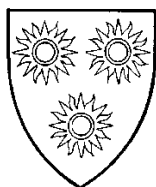


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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16th JULY 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 3

Divine Office: PSALTER 3

SATURDAY	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	Mass at 10.00 am
SUNDAY	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	NO MASS	
SATURDAY	FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	Mass at 10.00 am

INTINCTION: Please be aware that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states: "The Roman Rite does *not* permit that communicants themselves dip their host into the Precious Blood."

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent

To restrict the spread of virus, you may wish to continue to wear a face covering. Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church.

All are welcome to attend coffee in the parish hall after 11.00 am Mass every Sunday. Come and meet your fellow parishioners for a chat.

Next week (22nd and 23rd July) - retiring collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund

THURSDAY 20th JULY: We welcome all the students of St Edmund's school as they join us for Mass today.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024: We hoping to have confirmations in 2024 if we have sufficient numbers. If you are interested in being confirmed, you are invited to write to Fr Vincent to express your interest.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: We will soon be running a baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their child baptised. Please see Fr Vincent in the first instance as soon as possible. Thank you.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL is holding a sale of cakes made by the children on Thursday 20th July at 3.15pm to raise funds for our parish project. The school would really appreciate help from parishioners to support the children in setting this up and selling the cakes and, of course, buying the cakes. If you are able to support the school in this, please let the school office know **01249 813821**.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Meetings are every Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and anyone praying for children are welcome.

NEW PARISHIONERS are asked to please complete a registration form (available in the porch) and hand to Fr Vincent. If you have never filled in a form, please take one for completion and return to Fr Vincent.

FORMATION OF CATECHISTS: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21st September
2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28th September
3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5th October
4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12th October
5. Methods and Resources – 19th October
6. Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26th October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. For parishioners to sign up for the series, please use the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

AN INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP FACILITATION: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education & Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest date and venue (including Eventbrite link to register) is **Sat 30th Sept: St John, Trowbridge** (2.00 - 4.00 pm); <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197>

Please sign up for any of the events on offer through the Eventbrite link. A minimum of five people is required for a session to take place – no upper limit.

FAIR TRADE/DOORWAY: For many years our Fair-Trade stall has provided support to marginalised communities abroad and at home. Proceeds from the stall go to Doorway, the charity in Chippenham, that provides a drop-in centre for those who are affected by homelessness or are marginalised because they have complex needs including physical or mental health issues, poor life skills, debt, substance use or learning difficulties. You can get an insight into the activities of Doorway by following this link to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAFOPi1tBpo&authuser=1>.

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us most personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk.

DONATIONS FOR REFUGEES: At our last Calne Partnership of Churches meeting, Terry Mills offered to coordinate any donations for the refugees at The Wiltshire Hotel, Royal Wootton Bassett. If you have clothes or games, please contact Terry directly: Terry Mills millsofcalne@gmail.com **01249 814923, 07746 494196**

THE HARBOUR PROJECT is always in need of bicycles in any condition for refugees. If you have any to donate, please contact Christine Martin.

CALNE FOODBANK has moved to new premises at 1, Oxford Rd (opposite the "Spice of Bengal" restaurant). Opening hours remain the same. Come straight in – there is room to wait inside.

CALNE AND DISTRICT LINK service urgently needs new volunteer drivers. They offer transport for appointments to hospital, dental or doctors' surgeries or visits to opticians, chiropodists etc. They can also offer someone to sit with a loved one for brief respite care. Transport and any other costs are reimbursed, and users are asked to make a donation. If you are able to help, please call **07715 587604** for more information or email calnelink@outlook.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP ROUGH SLEEPERS? A MESSAGE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL: If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to [StreetLink](#) which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

COMMUNION AT HOME: We are aware that there are a number of elderly and house bound parishioners who are unable to get to Mass. 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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for publication should be submitted by Wednesday of each week. Contact details; please email calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com or speak to Fr Vincent. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Theresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Chris Drury, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, John Cripwell, Marie Sawyer, David Hemelryk. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.