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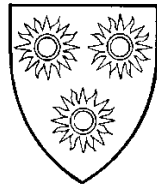
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## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 2

Divine Office: PSALTER 2

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| SATURDAY  | EVE of the TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY                  |                               | Mass at 6.00 pm  |
|           |  | St Anthony of Padua, Melksham | Mass at 10.00 am |
| SUNDAY    | TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME            |                               | Mass at 11.00 am |
| TUESDAY   | Weekday Ordinary Time                            |                               | NO MASS          |
| WEDNESDAY | Weekday Ordinary Time                            | St Anthony of Padua, Melksham | NO MASS          |
| THURSDAY  | Weekday Ordinary Time                            |                               | NO MASS          |
| FRIDAY    | Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed virgin Mary |                               | NO MASS          |
| SATURDAY  | EVE of the TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY                   |                               | Mass at 6.00 pm  |
|           |  | St Anthony of Padua, Melksham | NO MASS          |

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.**

**For the next two weekends (Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September), we welcome Fr Tibor Szende who will celebrate Mass with us.**

**GABRIEL LOPES** will be starting the Diaconal Formation on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at St John's the Evangelist, Bath with a celebration of Evening Prayer beginning at 7.00pm. Evening Prayer will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the hall and family members, parishioners and our parish priest are invited to join in. We would also like the parishioners to keep Gabriel in their prayers.

**NOTES OF HOPE:** Our charity concert in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities is on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 some more 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 dates around the diocese are:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Augustine, Bristol

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

All are welcome!

**EDUCATION SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director.** Please contact

Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or on **07710 094976** if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great educational legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools and universities.

**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) through September and October. For the series we are delighted to welcome:

**Bishop John Arnold (Salford Diocese) – 21<sup>st</sup> September** [Click here to register](#)

**Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, – 4<sup>th</sup> October; ‘For a Synodal Church - an integral experience’ -** [Click here to register](#)

**Dr Greg Ryan – 10<sup>th</sup> October; ‘A Communion that Radiates’** [Click here to register](#)

**Jenny Sinclair- 19<sup>th</sup> October; ‘Co-responsibility in Mission - How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?’** [Click here to register](#)

**Canon Christopher Thomas – 24<sup>th</sup> October (to be confirmed); ‘Participation, governance and authority in a synodal Church’** [Click here to register](#)

Each webinar will focus on a different element of the work of the Synod. You are welcome to sign up for any of the sessions on offer. To book, please use the link above to register for your chosen speaker before the date of the talk – this will then give you the link for the webinar session to use on the day (the link may automatically go into your email calendar). To improve the experience, we advise downloading the *Microsoft Teams* app to your device beforehand and closing down all other apps that are open. For the presentation, your camera and speaker will be off, but you’ll be able to ask questions through the Q&A facility.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

**WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE AND STRIDE 2023 SPONSORED CHALLENGE** will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. People are encouraged to do a sponsored walk or bicycle between churches on a pre-planned route. Half of all sponsorship money collected will be returned to the walker’s/rider’s church. Why not join in this year? Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is a charity and provides grants to churches to fund repairs, improvements and reconstruction. Please visit [Welcome to Wiltshire Ride & Stride - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#) If you would like to make a donation, visit the WHCT JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

**THE BELLS OF St MARY’S** are now ringing again with two new bells to make a total of 10 bells; the clock has been converted to electrical winding with a restored clock dial and the interior of the tower has been remodelled. The Friends of St Mary’s are holding a coffee morning next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September when there will be tours of the remodelled tower. There is to be a service of celebration led by the Bishop of Ramsbury next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, starting at 3.00pm. The bells will be ringing from 2.15pm up to the service and also ringing after the service. All are welcome to attend these events.

**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](mailto: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.