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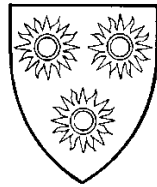
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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 26th MAY 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 3

Divine Office: PSALTER 4

SATURDAY	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
THURSDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	Memorial of St Justin, Martyr 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.

Next week: Retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund

It costs over £300,000 per annum to fund our retired priests. This collection, therefore, is very important indeed for our diocese.

THE CHILDREN IN WILLOW CLASS (Year 3) will be leading Mass at Church on Friday 14th June at 10am and invite all parishioners to join us for this community celebration. Throughout the academic year we have studied the important roles you play in our Church and explored how you live out the Eucharist. This has enhanced our learning immensely, and so we invite you to walk back to school with us afterwards for tea, coffee and cake to share our thanks and gratitude. Please contact Frances at FTowers@se.thedcet.com if you have any queries.

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.

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

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY: Pope Francis has given us The Year of Prayer 2024 in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. This series at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, Bath, draws us into the school of prayer so that we might draw near to the Lord who calls us to draw near to him. The next session is this Tuesday, 28th May, where Sister Walburga from Minster Abbey will teach us about the Prayer of St Benedict. Each session will take place in the Church and begin at 7.00pm. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can watch live on St John's website here: [St. John the Evangelist Church](http://www.stjohntheevangelistchurch.com)

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 us 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 this ministry. We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead the 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/>

SEEDS OF HOPE: Growing Seeds of Hope: We are delighted that the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will be returning to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists, including anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people and adults, not only for sacramental preparation but in all the in-between stages. The day takes place on **Saturday 13th July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4.00pm. Registration is essential for this event; please just contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

WHAT IS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH? Stockwood Free Church, Stockwood, BS14 8QH, is hosting an event on Saturday 8th June from 9.30am – 3.00pm which will enable attendees to learn about theology and dementia, bereavement, and understand a carer's perspective. Please book direct by using the Eventbrite link: <http://bit.ly/dementia-friendly-church>

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR ABORTION LAW - contact your MP today: Save lives and ask your MP to support pro-life amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that:

- lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks
- reinstate in-person consultations to help protect women and babies
- bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities

Take action: Email your MP by visiting righttolife.org.uk/takeaction before the debate on **Tuesday 4th June**.

CATHOLIC MARITIME CHARITY STELLA MARIS (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites you to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

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.