

ST BONS NEWSLETTER – 22nd June 2025

Sunday Scripture Thoughts

The greatest miracle that has ever happened in the history of the world occurred when God became a man, and suffered and died on the cross to bring us home to heaven. And to make sure we would never forget it, in order to remain with us always, even until the end of the world, He gave us Himself as an everlasting memorial of His suffering and death. He gave us Himself – body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist – so that we might renew this covenant of love He has made with us. On this solemnity of Corpus et Sanguis Christi, as at every Mass, we will receive all that God longs to give to us: nothing less than the sacred body and blood of Christ.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Eddie Williams. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Madeline Walsh. Giovanni Maniglia. We also pray for Brendan Maszuchin who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ Holy Hour will take place at the Holy Family church on Sunday, 22nd June from 3 – 4pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, Benediction, and finally – refreshments – All welcome!!!

2025 Lourdes Pilgrimage: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August 2025. As usual, we shall be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Tagney tours will be dealing with bookings, hotels and flight bookings. We shall be travelling from Birmingham airport direct to Tarbes-Lourdes airport. Bookings are now open via the Tangney Tours website: [Tangney Tours – Lourdes 2025 booking](#)
Booking form: [CA-booking-form-2025](#). Clifton Pilgrims are requested to book either the Astrid or the Irelande hotels. We shall be running a coach to and from Birmingham airport.
If you would like to contact Fr Eugene about the pilgrimage, please do so here: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

Global church petition: On 22nd June you will have the opportunity to sign a global petition calling for debt cancellation for poor countries. The lives of our sisters and brothers are being devastated by debt. 54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. They are home to 3.3 billion people. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts. Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over. We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises. And the time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice. "Read more at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt.

Informal Sociable Summer Matinee Concert: Saxophony saxophone group are staging a concert on 29th June at 2.30 pm in the church, also featuring Andy Fagan on guitar, Emma Deegan on flute, and vocalist Maria Mondragon Kalfopulos. There will be tea and cakes served and a collection for CAFOD/Food Pantry.

Pastoral Ministry Formation course: We are now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2025. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? – then please do come to our information evening which will be taking place on Monday 30 June, 7pm: Apostle Room, Cathedral, Clifton. Here you will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place. If you would like to attend a session just email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com to let us know you will be attending.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: Introducing more plant-based meals into your diet is one of the best ways to cut your carbon footprint, and it's often a healthier choice too. Why not add some simple meat-free alternatives to the dinner table this summer? There are many recipes available online or in books to inspire you, so why not try some plant-based alternatives over the holidays – or try eating meat-free one day a week or opting for a vegetarian option whilst eating out. Whatever you get up to this summer, remember your actions and everyday choices make a difference – and influence those around you to take action too. This goes hand-in-hand with calling on leaders to act. Together, we can build a greener, fairer world that will help people in poverty who are hardest hit by the climate crisis.

Community Food Pantry Update:

Please donate: Tinned meat meals, Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals, Tinned fruit, Tinned tuna and other tinned fish, Washing up liquid, Shampoo. **Please DO NOT donate:** Fresh food (we can't safely store it, and it will go to waste)

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group: Monday, 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

Rosary Prayer Group: Rosary group meets every Tuesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

Drop in Coffee Morning: Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date: 9 July. Any questions, contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

Art Group: On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions, contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Breviary Morning Prayer: Every Thursday 9am in the church.

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the Presbytery from 12 noon, all welcome! Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Men of St Joseph: Bible and Catechism study with real life application to become a better Catholic man, Husband, Father and forge a lasting brotherhood of men of the faith. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm. If you're interested, please see Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass or come to the meeting.

Women's prayer group: Once a month on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. The next date: 25th June.

Tea & Coffee: Join us in the Presbytery after Sunday morning Mass for tea, coffee biscuits and a chance to chat.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 22	Corpus Christi	10.00	People of the Parish
		18.00	Virginia McGladdery RIP
Monday 23	Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Tuesday 24	The Nativity of St John the Baptist	9.30	Private intention
Wednesday 25	Ordinary Time	9.30	Housebound
Thursday 26	Ordinary Time	9.30	Private intention
Friday 27	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30	Scislowscy Family
Saturday 28	Ordinary Time	9.30	Cath McCarthy & Family
Sunday 29	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	10.00	Catherine Lucas
		18.00	People of the Parish

*Second collection on 29 June: Holy See

If you'd like to make a donation to the parish, please scan the QR code

