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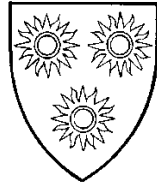
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Evangelii Gaudium Sunday) – 17th SEPTEMBER 2023
Church Cleaning: Week 4 **Divine Office: PSALTER 4**

SATURDAY	Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	NO MASS	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	NO MASS	
THURSDAY	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	NO MASS	
FRIDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time		Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	NO MASS	Mass at 6.00 pm

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.

We are pleased to welcome Fr Tibor Szende who celebrates Mass with us.

This weekend: Retiring collection for Home Missions

FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER – We welcome the pupils of St Edmund's School, who join us for Mass today.

COPIES OF THE AUTUMN MISSIO MAGAZINE are now available on the shelf in the porch.

FAIRTRADE: Our fair trade stall returns to Masses on Saturday and Sunday towards the end of September with the sale of fairly traded chocolate, crafts and cards. A fresh stock of Christmas cards will be available for those who like to shop early. As usual, proceeds will go to Doorway, the charity based at the Citadel in Chippenham that provides support to homeless and marginalised people in the area.

NOTES OF HOPE: Our charity concert in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities is on 29th September with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world, followed by a drinks and delicious Indian nibbles. Tickets are £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) and are available after Mass and via the [Parish website](#). Please invite your family and friends. We have sold 40 tickets so far and would like to fill our spacious church with another 60 at least. Thanks to everyone who has offered to help with planning, setting up, selling tickets and waiting.

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.

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.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT: We have copies of Fr Matt Anscombe's book "Don't forget the Holy Spirit," available for £10.50 each.

You are invited to come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer with Fr Matt Anscombe. The remaining dates around the diocese are:

Friday 22nd September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Augustine, Bristol

Friday 29th September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

All are welcome!

AN INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP FACILITATION: The department of Adult Education and 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 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 venue is (including Eventbrite link to register) **Sat 30th September, St John's, Trowbridge** (2-4pm) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197>

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, Clifton Diocese is offering a day exploring the ministry of catechesis. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. The date is **Saturday 28th October** at **St John the Baptist, Trowbridge**. We will begin with prayer at 10.00am, refreshments from 9.15am and the day will end at 4.00pm. Please a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD - Journeying Together from Vision into Action: Linking with the first Session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome (October 2023), Clifton Diocese will be exploring the same themes through a series of webinars (7.30-9.00pm) during September and October. For the first session of the series we are delighted to welcome **Bishop John Arnold**, on **21st September**, who will set our series within the context of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – **Lumen Gentium**. [Click here to register](#) Each webinar will be focusing on a different element of the work of the Synod. Parishioners are welcome to [sign up for any of the sessions on offer](#).

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14th October** at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2023, contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or telephone 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

“SCRAP THE CAP”: The Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools' programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk

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.

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, Helen Davies. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.