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Second Sunday of Easter - (11 April 2021)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sun. 11	Apr.	10.0 am.	Mass Streamed and <u>Public</u>	Arthur Lethebee
Sun 11	Apr	12.00 noon	Exposition, Rosary and Benediction	
<i>Mon. 12</i>	<i>Apr..</i>		<i>No Mass Today</i>	
Tues. 13	Apr.	10.0 am.	Mass-Streamed	Simon Robinson
Wed. 14	Apr.	10.0 am.	Mass- Streamed & <u>Public</u>	Mary Herbert
Thur 15	Apr		<i>No Mass Today</i>	
Fri. 16	Apr	10.0 am.	Mass - Streamed	John Charles O'Brien
Sat. 17	Apr	10.0 am.	Mass - Streamed	Liz Morey
Sun. 18	Apr.	10.0 am.	Mass - Streamed & <u>Public</u>	Peter Browning

Diocesan Prayer Link

St. Patrick (Brockworth), Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Churchdown).

Scripture Readings This Week: (Year 1)

Mon. Acts.4: 23-31. Jn.3: 1-8.

Tues. Acts.4: 32-37. Jn.3: 7-15.

Wed. Acts.5: 17-26. Jn.3: 16-21.

Thur. Acts.5: 27-33. Jn.3: 31-36.

Fri. Acts.5: 34-42. Jn. 6: 1-15.

Sat. Acts.6: 1-7. Jn.6: 16-21.

Feast Day This Week: Tues. St. Martin I, Pope

Sick & Housebound – Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, in particular, those recently sick – Stephen Hooper, Tom Lewis, Lena Buck, Harry Jenkins, Kathleen Farrell, Simon Jenkins, William Hewitt, Malachi Moran, Wayne Parrock, Mary Sheehan, Miriam King, Carmel Jenkins, James Barr, Sophie Dewland, Lorna Sandland, Kate Smith, Peter Cooke, Philomena Quinn. **Please also remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Arthur Lethebee, Fr. John Nolan, Ena Ingram, Thomas Desmond, Laszlo Csergezan, Stanley Smith, Annie Sullivan, May Windows, Mabel Clark, Lionel Chappell, Peter Maddalena, Mary Hennessy, Michael McDonald, Catherine Deady, Marcelle Payne, Mary O'Malley.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention April: Universal Fundamental Rights. For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

UCM : Eileen Love's only brother, Patrick, sadly passed away on Good Friday 2nd April . He will be greatly missed by Eileen, Phillip & family & all who knew him. Please keep them in your prayers . May he rest in peace.

Multi-Parish Coordinator: *The parishes of St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham; St Pius X, Withywood and The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna are coming together to form a new 'Mission Area' within the South Bristol Deanery. This will allow for closer planning and collaboration with each other in many areas for the sake of the Church's mission. To facilitate this coming together, we are looking to recruit a 'Multi-Parish Coordinator' for 15 hours/week on a flexible basis. This role, working closely with the clergy and lay pastoral staff, will oversee many of the aspects of parish maintenance (e.g. property, health and safety and finance), and bring confidence and coherence in these matters as the parishes collaborate more closely. We are looking for an excellent communicator with good organising and planning skills and good knowledge of the key principles of health and safety regulations. Experience of working with volunteers would be useful. For further details, please contact Fr Matt Anscombe - bristol.stbernadette@cliftondiocese.com*

Congratulations to Edward Walker, Katherine and all the family on Edward's appointment as Headteacher of St Bernadette's Secondary School. We wish Edward every blessing in his new position with all the joys and challenges it will bring. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be his inspiration and guide in his vocation

Cafod "100 Club"

The fourth and final draw for the season 2020/2021 took place on Wednesday 24 March and subscriptions for 2021/2022 are now due. Please place your 2021/2022 subscription in an envelope **clearly marked "100 club"** and deliver through the presbytery letter box (or 46 Redcatch Road if more convenient). The rate of subscription is unchanged at £12 per entry (50% Cafod/50% Prizes)-**multiple entries most welcome!** Last year the "100 Club" raised £546 for Cafod. Please give this, the only Cafod fundraising event in the parish, your generous support.

Prize Winners March 2021 {-:

First £68.25 Charlotte Adam-Shaw(75) Second £40.95 Margaret Saville(33) Third £27.30
Eileen Love (66)

Red Boxes

The total raised in **2020** for the Missions was **£656.67** (being £651.67 through the Red boxes and £5 by Direct Donation). Thank you for your generosity. The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked that their thanks be passed on to you and that they pray for us all. **Find out more at mission.org.uk**

The amount raised by Clifton Diocese in 2020 fell by £36,093 (-31.46%) due to the difficulty collecting the boxes through Covid while St. Gerard's parish **increased** the Red Box total by **£1.14!**

Well done Red box holders!

If you have not yet had your box emptied for the half yearly accounting, please bring your box to the Majella Room on any **Wednesday between 10.45 and 12.00, or to the church porch on Sunday or Wednesday.** Thank you **If you are not already a box holder, please consider taking one to collect your small change etc. throughout the year. If you would like a box please tel. Adrian 9775683 or email Adriananglin1713@gmail.com or speak to Fr. George.**

Clifton Diocesan Trustees: The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees and to chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have a strong understanding of safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. The individual should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership in order to support the full activities of the main Board. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16th April.

Easter Offering - Thank You for the generous Easter Offering, gifts and cards. It is much appreciated. May God bless you and those you love this Easter Season. Fr George.

Dementia Friendly Church

Webinar on: Love and Loss-exploring questions around dementia, bereavement and grief Tuesday 20 April 2021 on Zoom 11.0-12.30. The Webinar, led by Peter Slee, will be framed around 4 questions: Can anyone who feels love avoid feeling loss? What are the losses that cause you the most grief? How does the loss affect those caring for someone living with dementia? How does loss affect a person living with dementia? Please book your place through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-church-love-loss-exploring-questions-around-dementia-tickets-147405946153>
You will be sent a link to access the Webinar