



# NEWSLETTER

## FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Simon Macaulay, Malcolm Wyatt, Eddie Pegge

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Mary Gorge, Daphne Denman, Lee Green, Akhil Jacob, Bridget Berkley, Florence Crossman, Jim Rellis, Ada Atkinson, Sheila Macriner, Eileen Le Brun, Patrick Dagg, Sybil Terrell, Joan Carter, Teresa Jennings, Eileen Dance, Francis Stafford, Alan Fielder-Smith, Dennis O'Leary, Winifred Brewer, Bridget Jackson, Bert Jones, Joe Kearney, William Walsh, Gladys Welch, Tony Lynch, Valentine St John Webster, Gerry Cakebread, Catherine Mailes, Margaret Norton, Wolodymyr Siomiak, Dorothy MacKinnon, Anne Hebditch, Gerard Kilty, Patrick John Knell, Bronia Michon, Flora Murray.

### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

William White, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Sue Atkins, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margartha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	13th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Simon Macaulay RIP
Sun	14th	8:00am	St George	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	John Carey RIP
Sun	14th	9:15am	St George	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	David Jones RIP
Sun	14th	11:00am	St Teresa	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Thomas Lowe
<b>Mon</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tues	16th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Cornelius and St Cyprian	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Tues	16th	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Memorial of St Cornelius and St Cyprian	People of the Parishes
Wed	17th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Edith of Wilton	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
Wed	17th	6:15pm	St George	Memorial of St Edith of Wilton	Fr James Byrne
Thurs	18th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	18th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Fri	19th	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Gerrard and Kathleen McStay
Sat	20th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-hon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions.	Sister Cooley-Final Profession
Sat	20th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sun	21st	8:00am	St George	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	CMBF
Sun	21st	9:15am	St George	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Members of the McGrail Family
Sun	21st	11:00am	St Teresa	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Lowe

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The Church honours the Exaltation of the Holy Cross every year on September 14th. Suffering is not glorified for its own sake by this feast but it points to the mystery that life has been given to the world through the Cross. In John 3:13–17, Jesus tells Nicodemus, “The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” So, the Cross is not only a sign of sacrifice but also of hope: it reveals the depth of God’s love for us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”

The early Christians understood this well. St. John Chrysostom wrote that the Cross is “the trophy of victory, the downfall of demons, the weapon against sin.” What once symbolized humiliation and death has been transformed into a sign of triumph and life. In the Cross, we see God’s power working through what appears weak.

We are invited to lift high the Cross in our own hearts, by this feast. We all carry burdens, wounds, and struggles. The Cross does not take them away, but it teaches us how to carry them with faith and love, trusting that God can bring new life even from suffering. To venerate the Cross is to say yes to God’s love, even in the most difficult moments. Looking upon Christ crucified, we are reminded that His love is stronger than sin, stronger than death, and it leads us to resurrection.

**FATHER DAVID SAVOURY**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS, WELLINGTON:** we’re running catechesis for primary school-aged children again this year at St John Fisher, Wellington. Sessions run weekly during the school term and last around 50 minutes, finishing in time for the Vigil Mass. New children (and adult volunteers!) are always very welcome at any time during the year. For more information please contact philbarra@blueyonder.co.uk or just come along to a session.

**“STORIES FROM OUR PARISHES”:** these beautiful books are now available in all of our churches. There is no charge for the books but donations can be made through our bookshops to help cover the cost.

**SURVEY FOR SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT:** the CSSA have asked Clifton Diocese to assist with a report on survivor engagement in the Catholic Church to better understand how survivors engage with the Church. Please find information here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB\\_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm\\_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VKnNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VKnNDTzg5OS4u)

Your cooperation will help ensure we hear from as many voices as possible, enabling us to identify good practice and areas for improvement across the Church.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE ANNUAL FORMATION DAY:** will take place on Saturday 11 October at St. Brendan’s College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage as our keynote speaker. More info and booking at <https://diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk> All welcome.

**IMPACT YOUTH SESSIONS:** restart two weeks from now on the 21st September Sunday 5.30 to 7 pm in the Rectory.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for the children and their families starting to prepare for First Holy Communion this weekend.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** will take place on Sunday 5th October. Your support will help more of our neighbours get safe water for their families.

**CONFESSION TIMES:** At St George’s: Sat 10am-10:30am; Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm  
At St Teresa’s: Fri 9:30am -10am at St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm  
**ADORATION TIMES:** At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;  
Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am – 8:00pm  
Saturdays 10am-11am (Children’s Holy hour); St Teresa: Mon 10am & Wed 7pm;  
St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

## **NOTICES**

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Holy Cross, Bedminster

**Standing Orders: 7/09/2025**

St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92

St John Fisher: £176.08

**Offertory Collection: 7/09/2025**

St George: £322.84 St Teresa: £310.20

St John Fisher: £201.98

**MASS CHANGE:** there will be no mass this Monday 15th September

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP:** next monthly fellowship is Sunday 5th October after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome to come and join our joyful community,

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS:** Catholic Young Adults group for ages 18-30 years Please contact Jacob on 07464123974 for more details.

**PINOY CLUB:** next meet on Sunday 28th September after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**MISSIO MASS:** with Bishop Bosco at 7pm, on Tuesday, September 16, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5DP. All welcome.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICE:** A service will take place at the centre on Sunday, November 16. Further details to follow.

**FAIRTRADE:** available at St Teresa on Sunday 21st September. Thank you for your support.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues?

Next programme starts 17th

October [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) 07887 296 983

**PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George’s Church; 2nd and 4th Wed 10am-11.30am St. George’s Centre

**Led Holy Hour:** St George’s on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm

**Mother’s Prayer:** Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

**Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:**

2/10, 16/10, 06/11, 20/11 1pm in St George’s Centre

**Pray the Rosary:** Tues 6:15pm St George’s Church; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES:** 1st weekend each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George. Also appts by mail: [healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com](mailto:healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com)