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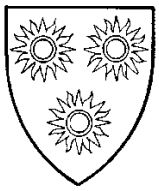

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – 1st NOVEMBER 2026

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

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00am	
THURSDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE THIRTY 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

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2026 - International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: Join churches around the World as we stand together in prayer for Christians facing persecution. More information at **About - Open Doors UK & Ireland**

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

PARISH CONSULTATION: Thank you to those parishioners who contributed to the consultation on ways in which our parish could grow and develop in the future. The Parish Pastoral Council meets in early December and will consider the responses and will then report back to the parish.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – Sunday 22nd November: We invite the young people of the parish to join the welcome team, music group, and reading team on World Youth Sunday on Sunday 22nd November. Discover your place in the church, grow in faith, connect with others and be inspired by St Francis of Assisi to live out the gospel through peace, service and care for creation. There are a whole range of roles in the service so please speak with Jo Medland after the 11.00am mass to get involved. Your contribution no matter how small will be really appreciated!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Following last year's success, we will be holding a raffle again this year to raise money for our Parish Project. Donations are therefore required of food & drink and please ensure that any items provided have an expiry date at least until January 2027. To give time to make the hampers up, please leave any items in the porch up to and including 15th November. Raffle tickets of £1 each will be on sale prior to the draw date of 6th December. If anyone has spare baskets/containers for this, please leave in the porch. Many thanks in supporting this Fundraising event.

FAIRLY TRADED CHRISTMAS CARDS will be on sale at Mass in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Buying these helps support marginalised producers across the world and, closer to home, Doorway in Chippenham that provides a drop-in- and much more - for those marginalised members of our society such as the homeless.

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2027 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team at Wiltshire Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2027.

St EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN DAYS: St Edmund's Catholic Primary school's head, Antony Moore, would be delighted to talk to any new parents and show them about the school. Open sessions are on: Monday, 16th November at 9.00am; Thursday, 19th November at 2.0044pm; Saturday, 21st November at

10.30am. He can also meet at other times. Please call Antony on 01249 813822 or email **admin@se.thedcet.com** .

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE - St Mary's Catholic church Bath: After Remembrance Day last year, the Open Church group at St Mary's Catholic Church took up the suggestion of making and creating a knitted and crocheted Poppy display for our church in 2026. We opened up the challenge to our parishioners and many got involved, including children at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bath. The initial ambition was to create 1000 which we exceeded - we have nearly 3400 poppies. We will open St Mary's Catholic church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2SQ on a number of days during November from 10.00am-12.00pm and 2.00-4.00pm. Come and see the display whilst remembering all those who have fought for our country during the wars and those who have lost their lives:
Week 1: Mon 2nd, Wed 4th * and Thurs 5th
Week 2: Wed 11th, Sat 14th
Week 3: Tues 17th *, Fri 20th *
Week 4: Mon 23rd
*Mornings only, donations to the British Legion

ADDITIONAL SYNODAL SESSIONS: There remains one online session for the opportunity for parishioners to develop an understanding of listening conversations and actively respond to the invitation to explore how we are flourishing as Parishes in Communion for Mission. The date is Tuesday 10th November, 7.00pm: **https://Listening1011.eventbrite.co.uk** When you register for the session you will receive the *Teams* link to the meeting within the Eventbrite ticket.

COMMUNION FOR MISSION: A **Conference** to explore how our parishes can flourish in Communion for Mission and the challenges we face, will be held on Saturday 14th November, 10.00am-3.00pm at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Our keynote speaker will be Fr Jerome Ajakaiye, who will offer his thoughts and encouragement as a Parish Priest. **Telling our Story** is an opportunity to listen to the stories of one another, hear what works and what have been the challenges that have been encountered and overcome. Fr Jerome will share his experience as a Parish Priest and the fruits of his ministry. In addition, individuals from around the Diocese will share their stories of seeds that have been sown and flourished. Please do take this opportunity to learn how to recognise synodality in your own Parish and how to encourage your Parish to share with each other the shoots of hope that are present. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link: **https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk**

BISHOP'S APPEAL: On Education Sunday Bishop Bosco launched a new appeal for parishioners to serve as school governors or as academy trust directors. Being a governor/director is helping our schools to provide the best possible education for today's children and helping to protect Catholic schools for future generations – it is truly supporting the mission of the Church. There is an urgent need for more volunteers to serve as governors/directors and no previous experience is required. If you would like to help our schools and respond to the Bishop's appeal, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese, for more information via **bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com** or on 07710094976 – thank you.

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE - Saturday 6th February 2027; Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Sat 6th February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2027 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: **hope@cliftondiocese.com** with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

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, Pope Leo XIV. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.