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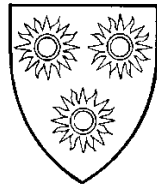
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 4

Divine Office: PSALTER 2, PROPER of SEASON

SATURDAY	FEAST of the ENGLISH MARTYRS St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	SIXTH 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, No Mass	
THURSDAY	SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of THE LORD St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 7.00 pm
FRIDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER 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 Bishop Declan's retirement  
Next weekend: Retiring collection for the Catholic Communication Network**

**BISHOP DECLAN RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** For anyone who would like to contribute towards a retirement collection for Bishop Declan, Clifton Diocese has set up an online donation button on the Diocesan website under Finance and the Dona page, which can be accessed here: [Dona \(mydona.com\)](https://mydona.com). Those who prefer to donate cash may do so at our retiring collections this weekend.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Confirmation classes will begin soon. If you have not yet applied, you need to do so urgently, in order to join the classes. Please make sure you give your letters to Fr Vincent before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL:** St Anthony of Padua will be holding a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on Ascension Thursday, starting with Mass at 10.00 am and ending with Night Prayer at 10.00pm. Come and join us before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, our parishes, families and friends and for vocations to the priesthood at Pentecost.

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

**SAVE TWO DATES:** The annual **St Edmund's BBQ** will be on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** after mass. We will celebrate Fr Vincent's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a priest; details to follow. The second date is a **Barn Dance on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk)

**LIGHT OF TRUTH: CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS:** This certificate is offered by the [Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK](http://Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK) who have 25 years of experience in catechesis. The [Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> during 2024. If you are one of these couples – engaged or anniversary – please email your name and address to [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024)

**THE EUCHARIST – A BOND OF LOVE WHICH CAN NEVER BE UNDONE:** There is an opportunity on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4pm. Please use the Eventbrite link to register: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**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](mailto: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](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, 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.