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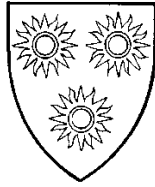
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (World Day for Grandparents and Elderly) - 23rd JULY 2023
Church Cleaning: Week 4 **Divine Office: PSALTER 4**

SATURDAY	FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE		Mass at 6.00 pm
		St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	Mass at 10.00 am
SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	FEAST of St JAMES, APOSTLE		NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	Memorial of SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary		NO MASS
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	NO MASS - Morning Prayer at 10.00 am	
THURSDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time		NO MASS
FRIDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time		NO MASS
SATURDAY	Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus		Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham		NO MASS

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.

This week - retiring collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund

MISSION APPEAL: Next week we welcome Caliel Nguekap of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) to give an update on Mission progress and seek your continued support in prayer and funds.

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. Please note letters must come from candidates, not parents or guardians, please.

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.

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: 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.

KHERSON FLOODING, UKRAINE: The Ukraine Catholic Church in Great Britain is appealing for our generosity and support those in Ukraine affected by the devastating flooding. With the help of your donations, food parcels and hygiene products as well as other essential items will be provided to those in need. If you wish to help, please send cheques payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing “Kherson Flooding” to Finance Office, 21 Binney St, London W1K 5BQ. Alternatively, donations can be made online at their GoFundMe page: [Fundraiser by Ukrainian Catholic Church in GB : Nova Kakhovka - Fundraiser for Humanitarian Aid \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/c/fundraiser-by-ukrainian-catholic-church-in-gb-nova-kakhovka)

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 millsocalne@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 Calne Food Bank is very short of food needed to make up Food Parcels for those in need. When you are shopping, please can you buy an extra can or packet to donate? Food can be donated at Sainsburys, Tesco or the box in the Church Porch. A list of items needed is on the notice board, Thank you.

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.