



This round up is to keep everyone in Clifton Diocese up to date with information that is important to us all

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Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly Team Briefing document which is intended to keep everyone up to date with things happening within Clifton Diocese

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Over the last few months there has been a great focus on ensuring that the Diocese is compliant with the new regulation which came into effect on 25 May 2018. The new requirements around the processing of personal data not only impacts the Curia offices and parishes but also a number of individuals in volunteer roles such as catechists, treasurers, gift aid secretaries and parish safeguarding representatives. Training sessions for over 170 clergy, employees and volunteers were held during June and July and I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to attend. Guidance will continue to be issued to parishes and various documents available via the Parish Administration SharePoint site, however if you have any specific queries please feel free to contact me.

To support GDPR compliance, we are also rolling out diocesan Office 365 email accounts to key volunteer roles. As well as the email system, online storage is available as part of the Office 365 functionality and this will enable volunteers to store personal data securely. Training sessions will be arranged for volunteers would like assistance in using the new system.

Priest and Parish changes

The following changes are happening in the Diocese in September:

Canon Tom Gunning is taking up the appointment of Parish Priest at Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare.

Father Christopher Whitehead has been appointed Parish Priest at The Immaculate Conception, Stroud and will also continue in his current role of Director of Adult Education and Evangelisation until the New Year. Father Frank Wainwright is taking up the appointment of Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Bridgwater with Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea, following the retirement of Father Tom Kelly.

Father Tony Pazhayakalam CST is joining St Gregory's, Cheltenham as Assistant Priest and will reside at St Thomas More, Cheltenham.

Other changes that have happened during this year:

We welcomed Father Paul Gonsalves MSFS as Parish Priest at Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception, Devizes.

Canon Alan Finley is continuing to be resident at Nazareth House, Cheltenham and will be Chaplain to the sisters and residents.

Father Vincent Curtis is now Parish Priest of St Edmund, Calne with St Anthony of Padua, Melksham.

Father John Brennan is Parish Priest of St Catharine, Chipping Campden with Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold and Father Stephen Lambert is assisting Father John Brennan at Our Lady and St Kenelm.

St Peter's Gloucester 150 years celebrations

St Peter's Gloucester to celebrate 150 years

The Foundation Stone of St Peter's Catholic Church, Gloucester was laid and blessed by Bishop Clifford, the then Bishop of Clifton, on May 26th 1859 and on March 22nd 1860 he presided at the Solemn Opening. Just eight and a half years later, the church free from debt, was Solemnly Consecrated by Bishop Clifford on October 8th 1868.

On Monday October 8th, Bishop Declan Lang will be the main celebrant at a Mass at 7.00pm to mark the 150th anniversary of Consecration of St Peter's Catholic Church, London Road, Gloucester. This will see the start of a year-long series of events at the church.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH GLOUCESTER



General News

Liturgical Diaries and Annual Directory 2019

The 2019 edition of both these publications are in the final stages of being published and printed.

These will be delivered to all the Deaneries during the week commencing 15th October 2018. Additional copies will be available to order and pay for, from the Diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/publications

The Clifton Diocesan Directory 2019 contains practical contact details for all Parishes, Priests, Schools and Associations. Our book illustrates the wide range of social and community activities that involve the Catholic Church in the West of England. £5.00

Our highly-regarded Diary includes a full liturgical diary (two pages to a week), short hagiographies for all the saints commemorated throughout the year, pastoral guides for the celebration of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Liturgical notes on the commemoration of saints included in the Universal Calendar/Tables of Liturgical Observance/weblinks. £6.50

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – All on our website now!

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage took place at the end of August and you can re-live the Pilgrimage with the help of videos, podcasts and pictures from each day on the Diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com/faith/pilgrimage/lourdes-pilgrimage-2018



Pope Francis: His vision and our future – A lecture to think ahead

The Diocesan department of Adult Education and Evangelisation has arranged a lecture to allow us to look back, to assess, and to think ahead. Fr James Hanvey SJ will be with us for this lecture. Of course, we will have opportunity to consider Pope Francis' key contributions through his publication of *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato si'* and *Amoris Laetitia* as well as keeping his agenda of reform somewhere in the 'mix'.

The lecture will take place at St John's Church, South Parade, Bath, Wednesday 25 September and begin at 7pm. The lecture is free and all are most welcome.

Fr James Hanvey SJ is Master of Campion Hall in Oxford and a great friend of the Diocese having accompanied our Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Assisi as well as facilitated a week of study in 2017 for some of our priests. He has been a Headmaster, lecturer at Heythrop, theological consultant for the Bishops' Conference, as well as finding time to write and publish. He has worked with Clifton on the *Faith and Art* series alongside the Catholic Communications Network and the National Gallery.

Treasuring the Liturgy exhibition at Clifton Cathedral

An exhibition curated to reflect – through plate and textile – sign and symbol, the skill and craftsmanship employed at the service of the Liturgy.

Gathering together 'treasures' from around the Diocese, we are invited along the 'way of beauty' to an up-close view of all that is used in prayer and in celebration of the Liturgy.

The exhibition will be hosted in the Upper Gallery at Clifton Cathedral and is open to everyone at the following time;

Saturday 15 September 9am-5pm

Sunday 16 September; the exhibition will be open before and after each Mass



Pastoral Letter for Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop Declan has recorded his latest Pastoral Letter and you can watch it, listen to it or read it online on our website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/bishop/pastoral-letters/>



Follow the Holy Land Pilgrimage from 22nd – 30th October on our website!

As with previous Pilgrimages, we will be giving a 'virtual Pilgrimage' experience on the Diocesan website as 50 Pilgrims journey through the Holy Land with Bishop Declan.

Each day, reflections, videos, pictures and homilies will be posted for us to be part of this special pilgrimage as we travel to such Holy places as Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. All this will be available on the Homepage.



New Marriage & Family Life and Beholding God websites launched

New sections launched on our website!

Much work has been done to renew the Marriage and Family Life and the Beholding God website and these are now both incorporated in the main Clifton Diocesan website. Our Marriage and Family Life pages contains lots of information and resources in an easy to find format. There's lots of information and plenty of links to help and support all aspects of family life and marriage, from preparing to marry to how to get involved as a grandparent. Take a look!

They can now be accessed at: www.cliftondiocese.com/beholding-god

And: www.cliftondiocese.com/marriage-and-family-life



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