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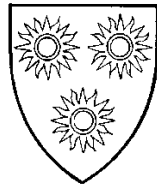
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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 1

Divine Office: PSALTER 1

SATURDAY	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	NO MASS	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME		Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time		Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest St Anthony of Padua, Melksham		Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY	Weekday Ordinary Time		Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels		Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church St Anthony of Padua, Melksham	Mass at 10.00 am	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.

THANK YOU to the parish for all the prayers and support that has been given to myself and family over the past weeks; also, to all those who came to Nichola's funeral mass and for the flowers and wonderful music it made it a true celebration of her life. Marie Sawyer

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Our next Baptism preparation course will begin on Sunday 8th October and continue on Sundays 15th and 22nd October. They will take place in the parish hall at 10.15 before attending the 11.00 am Mass. It is quite a relaxed session so you can bring other children if you wish or just come alone or with your spouse. The parish hall is just to the left and behind the church. You can arrange a date for the actual baptism with Fr. Vincent by discussing with him in person or over the phone. His secretary will deal with any emails you send.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENING Thursday 28th September, 6.00 – 8.00 pm: Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2024 or 2025? Visit their inspiring College, chat to staff and students and tour the modern facilities. St Augustine's, Wingfield Rd, Trowbridge SB14 9EN.

[St Augustine's Catholic College \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk).

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 this Friday 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 date in the diocese is 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) **St John's, Trowbridge, next Saturday, 30th September, (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>

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.