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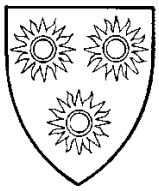

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THE NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9th AUGUST 2026

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

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	Mass at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00am	
THURSDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	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

SATURDAY 15th AUGUST: 11.00am: We are pleased to celebrate the Baptism of Abigail.

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

FUNDRAISING: We will be holding a jigsaw and book sale on 15th/16th August. Jigsaws will be £2 each or 3 for £5 with books priced at 50p each. Alternatively please make a donation with funds raised being split between the Parish Project and the hall fund. A box is in the porch for donations. The next jewellery workshop is being held on 22nd August at a cost of £10. Please sign up for this on the list in the porch.

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**

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.

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.

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 MPs 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**

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.

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**

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.