

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

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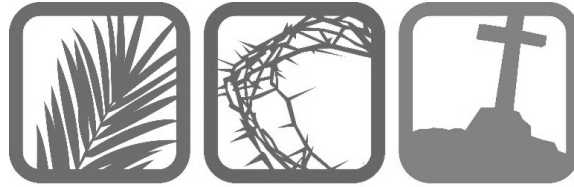
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HOLY WEEK

12 th Apr	LENT VI (Year C)	5.30pm	Procession & Sunday Mass (Pro	Nympsfeld
13 th Apr	The Sunday of Palms and Passion	10.30am	Populo) Procession & Sunday Mass (Rose Brennan RIP)	Dursley
		6.00pm	Stations & Benediction	Dursley
14 th Apr	Fig Monday	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfeld
		Noon	Mass	Dursley
15 th Apr	Temple Tuesday	10.00am	Mass ()	Nympsfeld
		Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
16 th Apr	Spy Wednesday	8.00am	Mass (Tina & Lawrence)	Dursley
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Pontifical Chrism Mass</i>	<i>Clifton</i>
		6.00pm	Mass (Bill & Margaret Thomas RIP)	Nympsfeld
17 th Apr	Holy Thursday	No morning Mass		

THE SACRED TRIDUUM – THE THREE HOLY DAYS

THE FIRST DAY – THE TABLE, THE GARDEN, AND THE CROSS

17 th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	United Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Dursley
		10.00pm	Compline	Dursley
18 th April	Good Friday	Morning	Ecumenical Walks of Witness	
		3.00pm	United Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Dursley

THE SECOND DAY – MOURNING, WATCHING AND WAITING

18 th April	Good Friday	7.00pm	"Maria Desolata"	Nympsfeld
19 th Apr	Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath	NO MASS		
		10.30am	Blessing of "Polish" Baskets and Easter Foods	

THE THIRD DAY – RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE

19 th Apr	Easter Eve	9.00pm	Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter,	Dursley
20 th Apr	FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am	Second Mass of Easter ()	Nympsfeld
		11.00am	Third Mass of Easter (Pro Populo)	Dursley
	The Resurrection	6.00pm	Fourth Mass of Easter & Holy Baptism	Nympsfeld

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

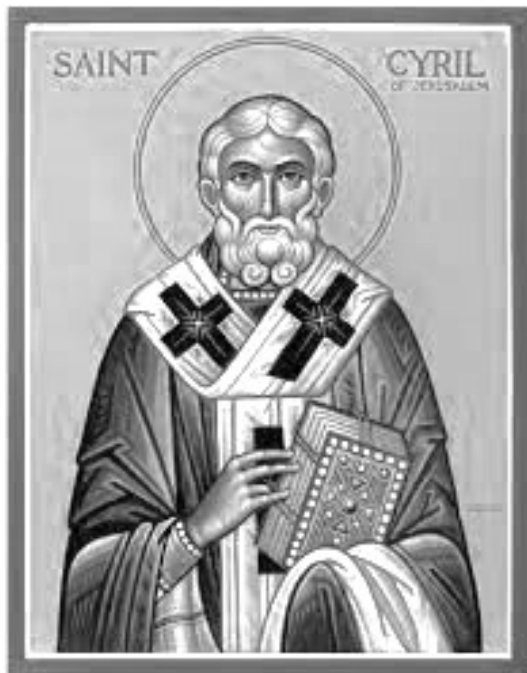
MASS PROPERS FOR LENT VI - (Year C)

PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE BOOKLET

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 17th May (12 noon)** and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries this year. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2025 please do let us know. You just need to send the names to our email address: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Sunday 7th September [Sunday closest to Our Lady's Birthday] Annual Clifton Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury



WHENCE HOLY WEEK? The most primitive form of the Christian calendar consisted of one great all night celebration at Easter and 51 other Sundays. The All Night Vigil included things which are now celebrated separately. It included what we call Advent and Christmas as well as the Ascension and Pentecost. Not only was the Resurrection at the heart of it all, the Passion and Crucifixion were also there in the middle. Over the centuries, parts of the All Night Vigil came to be detached and grew into separate feasts. This was particularly so in the first half of the fourth century AD in Jerusalem itself. As the guardian of so many sacred sites, the Jerusalem Church and its Patriarch Cyril began celebrating things at the proper place and at the proper time, in relation to Easter. They walked out to the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday. They venerated the relics of the Passion and Cross on the site of Calvary on Good

Friday. Gradually, this developed into what came to be known as the Great and Holy Week. Pilgrims from all over the Christian world saw it and took it home. It spread like wildfire.

Palm Sunday came to use palms and local tree branches and ceased focussing on the Mount of Olives and the walk into actual Jerusalem. Even today, the Roman Missal does not speak of actual palms but simply of "branches". Medieval England often used the trees which produce catkins at this time of the year and referred to such trees as Pussy Palm. Eventually, wooden toy donkeys were used in some parts of Europe, some even having a monstrance and the Blessed Sacrament fixed into the back. The reforms of the Council of Trent cut back on many excesses in the Use of Sarum and other local variations. The Salisbury Use had a burial of Christ on Good Friday before sunset, entombing the Blessed Sacrament in an Easter Sepulchre. This all disappeared under the domination of the new Church of England and the recusant reliance on priests trained abroad under the Tridentine reforms.