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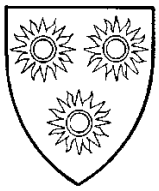

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14th JUNE 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 4 **Divine Office: PSALTER 3**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, No Mass	
THURSDAY	REQUIEM MASS MRS MARGARET HEARD, R.I.P. 11.00am	
FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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

Next week: Retiring collection for Day for Life

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Today, Sunday 14th June, Tomas Ash takes his First Holy Communion. Please pray for him and his family as he continues his journey of faith on this joyful occasion.

PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS SUNDAY 13th/14th JUNE: This Sunday our diocese marks a dedicated Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate. In today's Gospel, Jesus looks out at the crowds - harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd – and his heart is moved with compassion. He turns to his disciples and says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers." Then he sends them.
This is the heart of the permanent diaconate. Deacons are generally married men, often with children, who work in the world and are called from the midst of the people and sent back to the people – to proclaim the Gospel, to serve at the altar, and to bring the compassion of Christ to the poor, the forgotten and the overlooked.
Bishop Bosco hopes that by 2035 every parish in our diocese will have a deacon available to them. If you are a man of prayer who feels drawn to serve the church more deeply – or if you know someone who might – please speak to your parish clergy or contact Deacon Steve Boughton at **diaconal.formation@cliftondiocese.com** ; visit **Vocations | Clifton Diocese**

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH (APF)/ Missio: Red boxes*:* Please could box holders bring in their boxes to be emptied. Please leave them on the high shelf on the right side of the porch. The Summer Missio/ Red Box magazine describing the impact of your donations is available in the porch. Alternatively, you can read it online at **Mission Today Online - Missio** The magazine also describes how you can donate to Missio apart from through cash in the red box.

PLANT SALE: Thank you to everyone who helped to make the plant sale a success. We raised approximately £175 which will be split between the Parish Project and the hall fund.

100 CLUB: June winners are as follows**:**

£25 Maria Schofield
£20 Dawn Straker-Cook
£10 Rosemary Bray

HOLY HOUR: The Holy Hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled this Friday, 19th June, and will recommence on Friday 26th June from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office is offering four sessions of Level 3 safeguarding training for parish volunteers who are DBS checked. This training is **mandatory** for volunteers

who are DBS-checked and carrying out roles involving safeguarding responsibilities. The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 24 June 2026– 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Wednesday 12 August 2026– 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Wednesday 30 September 2026– 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Wednesday 11 November 2026– 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Volunteers who wish to attend can join remotely from home. You only need to sign up and attend **one** of the four sessions. To register, please send your name, parish, and email address to **david.arbues@cliftondiocese.com** and he will provide a Microsoft Teams link in advance of the session. Alternatively, parish volunteers who are DBS checked can access the Level 3 training at any time via **https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/** Please inform Paul Blake, Safeguarding Representative when you have signed up for this training.

LISTENING TO CHRIST IN THE SCRIPTURES: We are pleased to welcome Fr Łukasz Popko OP, to St Francis, Nailsea. His talks will be on Saturday 20 June, homilies on Sunday 21 June & a Day of Recollection on Monday 22 June. We begin on Saturday & Monday after 9.15am Mass, please bring a packed lunch on these days, refreshments will be provided. Fr Łukasz is a Polish Dominican friar and a prominent biblical scholar based at the École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem (EBAF). His research focuses on the Old Testament, as well as biblical poetry. Notable works include 'Questioning God' one of his most widely recognised works co-authored with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, exploring biblical dialogues as a means of entering deeper into a relationship with God. Fr. Łukasz frequently contributes to international biblical symposiums and engages in interdisciplinary dialogues about faith & literature. For further details contact Fr Frank at Nailsea on 01275 851530

JOIN THE FIGHTBACK DAY 2026: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding a Join the Fightback Day this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. But recently Parliament removed legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby – at any stage, for any reason. Self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales. If you are shocked by this, you are not alone. Abortion extremists have gone too far, and we must not let this stand. Join the fightback to bring an end to this barbarity. Please show your support by joining SPUC's campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

RIGHT TO LIFE - NEW ATTEMPT TO FORCE THROUGH ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill back in this parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords. To contact your MP to oppose this, visit: **Ask your MP to oppose reviving the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill and forcing it into law by bypassing the House of Lords**

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, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies, Mary Hardy, Emeritus Bishop Declan Lang, Nigel Tolley, Luke Wilkinson, Margaret Heard R.I.P. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.