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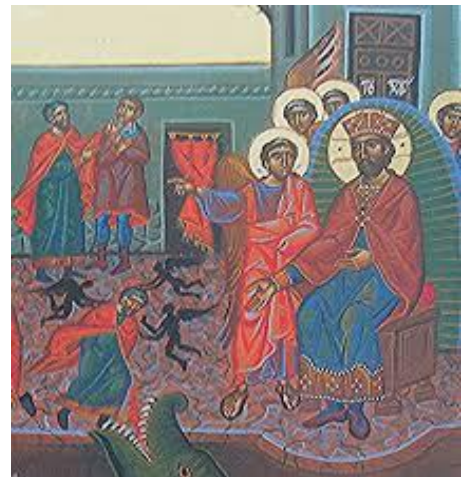
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13TH SEPT - TWENTY FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10.30AM THE PARISH MASS
*Please see ticketing details to attend
(Outdoors weather permitting)*

Mon 14th Sept - Feast of the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tue 15th Sept - Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed 16th Sept - Ss Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
12 NOON MASS

Thur 17th Sept - St Edith of Wilton

Fri 18th Sept - Weekday in OT

Sat 19th Sept – Weekday in OT

20TH SEPT - TWENTY FIFTH
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LATEST NEWS

THE SUNDAY MASS READINGS are made available at the end of this bulletin for the 24th Sunday Year A. You are invited to pray with them before coming to Sunday Mass to prepare to meet Our Lord present when these scriptures are proclaimed. You might also wish to use them when preparing to make a Spiritual Communion at home.

ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE Year 6 Parents & Students. The headmaster invites you to a VIRTUAL Open Evening on Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 6pm. Please go to the website where you will find a link to access the event (The event will be recorded and will also be available to access on the website afterwards) David Forster, Headmaster St Augustine's Catholic College, Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 9EN Tel: 01225 350001 www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

CAFOD - UNITE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS As we cope with coronavirus in the UK, we think of our brothers and sisters in developing countries who are facing this pandemic with fragile health systems, some of which have almost no intensive care beds or ventilators. Food prices have already risen with borders closing, the poorest are losing their jobs and income with wholesale shutdowns. Furthermore, inadequate healthcare, lack of access to washing facilities and limited ability to social distance will result in loss of life on an

intolerable scale. The likely impact will be devastating. We are one global family. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers, gifts and voices are needed now more than ever. Please visit cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to find out ways you can give, act and pray in response to this crisis.

WONERSH SEMINARY AND THE EVANGELIST We are blessed to have several of our Diocesan Seminarians in priestly formation at St John's Wonersh. Please pray for all the seminarians as they begin a new academic year. And you might take a copy of their magazine just published, The Evangelist, which is available in church to take away today.



RETIRING COLLECTION today – the Holy Places in the Holy Land. This collection should have taken place on Good Friday. On that day when we solemnly remember Christ's Passion, we also go back to a tradition that began in 1219. St Francis of Assisi had crossed over to Egypt determining to join the 5th Crusade, except instead of a sword he wished to offer the hand of friendship. He met with the Muslim Viceroy, Malek al Kamil, and they discussed their respective faiths and belief in God. As a result, care of the Holy Places in the Muslim controlled areas of the Holy Land were given into the custodianship of the Franciscan

Order. The two men began an enduring friendship, and there is a touching footnote to their relationship: in 1224 Francis composed his 'Canticle of the Creatures', a celebration of God's grace in all creation. But there was a note found added to the manuscript, "oh my brother, how my heart is heavy...". This is thought to refer to a planned campaign by the Crusaders, which Francis knew threatened the life of his friend al Kamil.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS General Audience last Wednesday, September 9th Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our reflections on the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we have seen that the common good must be the goal of our individual and collective efforts to heal our wounded world. Our Christian commitment in this regard is inspired by God's unconditional love, which calls us to set no limits on our love for others and our concern for their welfare. As members of the one human family, our wellbeing is a public not simply a private good. By placing every human person and the common good at the centre of our cultural, economic and political activity, we will create a genuinely healthy, just and peaceful world, and so contribute to the building of a true "civilization of love". The coronavirus heeds no cultural or political barrier or distinction – nor must we impose any barrier or distinction on our love as we work for the common good in responding to the grave problems brought to the fore by the pandemic, in fidelity to our Christian vocation. The full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

STEWARDS APPEAL As we are now getting busier, we need more Church stewards for Sunday Mass and Wednesday Mass. If you are thinking of volunteering, it might help to know what stewards are. Firstly, this is something which the government has required to be in place, for churches to open for Mass. They arrive half an hour before Mass, greet people, answer any questions, guide them to their seats and in going to Communion in a way that preserves safety. Finally, they clean the areas where people have been sitting to make the church safe for the next Mass. A big thank you to all those who have been doing this for the community since lockdown. We couldn't open without you! If you can help or would like more information you can contact us through our Facebook page : email corsham.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com : phone us on 01249 712136 or have a word after Mass.

7 DAYS OF CREATION Celebrating September with prayers for Creation jointly declared by Greek Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis. Today, we are publishing Day Three God promised to father the nation Israel and sealed that promise in a covenant. And God is ever faithful. However, human behaviour is fickle, so that God's promises are rejected and the covenant broken. Humankind puts a curse on itself which in turn flows over onto Earth. "THE MISUSE OF CREATION BEGINS WHEN WE NO LONGER RECOGNIZE ANY HIGHER INSTANCE THAN OURSELVES, WHEN WE SEE NOTHING ELSE BUT OURSELVES". – Laudato Si #6 ISAIAH 24:4-6– EARTH DIES IF COVENANT BROKEN. The Earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the Earth. The Earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the Earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore, the inhabitants of the Earth dwindled, and few people are left. JESUS SAID THAT GOD CARES FOR ALL CREATION, 'NOT A SPARROW FALLS TO THE GROUND



WITHOUT YOUR FATHER KNOWING' (Matt. 10: 29-31) - "OUR FATHER..." CONCLUDING PRAYER Creating and nurturing God, we know that we are called to first be reconciled with each other and Earth itself before approaching your altar in prayer. We know too that we have been washed clean by the obedience of your Son and made into a new creation. May we encourage each other in kindness knowing that you support us in all that we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PARISH MASS We continue to celebrate our 10.30am Sunday Parish Mass outdoors when possible, in Church when the weather is not suitable. Please remember to book a ticket using the following link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weekend-mass-tickets-112374755920. Please do not come to Mass without a ticket as once we have reached distancing capacity people will be unable to enter. If you book and then find you are unable to come, do let us know as we can then make the tickets available to others. Tickets are also available online for the Wednesday celebration at 12 noon. If you do not have access to the web, please call Fr Michael or Lorraine Miller to reserve a place. Masses are celebrated in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Bishops of England.

MASS GUIDELINES We ask that you kindly note and abide by the following: * Observe the one-way system, both indoor and outside.* Stewards will show you where to sit as unfortunately it is not possible to choose a place at this time * Remain seated until guided by a Steward at Communion and the end of Mass.* There will be no congregational singing, no general intercessions and no sign of peace exchanged.* No shared material such as bulletins, Mass cards.* No offertory procession.* Everyone is encouraged to donate online or via standing order.* Communion is in one kind only, on the hand.* Approach for Holy Communion with arms at full stretch. * Face coverings for everyone aged 11+ are compulsory inside the Church, unless you have a medical exemption. * The communicant should unloop their face covering, consume the Eucharist and then replace the face covering before moving back to their seat. * Toilets and Church Hall remain out of use. * Doors and windows must remain open to provide a flow of fresh air. *Only the priest and server/sacristan may enter the sacristy. We ask everyone to respect the guidance of our stewards at this difficult time and we look forward to seeing you and hope that these careful measures will enable everyone to feel safe. Thank you for your understanding.

FLOWER ARRANGERS Could you help with the flowers please? Preparing flowers for the liturgical area is an important ministry within the Church community. Flowers highlight the times and seasons of the Churches year and add to the beauty and solemnity of our greatest Feasts. We now need some new volunteers to help us with this ministry. It is even possible to arrange the flowers at home and just bring them to the church between Fri-Sunday prior to Sunday Mass at 10.30am. For more details or to be added to the new rota please call Maureen on 07497050834. Thank you.

YEAR OF COMMUNION Bud Welch, an American whose daughter was killed in the Oklahoma bombing describes how he was eaten up with hate and a desire for revenge. When he realised that this hate inside was killing him, he started to think about his daughter and what she would have wanted. Being able to move forward when we have suffered comes when we are released from our pain. We need healing, we need to be able to forgive and we need to be forgiven. It is difficult because it can feel like a betrayal of the past. How can we let go and forgive? Forgiving another does not come easily to us. Harder still is the struggle we have seeking forgiveness for wrongs that we have committed. Yet the capacity to forgive and be forgiven is necessary if cycles of violence are to be broken. We do not have to do this alone. The love which God has for us also brings forgiveness and the

chance to renew our relationships and begin again. It is a chance for us to have a different future one that is not dictated by what has happened in the past. For Bud Welch it was his faith and his desire for healing that led him to forgive the killer. His act of forgiving, he says, 'freed him' more than it freed the killer. He found peace and freedom and the chance to once again, think of his daughter with joy

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is excited to announce a new Online Experience for marriage enrichment. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the Coronavirus pandemic our residential retreats have had to be cancelled so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26th and 27th September 2020, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk or contact us on 0845 260 2016.

PARISH FINANCE As we continue our journey towards the new normal, parish overheads continue to grow, especially now that we have to purchase appropriate PPE, disinfectants, masks, temperature guns, sanitisers etc. for use every time we open the church or celebrate Mass in the grounds. There are many ways in which you can continue to support St Patrick's parish: **Standing Order** – giving in this way you can instruct your bank to make your donation on a regular monthly basis. You have full control over how to give and you don't have to worry about bringing cash to church. People have moved to this method of giving during the pandemic to ensure the continued support of the parish. **Online giving** – by visiting the parish website you can donate online using a debit or credit card. This method is popular for those who cannot get to church or may be visiting our website. **Cash Offerings** – a box is provided at the exit of the grounds/Church after Sunday Mass to leave traditional cash offerings. The boxes are emptied into a bag after each opening and the contents placed in the safe for 72 hours before it is handled. UK taxpayers can also choose to **Gift-Aid** the donation. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25% at no cost to the giver. Whichever way you choose to support the parish we want to thank you for your continued generosity at this difficult time.

ORGANIST NEEDED We are looking for a regular Organist / Keyboardist to cover the Sunday Parish Mass and Holydays when we return to our sung masses. This entails the playing of 3 or 4 hymns and to accompany the mass setting and responsorial psalm and a voluntary to conclude. We usually meet for a music practice in term time on Wednesdays from 6.15 to 7.15pm. Interested yourself or perhaps know of someone? Then please contact Fr Michael for a chat.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

REAL BULLETIN BLOOPERS TO MAKE YOU SMILE

“Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.”

“Mrs Johnson will be entering the hospital this week for testes.”



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Karen Lucas, Rob Jones, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Bowl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Pope Francis September Prayer Intention: Respect for the Planet's Resources. That the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Peter's Swindon with Sacred Heart, Wooten Bassett

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: The Anglican Parishes

For all affected by Coronavirus



Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.
We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick,
console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak. **Amen.**

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows



Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

A Prayer to make a Spiritual Communion



“My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You.”

An Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, Who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You, to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen. I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.