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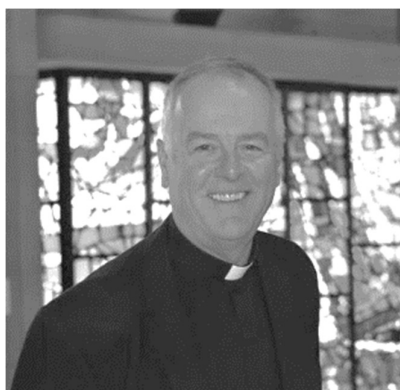
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**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE FLESH**



**RESIGNATION OF BISHOP DECLAN LANG AND  
APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP OF CLIFTON**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted the resignation of the Rt. Revd. Declan Lang as Bishop of Clifton. Bishop Declan was ordained the ninth Bishop of Clifton on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2001 and has served the Diocese for 23 years as Ordinary. The Holy Father has appointed Very Revd/. Canon Bosco MacDonald, a priest of the Diocese of Clifton, until now Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bristol, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Clifton. Immediately upon his election by the Pope, the Canon became a Monsignor, with the rank of a protonotary apostolic. Monsignor Bosco MacDonald said, on hearing the news of his appointment: *I am humbled that His Holiness Pope Francis has called me to*

*become the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Clifton, following the retirement of Bishop Declan Lang who has served us so lovingly and faithfully for 23 years, giving his life completely to the joys and hopes as well as the challenges of our Catholic communities here in the West of England. As I embark on this new journey, I am filled with gratitude for the prayers and affection of so many wonderful priests and people, family, and friends far and wide. I am eager to renew my profession of faith and deepen my communion with the Successor of Peter and my brother Bishops. And just as Pope Francis encourages Bishops to be close to their people in a spirit of service, I accept this new role in obedience to my priestly call with a commitment to serve the priests and people of Clifton to the best of my ability, with care, tenderness, and compassion. May the love of Christ and the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, Conceived Without Sin guide every step I take as the 10th Bishop of this lovely Diocese of Clifton.*

**WE ARE UPDATING OUR CONTACT DETAILS FOR BOTH PARISHES!! WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO HOLD AND USE THIS INFORMATION. SOME HAVE MOVED. SOME HAVE ARRIVED AND SOME HAVE CHANGED THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE FILL IN THE SIMPLE FORM AND RETURN IT, EVEN IF YOU THINK WE ALREADY HAVE YOUR DETAILS**

**CAFÉ DOMINIC** If you would be willing to help set up before or clear up after the 10.30 Sunday Mass, probably for only once a month, please speak with Father Philip or Laura Gardiner. **WE RE-OPEN, OVERCOME WITH PASCHAL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Denis Owen Slater,  
David John Duncan-Skingle, Fr. Raymond Haynes and Fr. Malcolm Ferrier

### **Diocesan Prayer Link:**

Bishop Declan on his medical retirement, our new Bishop Elect Bosco McDonald,  
Corpus Christi / Our Lady of Lourdes / St Joseph, Weston-super Mare

### **Churches Together:** Easter week

*For the resurrection and renewal of the worshipping life of all our churches.*

**Parish Prayer Rota:** The young people of our parishes

## **EASTER SUNDAY MASS PROPERS**

**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

**Responsorial Psalm** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad!

### **Easter Sequence – ‘Victimae Paschali Laudes’**

Victimae paschali laudes  
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:

Christus innocens Patri  
reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello

confluxere mirando:

dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus.

Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis,

et gloriam vidi resurgentis

Angelicos testes,

sudarium, et vestes.

Surrexit Christus spes mea:

praecedet vos in Galilaeam.

Scimus Christum surrexisse

a mortuis vere:

tu nobis, Victor Rex, miserere. Alleluia

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconcileth sinners to the Father;

Death and life have contended

In that combat stupendous:

The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring:

"The Tomb of Christ, who is living.

The glory of Jesu's Resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen:

To Galilee He goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen,

our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Alleluia

**Gospel Acclamation** Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord!

**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

## **EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY, BEFORE THE LAST HYMN AT SUNDAY MASS**

**Joy to thee, O queen of heaven. Alleluia!**

**He Whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!**

**As He promised, hath aris'n, Alleluia!**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, o virgin Mary, Alleluia!

**For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Let us pray.

O God, Who has brought joy to the whole world, grant that through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, may be  
brought to the glory of the glory of the Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**



**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER –  
The start of Easter Octave**

Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar		9.00pm	Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter	Nympsfield
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar				
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	10.30am Noon	Second Mass of Easter Day Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b>	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER THURSDAY</b>	Noon	Mass	Nympsfield
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER FRIDAY</b>	Noon	Mass	Dursley
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	Noon 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Mass Confessions	Dursley Dursley

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – THOMAS OR LOW SUNDAY**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr		5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr		10.30am 3.00pm	Sunday Mass Divine Mercy Devotions with Benediction	Dursley Dursley

**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**RED BOXES** Please return all red boxes for emptying by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you. *Mary Cryan*

**FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

- **The Annunciation, normally kept on 25<sup>th</sup> March, is transferred out of Holy Week and the Easter Octave to the Monday after Low Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Feast of St Joseph the Worker in Nympsfield, Secondary Patronal Feast. Those who were unable to join us on 19<sup>th</sup> March get a second chance on this day.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Feast of Saints Philip and James the Apostles, Fr. P's name day
- 5<sup>th</sup> May will be Greek or Orthodox Easter this year.
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Noon in Clifton Cathedral Episcopal Ordination and Enthronement of Bishop Bosco McDonald as Tenth Lord Bishop of Clifton.**

**'BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW'** This verse from the Apocalypse, the Revelation of St John, fits so well for the First Sunday of Eastertide. The much-misquoted Anglican bishop of Durham, Dr. David Jenkins, was alleged to have said dismissively that the Resurrection of the Saviour was merely a conjuring trick with bones. He did not actually say that. If he had, not only would he be a formal heretic, but he would be referring to those folk inside and outside Christianity, who think of the Resurrection as being very like the wonders of resuscitation we witness in hospitals up and down the land. The mistake is that they see it as this life restored. That was the Raising of Lazarus. It foreshadowed the Mystery of Easter, but it wasn't it!!! Resurrection is not the old life restored. Christ truly died and was buried, lying inanimate in the grave, wrapped in the Holy Shroud. He moved forward to new life. He did not move backwards. We need something bigger and better and longer lasting than what this earthly existence affords. Christ makes things new. He changes lives, hearts, souls, minds, (bodies too)! Death is not the end, with Christ, it is the gateway to glory.

**200 CLUB DRAW FOR MARCH**

1<sup>st</sup> prize, number 48, Norman Long. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, number 70, Susan Terry. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, number 3, Sean Macdonald



*The Traditional Eikon of the Resurrection depicts the victory of Christ over death as the Harrowing of Hell, ploughing open the graves and raising the just to new life.*

**THE PARISH CLERGY  
WISH EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU,  
A BLESSED EASTER!**

**ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**