great chance to meet other local families. We will be taking a break over Easter. Back on the 19th April.

**PARISH HEALING MISSION      Thursday 25th April – Sunday 28th April    All parishes**

Jesus promised: “Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed.” Come and experience the healing power of Jesus. Posters now on display. More details to follow.

**FAMILY FUN DAY      Sunday 5th May    1pm-4pm      Emmaus House**

All welcome. With an environmental theme organised by our South Bristol Laudato Si Group. More details to follow after Easter.

**BAPTISMAL PREP.    Saturday 18th May & 1st June      11am-12.30pm    St Bernadette's**

If you are looking to have your child baptised at St Dunstan's or St Bernadette's, please get in touch with Caroline Sadd as soon as possible. [Caroline.sadd@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Caroline.sadd@cliftondiocese.com). For St Pius Xth contact Debbie on [Bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com) for dates of the preparation sessions at St Pius Xth.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024      Friday 23rd ~ 30th August 2024**

There is still time to book, to join us on the Pilgrimage. For information of the hotels, we use and the Bristol to Toulouse Flight please contact [Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com). For assisted pilgrims, you can book via the Catholic Association, Catholic Association — Assisted Pilgrims [www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims). Flights for assisted pilgrims are available from Birmingham and London Stansted. The Catholic Association are also looking for volunteer helpers, doctors / nurses, young helpers (17-25), musicians, fund raisers, Subsidies available. for more information please complete the online form at CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Expression of Interest ([jotform.com](http://jotform.com)) [www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2024:** LAST CALL If your child is in Year 3 or above, and they would like to make their First Holy Communion, or your son/daughter is in Year 8 or above and would like to explore Confirmation, which completes Baptism and confers the fullness of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask that you please register them to secure a place on this year's programme by emailing us at

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[bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com). You will need to be living in one of our four parishes.

**CARPENTERS FOOD & SUPPORT    Wednesdays    10am – 2pm    Withywood Centre**

Last session: **73 people** given food for **1533 meals, 868kg distributed, 744kg donated.**

We were able to give every client and Easter Egg and extra treats and another one of our clients wished us farewell as he started a new job. If you would like us to do some shopping and have it directly delivered to the Centre, you can donate straight to our bank account. Please email [carpenters@withywoodcentre.com](mailto:carpenters@withywoodcentre.com) for the bank details. Donations of food and bags can be brought to church or taken direct to the Withywood Centre Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Suitable for preschool and primary school children, do encourage your children to come along to listen to the Word of God, learn about our faith and pray together, all at an appropriate level for them. If you could help with the sessions, please get in touch with the parish office or the relevant person in the parishes.

**OPEN CHURCH    All Week    9.30am to 7pm    St Dunstan's**

Open during the day for quiet reflection and private prayer. Drop in anytime.

**A WELCOME CUPPA:** Served weekly after the Masses at St Bernadette and St Pius Xth. And in the St Dunstan's Hall after 11am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and after Wednesday Mass in the Hall every 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND:** Please contact Deacon Lester or Debbie.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION    by arrangement with Fr Matt or Fr Michael**  
Also see liturgies marked R in the Mass Times

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

† **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:** For the role of women: we pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

† **For our Diocesan Prayer Link:** For Canon Tom Gunning, Deacons Stephen Munday, Michael Roberts and Thomas Moffatt and the parishioners of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph: Weston-Super-Mare.

† **For all those who have asked for prayer for particular needs and intentions:**

**StB:** Harry Jenkins, Marina Moran, Delphine Street, Peter and Judith Vickery;

**StD:** Tony Cadman, Connie Courtier, Chloe Edgell, Rosemary Evered, Michelle Fraser, Michael Hannigan, Ann Jones, Pauline Kendrick, Larry McGreer, Robert & Shirley Nevett, Tony Potts, Kate Parsons, Kath Scott, Michael Selway, Keith Sullivan, **PX:** Bob Bennett, Marites Bray, Alison Dean, Anna Dominic, Malcolm Jones, John McLoughlin, John Ryalls, Keeley Timbrell; **SH:** Louise Browning, Mary Grey, Jeanne Moore, Meg Ryan.

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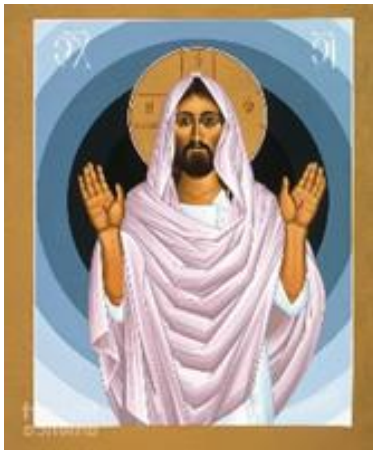
† **CONGRATULATIONS TO** Nicola Nash received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil held at St Dunstan's.

† **For the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and their families:**

**StB:** - **StD:** Nick Doyle. **PX:** Brendan Maloney (Requiem Mass 10.15am Friday 12th April at St Pius Xth), Cath Griffiths (Requiem Mass 10am Wednesday 24th April at St Pius Xth), Aidan Healy.

† **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year:** Charlotte Barker, Filippo Bavetta, Mary Boxall, David Bray, Roger Carter, Kate Corrigan, Michael Daly, Christopher Docherty, Joan Dodimead, Mable Doody, Gwendoline Doyle, Edna Duffy, Catherine Flynn, Barbara Fortune, Lee Griffin, Cyril Hogg, Fr Michael Larkin, Edward Magee, Arthur Martin, Patrick McMahon, Pope John Paul II, Enid Pears, Wilfred Power, Harry Reed, Geoffrey Taylor, Stanley Usher, Maurice Vest, Selina Webb, Mary Whiaker, Hannah Williams, John Withy, Ann Woodford.

Sincere apologies are owed to Pat O'Brien who wrote last week's Mission Thought not Pat Clarke who also hails from St Dunstan's.



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**Happy Easter**

**BULLETIN PLEASE:** If you want to receive the bulletin each week by email then please sign up on the website, at the bottom of the home page. It couldn't be easier!

Any notices for inclusion need to be emailed to [bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com) or submitted to the Mission Area Office by 12pm Wednesday.

## **SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY, EVERYDAY**

Being loved and being kept safe go to the very core of the Church's Ministry to all and in particular our children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

You can speak to any of our parish safeguarding reps in confidence if you have any concerns or you are offering to carry out a ministry that will need a DBS check and want to find out more:

**Debbie Forge** *Debbie.forge@cliftondiocese.com* 0772 9833 779

**Caroline Sadd** *Caroline.sadd@cliftondiocese.com*

**James O'Shaughnessy** *psr.bristol.stbernadette@cliftondiocese.com*

**Beci Shuttleworth** *psr.bristol.stpiusx@cliftondiocese.com*

Other useful numbers: Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0117 9540993  
or in an emergency call **999** or Childline **0800 1111** any time free

### **Contact Details for the Mission Area Team**

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### **GIVING MADE EASY**

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**Mission 'Thought for the Week'**      *from James O'Shaughnessy, St Bernadette's*

As I write this it is before the Triduum begins, but you will read this as we celebrate Easter Sunday. We have celebrated some of the most sacred days of the church year, the institution of the Eucharist, the Passion of the Lord and the great Easter Vigil. The richness of the liturgy we have celebrated across the three days feeds us for the rest of the year. On that night Jesus took bread, broke it and shared it, that is our model for Mass that is celebrated each and every day. Through the Eucharist we have strength to carry out what the Lord asks of us, to make His name known to all, to spread the Gospel News, the Good News. We have to look through the Cross always having it in our sight, through the suffering of Christ to then be able to see the Resurrection, to be able to come rejoicing on Easter Sunday. It's only through our belief that we understand, in believing we have faith in the Risen Lord, a spiritual seeing that is a leap in the light of Christ. **Happy Easter to you all.**



pray for us  
pray for us  
pray for us  
we place all  
our trust in You

St Bernadette  
St Dunstan  
St Pius X  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Mission Area Prayer

**Father,  
pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon our parishes  
to deepen in us a thirst and  
passion for mission.  
Grant that your gifts  
of faith, hope and love  
will lead us in true  
discipleship,  
so that the Good News  
of Jesus Christ  
will find a home in  
our hearts  
and open us to the needs  
of all.  
Then, trusting in your  
Almighty power,  
give us the desire  
and courage  
to proclaim our faith in Him  
to a broken world.  
Amen.**

## EASTER SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

### PSALM RESPONSE:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.