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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21st JUNE 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 1 **Divine Office: PSALTER 4**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE TWELFTH 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	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 10.00am	
THURSDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	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 Day for Life

This Sunday, 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: **www.dayforlife.org** The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

HOLY HOUR: The Holy Hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament continues this Friday 26th June from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

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.

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.

ASSITED SUICIDE UPDATE from the Catholic Union of Great Britain: As you have probably heard, the Assisted Suicide bill is back after Lauren Edwards MP (Lab) Rochester and Strood decided to use her second place in the Private Members' Bill ballot to re-introduce Kim Leadbeater's bill from the last Parliamentary Session. A debate and vote in the Commons could be as early as 11th September. During the in-depth and essential scrutiny of the Bill in the previous Parliamentary Session there were warnings from a **number of bodies**, including Royal Colleges, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Former Chief Executive of

NHS England and most critically, people with disabilities. You may want to consider asking to meet with **your MP** in person, or writing to them, about any aspect of the proposed legislation that you think is not safe. You can listen to any of the debates that have taken place so far by searching proceedings in **Hansard** and identifying issues that concern you. Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, is **calling** on people of goodwill to join in work and prayer to prevent this flawed bill from succeeding. Richard Collyer-Hamlin, Chair, Catholic Union of Great Britain.

DEFEND NHS STAFF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS: Any new assisted suicide 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**

WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES' TRUST (WHCT) – Ride and Stride Co-ordinator: WHCT are recruiting a Coordinator for their annual Ride and Stride fund raising event. If any parishioner is willing to undertake this important role, please get in touch with Anne Doyle **annedsg40@gmail.com** for further details. Copies of the Role Specification can be found in the church porch. In undertaking this vital role the person would enable the Trust to continue giving grants to our parishes in their need.

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