



# NEWSLETTER

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

We celebrate today the First Holy Communion Mass for those children in Wellington who have been preparing for this sacrament. Please keep the children and their families very specially in your prayers

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Larry Lujan, Alan Billinghamurst, Jane Clark, Sean Strickland  
**TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Phyllis Wilson, Cyril Bagley, Kathleen Tottle, Johanna Whitford, Michael Kearney, John Rissen, Sarah Whittaker, Dorothy Sweeney, Thomas O'Neil, Sean Holmes, Stephen Pooley, Cyril Williams, Philippa Smith, Elinor Dollins, Dora Scott, Sr. Chris/r Lawler, Patrick O'Loughlin, Adolf Labanc, Phoebe Pannell, William Callery, Molly Keay

### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Wilfred Marshall, Jane Tolfree, Angela Roberts, Sean Russell, Marie & Donald Mackey, Ann Young, Carmel Allan, Jim Baker, Christopher Browne, Sean Carroll, Philip Clackson, Martin Connolly, John Fleming, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Deacon Trevor Jones, Paul Jones, Jojo Kasilag, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surridge, Catherine Twomey Vera Terry, Andrew Walker & Mary Wallace.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St George's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Bob Wilkinson RIP
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Donal Hannon
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Molly O'Brien RIP
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Alan Billinghamurst RIP
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	St John Fisher	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Cyril Bagley RIP
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Easter	Deceased Members of the Walker & Baron Families
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Easter	Joaquin & Maria Uribe -RIP
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Easter	Geraldine Livesey RIP
Thu	19 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George's	Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop	Paul DeSilva - RIP
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa's	Weekday of Easter	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Easter	People of the Parishes
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Easter	Liz Mortimer White RIP
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm	St George's	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Alice and Alan Langdon RIP
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am	St George's	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Jean Windsor
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	St George's	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Glorianita Demegillo RIP
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa's	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Carlos Walsh RIP
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:15am	St John Fisher	Sixth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes

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### CHURCHES

St George's, Bilet St, Taunton  
 St Teresa's, Eastwick Rd, Taunton  
 St John Fisher, 59 Mantle St, Wellington TA21 8AY  
 St Richard of Chichester, 32 Church St,  
 Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2LT

### CONFESSIONS (at St George's)

Saturdays 10:00am - 10:30am  
 Thursdays 12:00 noon - 12:30pm

### PERPETUAL ADORATION (at St George's)

Daily 6:30am - 7:30am (except Mon)  
 Wednesdays 6:30am - 9:30am & 11:00am - 10:00pm  
 Thursdays 12:00 noon - 12:25pm  
 Fridays 5:00am - midnight  
 Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am (children's Holy hour)

(at St John Fisher) Wednesdays 3-7pm  
 Thursdays 10am-12pm

### PRAYER GROUPS

Midday on Thursdays at St Richard's;  
 Charismatic Prayer on Wednesdays 7-10pm in St George's Centre;  
 Mother's Prayer Group every other Thursday 8-10pm in St George's Centre (next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May)

*If you wish to be added to the parish register, please email the names, address, home and mobile numbers of all members of the family to be added*  
[Taunton.stgeorge@clifondiocese.com](mailto:Taunton.stgeorge@clifondiocese.com)

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement re-introducing the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation from Pentecost Sunday, 5 June. They write "A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."

**Fr Tom Dubois**

## EVENTS Every Saturday throughout May, Rosary at 9am St George's Church.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 3pm** Marian Mass and Procession at St George's Church followed by a reception after the Mass. You are most welcome to join us for this beautiful event as we celebrate the month of Mary.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at St Teresa's Church** Refreshments after mass

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at St John Fisher**-follow up First Holy Communion class at 3:45pm in the Parish Room

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3:30pm** Couple's tea. Come and take a blessed time as a couple on the 21<sup>st</sup> for an afternoon tea. Email: [couplestaunton@gmail.com](mailto:couplestaunton@gmail.com) or call Domitille (07811 737 019)

**Friday and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May:** "Come Follow Me" a special training event for parents and catechists with a wonderful team. Find out more and sign up via our website.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St George's 9:30am Mass** Flores de Mayo Event. This will involve a procession and prayers after Mass followed by a reception to which you are warmly invited.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at St Teresa's Church** Come and join the Celebrations at St Teresa's after the 11 am Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> June for the Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There's a list to volunteer help in church, so if you'd like to make a salad or pudding to go with the BBQ please add that to your info. Bring your own drinks and glasses we will provide everything else!

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm:** Avon and Somerset Constabulary Make Voice Choir performing at St George's Church. Tickets £10 available from the Parish office and on the door. Proceeds to CAFOD

**Friday to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June:** "Knowing the heart of Jesus" a retreat for young adults 18-30, here in Taunton.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENT

- **SURVEY ON MASS TIMES** closes this week. Please complete the survey on our website if you haven't already done so. We will publish the results along with the feedback from the Parish open meetings next week.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We hope to restart Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Mass on a Sunday morning at St George's, after a break of over 2 years due to Covid. We no longer have enough catechists to run Children's Liturgy every week, we will be running the Liturgy on the following Sundays over the summer: 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June & 10<sup>th</sup> July. All children 11 years & under are welcome to attend but pre-school children will need a parent to accompany them. Please speak to Father Tom if you feel you could volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy. Any help very welcome.
- **PERPETUAL ADORATION:** The times of Adoration are here in the newsletter. To keep people safe, we are using the combi locks to enter the church during the times of adoration. At St George's enter through the main West door. Please ask us for the code if you don't have this.
- **LENTEN PARISH SOUPS** Thank you to everyone who attended the Lenten Soups. They were a great success and thanks to your generosity a cheque for £338.65 will be sent to Taunton Foodbank.
- **SEEDS OF FAITH:** Saturday 18 June at 3pm at St. George's, Taunton. A 10 session faith formation course for anyone interested in learning more about our Catholic faith and the ministry of catechesis. Contact [adult.education@cliffondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliffondiocese.com)

## NOTICES

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK:** St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton; St Vincent de Paul, Southmead Bristol.

**Standing Orders:** 8/05/22  
St George's: £1572  
St Teresa's: £254

**Cash Offertory** 8/05/22  
St George's £1328.76 (2 weeks)  
St Teresa's: £345.24

**Gift Aid** can allow us to claim over £1000 per year to go towards our churches. If you wish to find out more about Gift Aid please email [paultighe55@yahoo.com](mailto:paultighe55@yahoo.com) Thank you to all those Parishioners who Gift Aid their current donations.

**Parking:** We will shortly have tenants moving into the former presbytery in Wellington. They will have the parking spaces in front of the garage. Please only park on the right hand side of the driveway and avoid blocking in the tenants.