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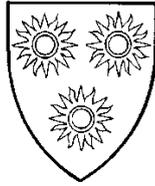
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY – 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

Church Cleaning: Week 1

SATURDAY Eve of the TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

SUNDAY TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

THURSDAY MEMORIAL of St JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR of the CHURCH

SATURDAY Eve of the TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Divine Office: Week 2

Mass at 6.00 pm

Mass at 11.00 am

Mass at 10.00 am

Mass at 6.00 pm

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.

Fr DESMOND MILLET, RIP: We are sad to announce the death of Fr Desmond Millet. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

MRS AUDREY TICKNER: A Memorial Service Mass will be held for Mrs Audrey Tickner on Saturday 30th October at 12.00 pm.

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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: The Mothers' Prayers group meets in the church on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am for about an hour. Everyone welcome – further information from Elizabeth Hitchens on 812851.

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 or 740604).

TIME TO START SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st 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 **15th January 2022**.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE – SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd 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 or 0117 902 5595

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 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Bristol including Cathedral | October 6 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Bath Trowbridge and Salisbury | October 7 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Stroud and Swindon | October 12 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Gloucester and Cheltenham | October 14 th | 7.30-8.30pm |

To participate in the conversation, just register at 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 23rd 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.

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER – WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: The Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference has been discussing Pope Francis' message for the forthcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees celebrated on Sunday. Bishop Paul McAleenan uses some of the Holy Father's words to give some context to the theme of the day 'Towards an ever wider 'we''. 'On the promenade in Dover there's a plaque which bears some words of Pope Francis. 'Every migrant has a name, a face, a story'. More information at [World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://WorldDayofMigrantsandRefugees2021-CatholicBishopsConference.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 22nd 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://OpposingtheAssistedDyingBill2021-CatholicBishopsConference.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.

CALNE MUSIC and ARTS FESTIVAL - 1st - 10th OCTOBER: Several of our parishioners are performing in this Festival. On Saturday evening, 2nd October, Helen Davies, who is a renowned concert pianist, will be performing in the Shelburne Ensemble with her son, Laurence and daughter-in-law Sean, a programme of music by Saint Saens, Debussy and Mozart among others. This is a concert not to be missed. On Friday 8th October Katie Stevens will be performing with the Bonfire Radicals, an eclectic programme of traditional and original music from the folk/world tradition. Both concerts will be at Marden House in Calne. All details are on the website : www.cmaf.org.uk and tickets can be purchased on-line or on the door.

“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 steven@mardenvale.org.uk or 01249 819097

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is before Wednesday. Contact details remain unchanged. Thank you.

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.
