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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– 3rd MAY 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 2 **Divine Office: PSALTER 1, PROPER OF SEASON**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	FIFTH 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	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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

SAVE THE DATE: The annual parish BBQ will be on Sunday 14th June after mass as we have done before. This is a social event rather than a fundraising one. Further details about how you can contribute to food and drink will be advertised nearer the time.

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!!

MISSIO: In 2025 this parish raised £524.46 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Edmund's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries rely on your support so that they can continue to flourish. This year's Red Box thank you poster (which is on the wall in the porch) features the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who support refugees displaced by conflict in Myanmar. Pick up the Spring newsletter from the shelf in the porch or visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support this Lent and Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have missionary shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at **cafod.org.uk/thankyou**

UNICEF Round the World: Thank you for your generous support and warm welcome home Parishioner David Clements returned recently after racing 10,000 km aboard a high performance but very basic 70-foot boat, from Australia to China, as part of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. Your generous donations, prayers and warm wishes for the crew and families involved are greatly appreciated. David will provide a debrief/slide show after coffee in coming weeks. His personal fundraising total for UNICEF stands at £2200 with gift aid, part of the current race total of £300,000 against a £420,000 target for UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). Thank you!! FYI: The teams are currently battling through the north pacific on the way to Seattle. You can still donate at **https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-clements-clipper-rtw**

THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION: The Holy Shroud of Turin exhibition will be on display at St John's Catholic Church, in South Parade, Bath, from Sunday 3rd May until Sunday 17th May. The exhibition features a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin – the actual Shroud is housed in the cathedral of the Italian city of Turin – and includes detailed information boards. The exhibition includes original Roman nails, a replica whip and a spear. And there are information boards about art, history and the latest research on the Shroud. It

offers a wonderful opportunity to learn more and study this sacred cloth - which for some, has proved to be a deeply moving and profound experience. You can find further details of the exhibition which has travelled across the country by looking at the exhibition website: **shroudofturin.uk**. St John's is open each day from about 7.30am, closing at 6.30pm each evening. You would be very welcome to come and visit the church and the Shroud exhibition.

ENCOUNTER 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost *"Mission – How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation"* This series continues, exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission. Join us at Clifton Cathedral, or livestream Tuesdays until 19th May 7.00 - 9.00pm. The 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**

'NOW IS THE TIME' a Symposium to explore the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor) at St Brendan's College, Brislington, on Saturday 30th May. Keynote speakers - Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Sir John Battle KC*SG & Raymond Friel (CSAN). The day starts at 10.00am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finishes at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. You can register on the Eventbrite link: **https://dilexite.eventbrite.co.uk**

PARENTING TEENAGERS? CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars 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:
Confident parenting in a world of screens – 29th April 8.00pm; Raising teenagers in a Catholic family – 2nd June 8.00pm. To book a place, visit **Faith Parenting — CELEBRATE Trust**

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY: Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact **director@castleriggmanor.co.uk** or **Join The Team – Lancaster Youth Service // Castlerigg Manor**

CALNE NEWS: *Calne News* is an independent local online newspaper covering Calne and the surrounding villages. Calne News also produces a free weekly email newsletter, which shares a round-up of the top local stories with headlines and links through to the full articles. This is particularly useful for residents who are not on social media but still want to stay informed about what's happening locally. Readers can sign up by emailing: **editor@calnenews.com** There is no cost involved - it's simply about helping more local people stay connected with news from our area.

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**

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, Sean Watermere, Nigel Tolley, Luke Wilkinson. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.