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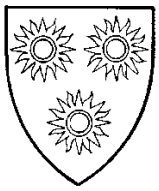

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SEVENTH OF EASTER– 17th MAY 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 4 **Divine Office: PSALTER 3, PROPER OF SEASON**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Easter	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00am	
THURSDAY	Weekday of Easter	No Mass
FRIDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY	Mass at 6.00pm

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.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass on Sunday

This week: Retiring collection for the Catholic Communication Network

FRIDAY 22nd MAY: We welcome the pupils of St Edmund's School, who join us for Mass this morning.

ANNUAL BBQ on Sunday 14th June: If anybody is able to make a contribution of food or drink towards the BBQ please provide detail in the list which is in the church porch. This could be items of food (salads, sauces, vegetarian/vegan food, puddings, etc) or drink (soft drinks, alcoholic beverages) etc. Tea and coffee will be available in the usual way.

PLANT SALE: We will be holding a plant sale the weekend of 30th/31st May with funds raised to be split between the Parish Project and the Church Hall. All specimens of fruit, veg, bedding plants and house plants are requested and will gratefully be received. Please bring them along to church that weekend and more importantly buy someone else's!!

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA is hosting Ecumenical Evening Prayer next Sunday 24th May at 6.00pm. Light refreshments are available in the hall afterwards – everyone is invited to attend.
Date for the diary: St Anthony's will be celebrating the feast of St Anthony on Saturday 13th June with refreshments in the hall after the 10.00am Mass – please do come and join the celebration.

DR SCOTT HAHN: Dr Scott Hahn, Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday, 26th May at 7.00pm. It will be a ticketed event only- so please don't delay if you haven't booked already. In addition, Dr. Scott will be signing his books which CTS will bring with them. This is a truly great opportunity for our diocese to welcome Dr Hahn; you will not want to miss this great speaker. There will be 350 tickets at £20 per person. The timetable for the evening is:

- 6:00 pm – Doors Open / Check-in / Book Sales & Refreshments
- 7:00 pm – Welcome & Introductions
- 7:10 pm – First Presentation by Dr. Hahn, "The Lamb's Supper; The Mass as Heaven and Earth"
- 8:10 pm – Intermission (Restrooms / Book Sales / Refreshments)
- 8:30 pm – Second Presentation by Dr. Hahn, "Lord, Have Mercy; The Healing Power of Confession"
- 9:30 pm – Closing Announcements / Book Signing / Book Sales & Refreshments.

To book your ticket go to: **An Evening with Dr Scott Hahn (Bath) (26-May-2026) · ChurchSuite Events**

ENCOUNTER 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost ***"Mission – How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation"*** This series concludes with "Fire from Heaven" – a Pentecost Encounter Day and All-Night Vigil on 23rd May (11.00am -7.00am). For more information ring Ann on 07815 751 556 or contact: **Encounter@cliftondiocese.com**

FROM HOPE TO ACTION - Laudato Si' Week 2026: The 11th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' is being marked with a week of events between 17th and 24th May. This year's theme, *From Hope to Action* is an invitation to move from reflection to transformation—turning hope into concrete action for our common home. Great ideas and resources can be found at **Resources 2026 - Laudato Si Week**

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' continue the Essential Training for Catechists course on Saturdays in May: 23rd May and 30th May from 9.00am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link found on the Light of Truth website: **www.lightoftruth.uk/join**

PARENTING TEENAGERS? CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce a new webinar for parents and carers of teenagers. We are aware that bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so we have booked some experts to share their wisdom with you, help you gain confidence and provide you with some practical ideas to support you at home: Raising teenagers in a Catholic family – 2nd June 8.00pm. To book a place, visit **Faith Parenting — CELEBRATE Trust**

CALNE METHODIST CHURCH celebrates 150 years by hosting an Open Church event next Saturday 23rd May 10.00am – 4.00pm. There will be displays of the church history, a photo montage and arts and crafts. Refreshments served until 3.30pm.

NEWS FROM RIGHT TO LIFE: The Westminster assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law. This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords. To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: **https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls**

DEFEND NHS STAFF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS: Following the fall of the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England and Wales are anticipated. Any new law would likely pressure NHS staff to be involved in some way and offer even less protection to institutions like hospices. You can help protect healthcare workers and hospices by signing the Bios Centre online petition. It calls on Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, to protect conscientious objection rights for religious and personal beliefs. Sign the petition at **Petition on Conscience Protection - Bios Centre**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please note that submission of items for newsletters need to be received before the preceding Wednesday of each week. Contact details; please speak to Fr Vincent or email **calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com** Thank you.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including, Clifford Browne and family, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies, Mary Hardy, Emeritus Bishop Declan Lang, Nigel Tolley, Luke Wilkinson. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.