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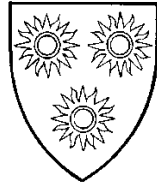
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28th APRIL 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 4

Divine Office: PSALTER 1, PROPER of SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Easter	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
THURSDAY	NO MASS	
FRIDAY	FEAST OF Ss PHILIP and JAMES, APOSTLES	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	FEAST of the ENGLISH MARTYRS	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
	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.

This weekend: Retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Please note – there will be no Mass this Thursday.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024: A joint Confirmation service for young people of St Edmund's and St Anthony of Padua will be held at St Edmund's on Wednesday 2nd October. Confirmation classes will begin soon; further details to follow.

MISSIO: In 2023, our parish raised £678.09 through our **Red Boxes** and donations to **Missio** and the **Mill Hill Missionaries**. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St. Edmund's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit www.wmissio.org.uk to find out more or pick up a magazine from the porch.

GARDENING AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL - Day One: A team gathered on Saturday 20th April 9.00am, and successfully cleared the raised beds and some other areas ready for the pupils and their teachers to garden. The sun shone; it was fun. Special thanks to parishioners Gabrielle Pickford, who bought coffee, Cari, Stephen and Meg Depla and Kim Parsons; to Louise Taverner, Deputy Head, to a local volunteer called Matt and one very capable parent, Dariusz Blasczyk and his daughter. We now need a local volunteer or two who would like to tend the garden regularly including during the holidays. Any ideas, please contact Victoria on 07860 498 668.

SUNDAY 19th MAY: Please join the Quinn family on Sunday 19th May, after the 11 o'clock Mass, for cake and drinks to celebrate Teresa's 80th birthday. Everyone welcome - please come!

SAVE TWO DATES: The annual **St Edmund's BBQ** will be on **Sunday 16th June** after mass. We will celebrate Fr Vincent's 35th anniversary of becoming a priest; details to follow. The second date is a **Barn Dance on Friday 5th July** at the Pickford's home. Details to follow.

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.

LIVING THE COMMON GOOD – DISCERNING CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES will take place on 18th May 2024 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Please register at cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk

LIGHT OF TRUTH: CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS: This certificate is offered by the **Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK** who have 25 years of experience in catechesis. The **Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis** is

designed for new or experienced catechists who wish to gain a greater understanding of their mission in the Church. It equips them to share their faith with confidence, passion, and in faithfulness to the Catholic tradition, using the sources of catechesis. Those applying would include catechists, children's liturgy leaders, parents, and everyone passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others. No previous qualification is required to sign up for the programme.

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating their marriage or a significant anniversary 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th during 2024. If you are one of these couples – engaged or anniversary – please email your name and address to adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or speak to Fr Vincent so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

ENCOUNTER - DAY OF RENEWAL: Fr Matt Anscombe will be hosting a special day of renewal at St Bonaventure's, Bristol from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm starting with Mass on **Saturday 25th May**. Mass, uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Childrens' stream available too. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch. To give us an idea of numbers for the day, we ask you to book a free ticket for all members of your party here: www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024

A MESSAGE FROM SPUC – TWO IMPORTANT DATES TO SPEAK UP FOR LIFE: A debate on assisted suicide will take place this Monday, 29th April at 4.30 pm. For a briefing on the case against assisted suicide, stories opposing any change in the law and an online tool to contact your MP, please go to [Lives Worth Living | SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide](#)

HOMES FOR UKRAINE: So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone. As of March 2024, our project has successfully matched 139 guests, and this shortly set to rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. We have also indirectly supported more than 300 people through webinars and offline events. However, the need is still great. The number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity, go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK](#). If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

COMMUNION AT HOME: If any house bound parishioners unable to get to Mass would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact Father Vincent, who will arrange a visit by a Minister of the Eucharist. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please submit items for publication in the newsletters before 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, Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, Marie Sawyer, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies, Mary Hardy. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.