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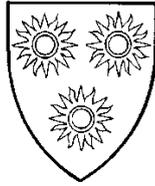
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13th FEBRUARY 2022

Church Cleaning: Week 1

SATURDAY EVE of the SIXTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

TUESDAY NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY Thursday in Ordinary Time

FRIDAY Friday in Ordinary Time Mass is Followed by Exposition until 11.00am.

SATURDAY EVE of the SEVENTH SUNDAY (Ordinary Time)

Divine Office: Week 2

Mass at 6.00 pm

Mass at 11.00 am

Mass at 10.00 am

Mass at 10.00 am

Mass at 6.00 pm

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent

To restrict the spread of Coronavirus, the church and the government suggest that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet. Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church.

BAPTISM: We welcome Florence Edwards-Jeganathan into our parish family on her Baptism on Saturday 19th February.

SYNOD 2023: As part of the preparations for the Synod in 2023, the church wishes to listen to all parishes. Today you will receive some questions to consider as part of our parish's contribution to this listening exercise. There are two ways to respond to these - either in writing or by attending a meeting. There will be a box in the porch next week for any responses, which can be anonymous, as well as a place in the parish hall to write any responses or thoughts. There will then be an open parish meeting after Sunday Mass on 27th February in the hall which we would encourage as many people as possible to attend. In the meantime, please keep this process and those involved in your prayers. Thank you.

PARISH PROJECT: Next weekend, Claire Garrett will visit to give a brief talk on the Harbour Project - our parish charity for 2022.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Meetings will recommence on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 10.30 am -11.00 am. All Mothers are welcome. Please note: Should there be Mass at 10.00 am on any Tuesday, Mothers' Prayers will follow after Mass.

LENT COURSE 2022: Belong and Believe - how our Celtic past can help us today. This is a Catholic Faith Exploration course produced by CaFE which will take place over five weekly sessions in Lent. Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm starting on Wednesday March 9th in the parish hall. Coffee and cake will be available with a short video and discussions to follow. All are welcome.

STAMPS FOR RNIB: Thank you to all of you who collected postage stamps over Christmas to raise funds for RNIB. Two large packets have recently been sent to the RNIB with our latest contribution, but unfortunately 1kg of stamps only raises about £20! Please continue to collect stamps and remember to leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp. Collections can be passed to Adrienne Darts or posted to Broad Acres, Charlcutt, Calne, SN11 9HL, but please ensure the postage is correct because it is easy to exceed the half centimetre thickness for a standard letter. A further update will be given prior to Christmas 2022.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT runs from Monday 21st February to Sunday 6th March, highlighting the challenges that climate change brings to farmers in marginalised communities. The Calne Fairtrade Group are planning a number of events in Calne during and around the Fortnight but timings are to be confirmed. Our Traidcraft stall will be at Mass at St Edmund's and also at St Michael's Church Hall, Lyneham, on Shrove Tuesday, 1st March, during the coffee morning between 10.00 am and 12 noon, when all are welcome.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: The deadline for next week's submissions is before **Tuesday**. Please email calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com or speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION LITURGIES: Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. The dates & venues are: Thursday 10th March (St Osmund, Salisbury), Thursday 17th March (St John, Bath), Thursday 24th March (St Gregory, Cheltenham), **Thursday 31st March (St John, Trowbridge)** There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Clifton diocese has announced that the 2022 pilgrimage to Lourdes will not be going ahead due to the ongoing pandemic. Bishop Declan made the announcement this week following careful consideration on the impact it could have on the pilgrims, especially those who would need assistance. Bishop Declan said ‘Many pilgrims have journeyed to Lourdes over the years to pray alongside St Bernadette; for healing and also for deepening their faith. In a time of pandemic, where there is a serious risk to health, especially to vulnerable pilgrims, this decision, while regrettable, is a necessary one in the present situation.’ The relics of St Bernadette however are to visit Clifton cathedral later this year. A section of bone from her thigh is to be taken to the major cathedrals and churches of the dioceses of England, Scotland and Wales in the autumn.

CAFOD’s WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE: There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you’ll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to: cafod.org.uk/walk.

INVITATION TO LENT STUDY GROUP: Eleanor Bujalska is a co-leader of an ecumenical Lent Study Group, which has met weekly during Lent under the auspices of the Calne Partnership of Churches. New attendees from any church are very welcome. This Lent the group will be meeting in the Methodist church hall on Monday evenings, starting on Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm. Eleanor is planning to use the Lent material produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, which can be accessed online and is free. If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact her on embujalska@hotmail.com , or phone on **01249 760377**

RIGHT TO LIFE UK – ASSISTED SUICIDE AMENDMENT: Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government’s Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law. The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

CALNE FOOD BANK: There is a list of food needed for Calne Food Bank on the box in the Church Porch. Please do not donate porridge, packets of cereal or pasta, at present, as we have so much it is likely to go out of date. Toiletries and cleaning materials are also very much needed. 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.

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, Ann and John Cripwell, Marie Sawyer. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.
