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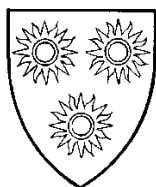
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 12th MAY 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 1

Divine Office: PSALTER 3, PROPER of SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle	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 PENTECOST SUNDAY St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent	Mass at 6.00 pm

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 Catholic Communication Network

THURSDAY 16th MAY: There will be NO Mass today.

FRIDAY 17th MAY: We welcome the pupils of St Edmund's school who join us for today's Mass.

THANK YOU: Willow Class (Year 3), St Edmund's School, have been studying the Eucharist and have written a delightful letter to the Parish to thank us for showing them all the ways we live out the Eucharist. Please do look at the copy of the letter on the noticeboard in the porch.

SCAM EMAILS: Please be aware that from time to time, scam emails circulate supposedly from priests; if you receive an email from Fr Vincent, (or any other priest) please be sure that you check all the email addresses given – there has been an instance of a correct email address falsely appearing in the header, but a different email address given for reply. Please be on your guard.

FLOWERS: Volunteers needed to help with church flowers. Please let Fr Vincent know if you would like to help. Thank you.

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

ST EDMUND'S ANNUAL BBQ IS ON SUNDAY 16th JUNE after mass. This will take the format of previous years. The finance committee will provide facilities for the food, but contribution is welcome. Please provide detail of your intended contribution of food or drink on the list in the church porch. This will also give us an indication of numbers coming. If you have special dietary requirements, please let a member of the finance committee know or write it on the list. We will also have a raffle. Thank you.

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.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS DAY at Sacred Heart Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7AH on Saturday 25th May 2024, 11.00am to 3.30pm. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

LIVING THE COMMON GOOD – DISCERNING CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES will take place next Saturday, 18th May 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

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

THE EUCHARIST – A BOND OF LOVE WHICH CAN NEVER BE UNDONE: There is an opportunity on **Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's Secondary School**, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist. It is particularly appropriate for parishioners who are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and would fulfil the requirement for their annual retreat in preparation for recommissioning. It is also a helpful introduction to those who might like to support you in this ministry. We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4.00pm. Please register using the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>

ASK YOUR MP TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BEING INTRODUCED: Support an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks and oppose two abortion up to birth amendments. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks gestation can now survive outside the womb. Email your MP by visiting righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters and righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth before the debate this Wednesday 15th May.

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.