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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th APRIL 2024
Church Cleaning: Week 1 **Divine Office: PSALTER 2, PROPER of SEASON**

SATURDAY	EVE of the SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
SUNDAY	SECOND 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	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER	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.

Next weekend – Mission Appeal

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – HOLY HOUR will take place between 3.00pm and 4.00 pm this Sunday.

THURSDAY 11th APRIL: Please note there will be no Mass today.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: THANK YOU for your almsgiving to CAFOD's appeal this Lent allowing to carry the message of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Your missionary and generous donations, given in love, will save lives and support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good and experience the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please check CAFOD social media for updates on ongoing projects.

St EDMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GARDENERS? Cari Depla and Victoria Nye, both Governors of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, wondered if any parishioners would be interested in coming to the school one Saturday morning or afternoon to help tidy up the garden around the school? There are some delightful, small, raised beds that were created and tended by a grandparent who is now unable to garden. The children really enjoyed seeing what he was growing there. Please message Victoria on 07860 498668 for further details.

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.

ESSENTIAL ONLINE TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: Clifton Diocese in partnership with '**Light of Truth**' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis: What it is, how to use the catechism and Scripture as foundations, and what methods to use. 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. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening:

- 11th April: What is catechesis? An introduction to the ministry of catechesis
- 18th April: Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis
- 25th April: The Faith of the Church: discovering the sources of our faith
- 2nd May: The Word of God: opening the treasure of Scriptures
- 9th May: Methods and Resources: a joyful work of charity
- 16th May: Preparing a Catechetical Session

To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcugrrzgjGN37LSeebdWnINfmSvURJRVk#/registration

WORDS OF FAITH - Finding the best words to witness to our Faith and answer tough questions: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an

account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening:
1. God - Creator and Revealer – 9th April
2. Jesus Christ - God in History – 16th April
3. The Church - Service and Authority – 23rd April
4. The Human Person - Body and Soul – 30th April
5. Christian Morality - Grace and Happiness – 7th May
6. Catholic Practices - Weird and Wonderful – 14th May

There will be opportunities for you to ask your own questions as well. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link: **Meeting Registration - Zoom**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde2gpj8pHdy_rbP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration

A MESSAGE FROM SPUC – TWO IMPORTANT DATES TO SPEAK UP FOR LIFE: An extreme abortion amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill has been put forward, which would decriminalise abortion in England and Wales and means women could use abortion pills up to the time of the baby's birth without sanction. This Bill will be debated after 15th April; for more information and to lobby your MP to vote against this amendment go to **Oppose the latest extreme abortion amendments | SPUC**

A debate on assisted suicide will take place on 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 the project website at **https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/**.

SATURDAY 13th APRIL – A CONCERT BY SUPA NOVA at Holy Trinity Church, Calne at 7.00 pm. Tickets £6.00 to include refreshments and can be purchased from Church House, Bank House and Quemerford Post Office, or telephone 01249 819097 (£7.00 on the door). All welcome!

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.