

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

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3 <sup>rd</sup> May	EASTER III	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
4 <sup>th</sup> May		10.30am	Sunday Mass ( )	Dursley
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria – No public mass – Bank Holiday			
6 <sup>th</sup> May	St John the Evangelist in Easterdtide – Before the Latin Gate - No public mass			
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria - No public mass			
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	10.00am	Mass <i>joined by Year 3</i> (Salvatore Bucci RIP)	Nympsfield
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	6.00pm	Holy Hour, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria –</b> <b>The Big Garden Clean-Up</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> May	EASTER IV – Good Shepherd	5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday	10.30am	Sunday Mass	Dursley

## 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.**

## MASS PROPERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Entrance Antiphon** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, Alleluia!

**1<sup>st</sup> NT Reading Acts 5:27b-32 & 40b-41** *The Apostles witness to the faith before the Sanhedrin*

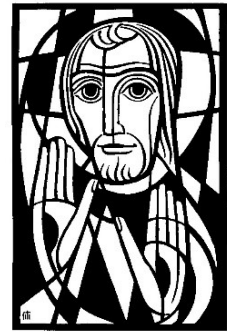
**Resp. Psalm** I will extol You, LORD, for You have raised me up.

**2<sup>nd</sup> NT Reading Revelation 5:11-14** *Myriads worshipping the Lamb upon the throne.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Christ is risen, Who created all things, and has shown compassion on the human race.

**Gospel – John 21:1-19** *Breakfast at the lakeside with the Risen Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon** Jesus said to His Disciples: Come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them. Alleluia!



## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May @ 4.30pm Rome Time, the Cardinal Electors will process into the Sistine Chapel to take the oath and begin the Conclave to elect the next Roman Pontiff.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bishop’s Bosco’s first anniversary of episcopal ordination and appointment as Bishop of Clifton
- 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 secateurs!!
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at **6.00pm** in St George’s, Upper Cam, Christian Aid & Sunday Soul service.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May [Our Lady of Fatima] at 11.30am - Our Osma Group will have its next meeting. Please put this time and date into your diary. The Guest Speaker is Claire Greenwood Entertainment.**
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May @ 1.00pm – Funeral Mass of Vincenza Rosario ‘Enza’ Di-Leo, followed by burial at 2.00pm in Dursley Cemetery
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, noon Mass with Bishop Bosco in Clifton Cathedral in celebration of marriage and family life.
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at noon in Westerleigh Crematorium – Funeral of Margaret Mary Christina Cullimore**
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at noon in Clifton Cathedral – Thanksgiving for the priestly ordinations of Bishop Crispin Hollis [Diamond] and Declan Lang [Golden].
- 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?

**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.



### **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.

### **PRAYER FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - UPON THE CARDINAL ELECTORS, THE ROMAN PONTIFF THEY CHOSE, AND OURSELVES**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
**and you shall renew the face of the earth.**



Let us pray.

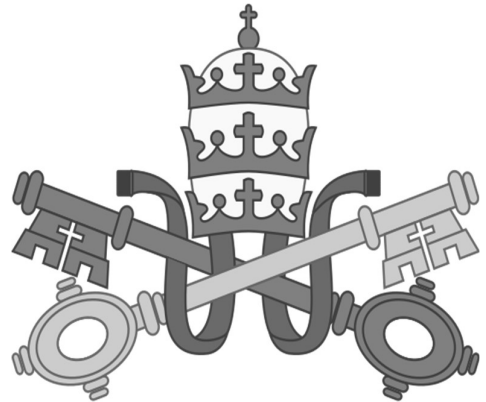
O God, Who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SOME OF THE TITLES BORN BY THE HOLY FATHER**

1. The affectionate and respectful title HOLY FATHER is directly related to the title POPE. Pope comes from Greek Papa. Technically, he is the Pope of Rome, because the Patriarch and Archbishop of Alexandria is referred to as the Pope of Alexandria. The Orthodox and Coptic Patriarchs are so known.
2. The BISHOP OF ROME & ROMAN PONTIFF. All Bishops are called Pontiffs or Bridge Builders. Our Pontiff is Bosco McDonald, approaching a year in office. The Holy Father is the Bishop of the City of Rome, and as such is the Roman Pontiff. This latter is what the 2 Codes of Canon Law call him, Eastern and Western. He is not just a Diocesan Bishop like any other. The ministry he performs as Peter's Successor makes him the **chief of all Bishops, the Supreme Pontiff**. He is the **Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province**, which is why he wears a pallium at his installation.
3. THE SOVEREIGN PONTIFF, this refers to the fact that he is the ruler of the State of Vatican City. This tiny enclave in the middle of Rome is a separate country. It was created in 1922 by the Lateran Treaty. For centuries, the Popes were masters of much of the Italian peninsula and deeply embroiled in the politics of Italy. The creation of the unified country of Italy in 1870 brought the end of the extensive Papal States but did not resolve the territorial integrity and independence of the Holy Father. This was achieved by the Lateran Treaty. Cardinal Pietro

Gasparri, its architect said that the Pope wanted enough territory only to guarantee his independence but not enough so that he had to settle tram drivers strikes!

4. THE PATRIARCH OF THE WEST – this title makes the Holy Father the leader of all Latin Christians, Roman, Ambrosian, Bragan, ex-Anglican. It also has an ecumenical aspect in that it acknowledges the existence of other Patriarchs in the East. The first among them is the Patriarch and Archbishop of Constantinople [the current one attended Pope Francis' funeral in a place of pre-eminence]. The most ancient Patriarchates are Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria.
5. THE UNIVERSAL PONTIFF – This title relates directly to the Holy Father's Petrine Ministry. He is the Successor of St Peter, the guarantor both of orthodox teaching and of ecclesial communion. In this, he is more than the leader of Western or Latin Christians. He is the leader of all Christians, Eastern and Western. It is for this very important reason that Pope Benedict XVI introduced the farewell by Eastern Catholic leaders into his funeral. Pope Francis continued this at his funeral last Saturday.
6. VICAR OF CHRIST – this title needs to be approached with care. He is not Christ on earth, nor yet the regent of the Almighty. Christ Himself is the Regent of the Father, and the Holy Father is only the Vice-regent. He is not the Saviour but is His deputy until He returns in majesty to judge the living and the dead. Henry VIII of England hated this title and the inalienable prerogatives of the Roman Pontiffs. By act of parliament, he took to himself the title of Head of the Church in England. Only Christ is the Head! And no Catholic could say he was! No English monarch since has used this title. They have carefully selected the title Supreme Governor. In fact, however, it is not King Charles III who exercises this role, but the Prime Minister. Largely, the C of E is self-governing through the General Synod.
7. THE SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD – This title was first used by Pope Gregory the Great, the Apostle of the English in the Sixth Century. It sets service above earthly greatness and power. It is meant to speak of lowliness and humility. Theologically, it presents rule as a service performed for the well-being of the People of God, rather than as gratuitous power or just lording it over us. Various popes over the centuries have struggled with this title and dropped it from the list. It is up to each Holy Father to choose, but to many today it is amongst the most fitting of any of the Papal titles.



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