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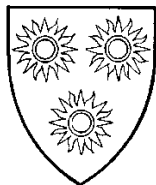
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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

Church Cleaning: Week 4

Divine Office: Week 1

SATURDAY	NO MASS TODAY	
SUNDAY	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)	Mass at 11.00 am
THURSDAY	NO MASS TODAY	
SATURDAY	Eve of the TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)	Mass at 6.00 pm
	Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent	

**The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Although it will not be a legal requirement to wear a face covering, the government advice and encouragement is that we wear them in indoor spaces where we gather with others who are not in our own household, this would include places of worship.**

**WE WELCOME Fr Kevin Hughes, MHM, who celebrates Mass with us this Sunday**

**THIS SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSION**

**MRS AUDREY TICKNER:** A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 pm.

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS:** Please come and join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass - all welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need more volunteers to help with various roles and ministries within the parish. If you would be able to help with welcoming, church cleaning, (including brassware), hall cleaning, refreshments after Sunday Mass, flower arranging, reading at Mass, writing the Bidding Prayers, helping with the children's Liturgy of the Word, or with music then please speak to Father Vincent. There is a volunteer list in the Church porch to which you may add your names. Thank you.

**COMMUNION AT HOME:** We are aware that there are a number of elderly and house bound parishioners who have been unable to get to Mass during the Lockdown. If they would like to have Holy Communion brought to them at home, please can they, or friends and/or family please contact Father Vincent who will arrange for a Minister of the Eucharist to visit and bring Communion. Thank you.

**FAIRTRADE:** Our Traidcraft has made a welcome return to our Church, alternating between Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please contact Adrienne if you have any particular requests ([amdarts1@gmail.com](mailto:amdarts1@gmail.com) or 740604).

**TIME TO START SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Wiltshire Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2022**.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY – ONLINE CATECHISTS' CONVERSATION:** There is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. Our speakers & dates are:

**23 September 2021: What is the Church asking of us?** - Fr Jan Nowotnik

**21 October: Sycamore** - Susan Longhurst

**25 November: Celebrating the Rites – why bother?** - Mgr Kevin McGinnell

**20 January 2022: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election** - Sarah Adams

**24 February: The Lenten Journey through Art**

**24 March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum** - Fr James Hanvey SJ

**21 April: Mystagogia – it's not a swear word** - David Wells

**19 May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties** - Cristina Gangemi

**16 June: Being a Catechist** - David Wells. **July: Retreat**

All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. To our first session on Thursday 23 September, we welcome Fr Jan Nowotnik. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. For parishioners to register their interest please contact

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**CATECHISTS' DAY – 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September** the Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation from the diocese, as well as, as an opportunity for conversation and formation, focusing on family catechesis. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will facilitate the day, which will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00am and finishing around 4.00pm.

Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am and we ask for catechists to bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day so please register early via

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ADMINISTRATOR:** Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruitment a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30- 2-30 Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on the main diocesan website or on: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies>. The extended Closing Date is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE – SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER:** Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 12 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, please contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**ONLINE CATECHISTS' MEETINGS:** This is a new venture to gather catechists, experienced and inexperienced, to meet on-line to share ideas and to possibly receive a little bit of formation at the same time. New people are encouraged to come along and gain in their own confidence by hearing others talk. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese. The first dates for these are as follows. If you are unable to attend the meeting related to our deanery you are free to join another. The boundaries are fluid.

Deaneries	Dates	Time
Taunton, Weston and Glastonbury	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Bristol including Cathedral	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Bath Trowbridge and Salisbury	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Stroud and Swindon	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Gloucester and Cheltenham	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm

To participate in the conversation, just register at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) and include the meeting you wish to attend, so that an invitation can be sent for the correct date. These meetings will be via *Microsoft Teams*. A *Teams* invitation will be sent out a few days before each meeting.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER – CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY:** All are invited to this Climate Liturgy at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00 am. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and an encouragement for us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy who will be happy to engage with you, if you would like this opportunity.

**NEW BISHOP'S VIDEO – WILL YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?** There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations, and so has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop and current governors and Headteachers, talk about the importance and value of school governors. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment and watch the video to discover what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07710 094976 for more information.

**SEASON OF CREATION CONTINUES TO 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** European Church leaders invite Christians to observe the Season of Creation and continue to pray for the climate conferences taking place this autumn.

More details on the CBCEW website: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE – OPPOSING THE ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021:** In 2021, a Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. It is due its second reading on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, where there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. The Bishops' main concerns with the Bill can be summarised as follows: Protecting the Most Vulnerable, The Experience of Other Countries and Investing in Care and Not Ending Care. Find out more at

[Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

**LOVE CHRISTMAS WEBINAR:** Love Christmas is a national initiative for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the **Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm** to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

**YOUTUBE ADVERT -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IK1oYuuUts&t=12s>

**“OPEN THE BOOK”:** Are you interested in an exciting opportunity to present Bible stories to 500 primary school children each week? If you are then come and join the Calne 'Open the Book' team. For further information, contact Steven Colby at [stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk) or 01249 819097

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:** The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is before Wednesday.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Mary O'Brian, Margaret O'Dea, Elizabeth Wilkins, Heather Smith, David Hemyrock, Anne Doyle, Ann and John Cripwell. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.