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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2nd AUGUST 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 3 **Divine Office: PSALTER 2**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Memorial of St John Vianney, Priest	Mass at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00am	
THURSDAY	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE NINETEENTH 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

HOLY HOUR: There will be Holy Hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00 – 7.00pm this Friday.

FREE SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND INFORMATION EVENT - 11th August 2026: Hosted by the South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum in Partnership with First Light. More information and registration is via Eventbrite. The South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum (SWESF) is a regional collaboration across the South West of England, focused on safeguarding within Christian churches and faith settings. First Light is a specialist UK charity that supports and empowers people affected by abuse, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, and church-related abuse. If you have been affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive and informative event. **Free Survivor Support & Information Event Tickets,**

DIOCESAN FRANSICAN WALKING PILGRIMAGE: This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this. Saturday 3rd October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs: The *Bristol leg* will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9.4 miles).
The *Clevedon leg* will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception in Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles). The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. For more details and to register see **A Franciscan Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Clifton**

ADORAMUS 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress, takes place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship, catechesis, and public witness. Our Diocese has been allocated 45 places, and we are inviting priests & parishioners from across our pastoral areas and parishes to participate in this important event. For fairness, we are limiting tickets for each parish - name, email and parish details are required for each attendee. You can register via Eventbrite: **https://adoremusclifton2026.eventbrite.co.uk** Places are limited and will be determined in order of registration.

EDEN BRIDGE FESTIVAL - a *free* Christian festival taking place just outside Calne on Saturday 22nd August. The festival brings together churches from across Wiltshire for a day of live music, worship, great food, creative activities and community in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside. Everyone is welcome - whether someone has attended church for years, is exploring faith, or looking for a fun day out with friends and family. Tickets are free but limited and can be booked here: **Eden Bridge Festival 2026 Tickets, Saturday 22 August • 11 AM - 6 PM | Eventbrite**

ASSISTED SUICIDE – CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE STATEMENT: Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation: "The Terminally Ill Adults

(End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11th September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.
"The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. "I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."
Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference

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**

ADVISER FOR EVANGELISATION AND MISSION (full-time): An exciting new opportunity to join the Diocese of Clifton on a full-time basis within the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship. The Diocese is seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to support parishes in evangelisation, faith formation and outreach. Working closely with the Director on a variety of projects, you will help promote the Bishop's vision across the Diocese. Core office hours are between 9am to 4.30pm. Further Information and Application form can be found here : **https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ .** Closing date for applications: 28th August 2026. If you are interested in such a role and would like to work for Clifton Diocese, please send your application to **Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com.** For more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director of the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship, on 0117 902 5595.

WARM AND SAFE WILTSHIRE – heating oil: Warm and Safe Wiltshire is a free energy advice service that helps residents of Swindon and Wiltshire live in warmer, safer and healthier homes. They administer the Wiltshire Crisis and Resilience Fund for Oil, a government fund that supports low-income households in Wiltshire with the price of heating oil. They also provide free energy advice for people in our community.
If you're interested, please contact them on 0800 038 5722 or email **warmandsafe@cse.org.uk**. Are you over 60, have young children or disabled? Sign up for the free **Priority Services Register** and worry less in the event of a power cut: **www.cse.org.uk/psr**

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th October. **www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info** Tel: 07887 296983

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