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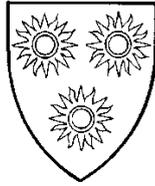
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY – 3rd OCTOBER 2021

Church Cleaning: Week 2

Divine Office: Week 3

SATURDAY	Eve of the TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)	Mass at 11.00 am
THURSDAY	MEMORIAL of OUR LADY of the ROSARY	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	FRIDAY (Ordinary Time) FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION Until 11.00 am	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	Eve of the TWENTY EIGHTH 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the proceeds of CAFOD's family fast day.

DIAMOND WEDDING: Elizabeth & Rex Hitchens are celebrating their Diamond Wedding and would like to invite everyone for "wine and cake" in the Church Hall after Mass this Sunday. We look forward to seeing you.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS CANON DESMOND MILLET, RIP: Canon Millett's body will be received into The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham on Tuesday 5th October at 4pm followed by Mass. There will be an additional Mass that evening at 6.30pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th October at 11am followed by a private Burial in Chippenham Cemetery. Please remember him in your prayers.

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!

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**.

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.

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://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.

ALABARE'S BIG SLEEP AT HOME – FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER: To mark World Homeless Day, Alabaré are holding their third sponsored [Big Sleep at Home!](#) Why not join in and see how much sponsorship you can raise? Unlike other Big Sleeps, this event is suitable for all ages, although if you are sleeping outside, we recommend that anyone under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. You can choose to spend the night in your own home - on the sitting room floor, in the cellar, or we have even had some children bedding down in the bath! There will be online entertainment on the night, and details of how to join in will be sent out prior to the event. For more information follow the link: [It is free to sign up, just follow the link here](#)

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 stevenc@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. Derek Quinn RIP. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.