

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

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**THE "CAFÉ DOMINIC" WILL  
BE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND  
OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR  
LATE HOLY FATHER**

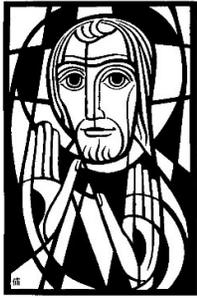
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	SECOND SUNDAY OF	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfeld
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	EASTER – Divine Mercy – Low Sunday	10.30am	Sunday Mass (Giacinto Dessi RIP)	Dursley
		<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Devotions &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	ST GEORGE OF ENGLAND (Transferred Solemnity)	9.30am	Mass (Obre Arundell RIP)	Dursley
29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	ST CATHARINE OF SIENA, Feast, Co- Patron of Europe	9.30am	Mass (James Smith RIP)	Dursley
30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Feria	9.30am	<b>Mass for the Election of our new Holy Father</b>	Dursley
1 <sup>st</sup> May	ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, Feast in Nympsfeld	10.00am	Mass <i>joined by Year 3</i> (Salvatore Bucci RIP)	Nympsfeld
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St Athanasius of Alexandria	6.00pm	Holy Hour, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ss. PHILIP & JAMES, Fr. P's name day	Noon	Mass	Dursley
4 <sup>th</sup> May	EASTER III	5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfeld
		10.30am	Sunday Mass	Dursley

## **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.

## **POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY For working conditions**

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



## **MASS PROPERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -THOMAS or QUASIMODO SUNDAY**

**Entrance Antiphon** Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him, you may grow to salvation. Alleluia!  
**1<sup>st</sup> NT Reading Acts 5:12-16** *The numbers of believers kept increasing*  
**Responsorial Psalm** Give praise to the LORD for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever.

**2<sup>nd</sup> NT Reading Revelation 1:9-13 & 17-19** *I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.*

**Gospel Acclamation** “You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed”.

**Gospel – John 20:19-31** *Eight days later, Jesus came!*

**Communion Antiphon** Bring you hand and fell the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing. 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.**

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS** Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs  
bestowing life!  
(Byzantine Troparion of The Resurrection)**

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – The Big Garden Tidy in St Dominic's church grounds and presbytery garden. Lots of volunteers needed. Bring own seceturs
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from noon at St Dominic's BBQ
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September [Sunday closest to Our Lady's Birthday] Annual Clifton Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury

Good works and social events do not just happen. They do not organise themselves and they don't work without someone lending a hand and turning up. There simply isn't a "SOMEBODY ELSE" to do these things. Parishioners sometimes comment that, "Something should be done" and "Our parish needs a social life". Both of these things are true, but there is no magical or invisible parish apart from us!

1. We are particularly keen to hear from volunteers who would consider hosting a coffee morning. In Nympsfield, it would be in aid of church funds and in Dursley it would be in aid of the hall refurbishment and new roof.
2. Could you organise or take part in a sponsored walk or cycle ride in June, July or August?

**PRAY FOR THE CARDINAL ELECTORS** Pope Francis appointed many new cardinals from around the world to represent the Universal Church. He thereby raised the number of possible electors above the norm of 120 set by his predecessors (currently 252). Not all Cardinals will go into the Conclave to vote for the next Successor of St Peter. If you were 80 or over on the day of the papal



death, you are no longer eligible to vote. Some are too unwell, like Cardinal Vlk of Prague, who has announced that he can't manage it.

To the care of the entire Sacred College of Cardinals the Universal Church is entrusted during

the interregnum or 'Sede Vacante' period, voters and non-voters alike. They meet daily until the Conclave to conduct urgent business and to make practical arrangements for the election in what are called General Congregations. For the first such meeting on Easter Tuesday, 63 cardinals were present. By Easter Wednesday new arrivals had raised this to 120. Around 130 or so Cardinal Electors will go into conclave and the remaining Cardinals will lead us in prayer for them.

The word Cardinal comes from the Latin word for a hinge. What we call "Key" people, the early Christian centuries called Hinge people. They were the 7 bishops of the dioceses that surround Rome, the parish priests, and the clergy in charge of the Deaconries or stations for the Church's social outreach and care. Thus, we have Cardinal Bishops, Cardinal Priests and Cardinal Deacons. These are merely distinctions of honour these days. Any Eastern Patriarch made a cardinal has his own church as his title and automatically ranks as Cardinal Bishop. Although there are 7 dioceses around Rome, one of them occupies 2 sees, his own and Ostia. The Cardinal Bishop of Ostia is the Dean of the Sacred College.

There are four English Cardinals at present, seen in the photo with this article. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols, Cardinals Arthur Roche and Michael Fitzgerald who work in Rome and Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe of the Order of Preachers, who is not a bishop and went to school in our diocese. Only Cardinals Nichols, Roche and Radcliffe will go in to the locked assembly to vote in the Sistine Chapel, under Michelangelo's frescoes of the Last Judgement.

Could there be an English Pope? The last one was Hadrian IV. Yes, there could be, but speculation is utterly pointless. It could be any one of the Cardinals. In theory, they could be inspired to chose someone not in the Sacred College, but it hasn't happened for centuries. Please remember that it is the Cardinals, not the Holy Spirit, who chose the next Pope. Our prayer must be that the eminent electors will be listening to God. We are at least mercifully assured that they could not chose a Bishop for Rome with whom God could not work. Of the 266 so far, we have had saints and sinners, stinkers and also rans. God worked with and through all of them, because He loves His Church.

**THE TWO PARISHES WILL HAVE THE MISSA PRO ELIGENDO, THE MASS OF THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 9.30AM. WE WILL KEEP PRAYING UNTIL THE CARDINAL DEACON STANDS ON THE BALCONY TO BRING US THE ANNOUNCEMENT, 'GAUDIUM MAGNUM, HABEMUS PAPAM' TIDINGS OF JOY, WE HAVE A POPE.**



**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER** The Bible tells us that God chose a descendant of King David to act as father in the Holy Family. It also tells us that he was not royalty or even an aristocrat. He was a carpenter, a man who worked with his hands. He would have turned his hand to house building and repairs, cabinet making and fine furniture etc. He showed Jesus Christ the faith of the Synagogue and the safety regulations of his workshop.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII made a new feast of St Joseph the Worker on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Not only does this form the secondary feast of the Lord's Foster Father, it also provides a Christian alternative to Atheist Communism's May Day holiday. We believe in workers' rights and duties, in just employers, in craftsmanship and artistry. Because Nympsfield parish church is dedicated to St Joseph, the day is our secondary patronal festival, and we shall welcome the school to join us.

### **THE SAINT THAT TOLD A POPE TO GO HOME!!!!**

Catherina Benincasa was from Siena and became a Dominican sister. We know her as St Catharine of Siena, co-patroness of Europe. Although she could not read or write, she had a first-class brain and dictated her letters and books; she is one of only 4 female Doctors of the Church so far!

When, under pressure from the Kings of France, the popes moved to Avignon, she wrote respectful but very firm letters telling the Bishop of Rome to return to his own city. Her love for the papacy was enormous, but when it came to earthly mistakes (not doctrinal ones) she told the Pope off in no uncertain terms. This love and correction seem most appropriate as we await the election of St Peter's Next Successor in Rome.

