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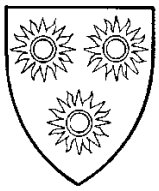

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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23rd AUGUST 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 2 **Divine Office: PSALTER 1**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	TWENTY-FIRST 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	Memorial of St Monica	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Jimmy Boy R.I.P. Requiem Mass 11.00am	
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND 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.

FUNDRAISING: Our recent jigsaw and book sale together with donations raised £293.90. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this event. If you were unable to make the sale, we do still have a considerable number of books and if you are interested, please contact either Jo on 07753 680885 or Christine on 07810 566909. Thank you.

JUMBLE SALE: This will take place on Saturday 10th October with volunteers being needed to help with stalls, tea and coffee/cakes and advertising. Please sign the list in the porch if you are able to help in any way. Please also make any suggestions for future fund-raising activities you may have. Many thanks for your continued support**.**

A PRAYER CHAIR (PRE-DIEU) is for sale at a price of £50 for charity. Please contact Christine on 07810 566909 if you are interested.

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**

ASSISTED SUICIDE – CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE NEWS – Write to your MP: In a pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Nottingham, Bishop Patrick McKinney urgently called for Catholics to write to their MPs to share their concerns ahead of the vote on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Friday, 11th September. The letter raised the Bishop's key concerns beyond the Church's consistent principled stance against the Bill: the widespread opposition from many professional bodies involved in healthcare, the impact on the established legal order, broadening criteria in places where assisted suicide is law, the redefinition of care and the relationship between medical professionals and patients, and the need to first fix the funding of palliative care and social care – as Prime Minister himself has highlighted. MPs are still listening to the voices of constituents on this matter, so please write to your MP . You can use this link:
Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference

WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST fundraising Ride and Stride takes place this year on September 12th . Registration forms, lists of churches taking part are all on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust website. Half of the money your church raises will be returned to your parish, the other half goes to providing grants to churches of all denominations. The more money you raise the more you will get back! Two Catholic parishes have received grants this year for roof and lighting repairs.

CALNE CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP RELOCATION - Call for Volunteers: We are getting closer to the opening of the new Bookshop location. We await change of use planning consent from Wiltshire Council, and hopefully it won't be too long before the Units are completed, and the Bookshop can relocate to Unit 3 for which they have placed a securing deposit. The Trustees of the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) are Steven Colby (Licensed Lay Minister – Marden Vale Benefice), Wayne Lawther (Minister of Calne Baptist Church) and Andrew Bowker (Bookshop Volunteer and Member of St Paul's Chippenham). The Trustees are seeking volunteers to help run the Bookshop when it reopens. If you have volunteered at the bookshop before and might consider reapplying as a volunteer in the new Bookshop, or you might feel led to offer your services as a volunteer for the first time do contact Steven at **stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk**

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 the newsletter for Sunday 30th August needed to be received before **Wednesday 19th August**. 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.