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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

Amos 7: 12-15: In the northern kingdom of Israel, Amaziah was a corrupt priest with a cushy job in a royal sanctuary. The prophet Amos has criticized him, the king and other leaders for their neglect of the poor. Amaziah tries to banish Amos to the southern kingdom, Judah. Amos defends himself.

Ephesians 1,3-14: We begin today a seven-week survey of the Letter to Ephesians. Its main themes are that God had always been planning to spread favour not just to Jews but to the Gentiles, that this long-concealed plan has now been revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and that Jews and Gentiles are to be reconciled.

Mark 6: 7-13: In the first half of Mark's gospel, Jesus' reputation has grown because of his teaching and miracles. He has started some controversies. His disciples have accompanied him closely. Now Jesus sends them out to spread his message and works further.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations. Thank you.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH Are you interested to know more about the Catholic Faith? Do you wish to be baptized?

Do you want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church? Do you know anyone who would like to know how to become a Catholic? If so, Journey in Faith or RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) might be just the thing. During these sessions we explore different aspects of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We listen to God's word in Scripture, and we pray together. For more information, please contact Fr Michael with a view to starting a journey in the autumn.

FR MICHAEL celebrates his 25th Jubilee of Ordination to the priesthood on Monday 12th July. He was ordained by Bishop Mervyn in Downside Abbey in 1996, after serving in the Anglican ministry for 13 years...38 years of ministry.

11TH JULY 2021 FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

Mon 12th July - Weekday in OT

Tue 13th July - Saint Henry

Wed 14th July - Saint Camillus of
Lellis, Priest

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration.

12noon Mass

Thur 15th July - Saint Bonaventure,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Fri 16th July - BVM Mount Carmel

Sat 17th July - Our Lady on Saturday

18TH JULY 2021 SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

CARITAS AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER Are you passionate about our planet and how we care for it? Do you care about the poor and the vulnerable in our local communities? Would you like to be able to develop coordinated plans for action, working with parishes and schools in a Catholic setting? With two key aspects to this role, the successful applicant will need to have the confidence to ensure that both the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth are fully integrated into the life of our parishes and schools. For further information/informal discussion about the roles please contact Sarah Adams, the Director of Adult Education & Evangelisation on 0117 902 5595. The job description, personal specification and application form are available from www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing date for receipt of applications: 5pm, Friday 23 July 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Stephen Corrigan, who was ordained in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday morning. We wish him every blessing in his priestly ministry in the diocese.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 Due to the pandemic our first Holy Communion programme did not really get off the ground last year. We are hoping to begin preparation again in school in September with a view to celebrating First Communions on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday 21st November. These preparation sessions will be for children who briefly started the course last year and for other children in Yr 3 or above in Primary School. Preparing to receive Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist for the first time can be one of the most memorable experiences parents share with their children. Beforehand it is important that the family attend Mass regularly so that the child understands more fully what the Eucharist is about. If you would like your child to resume/begin preparation for the sacraments, we look forward to seeing you at Mass each week. Please email Fr Michael with the names of any children wishing to (re) commence the programme. We look forward to seeing you soon.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT It is a very hopeful sign of the new “springtime of holiness” for the Church that, in ever more places, people are participating in regular adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Early in his pontificate, St John Paul II established adoration chapels in the major patriarchal basilicas in Rome, realising that the holy Eucharist is the source and summit of life in the Church. Pope Francis has also continued to encourage us in Eucharistic Adoration. When there is faith, devotion and reverence for the Eucharist, the faithful grow in charity and holiness, and the community is blessed with a variety of vocations that serve the Church and all souls with joy and simplicity. The Eucharist is the source of life for the Church. We now have the wonderful opportunity to come before the Lord in quietness and in peace twice a week, Wednesday at 11.30am and Saturday at 5pm before Mass. Come and rest with the Lord a while in his healing presence in the Eucharist.

LGBT+ MASS - The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends will take place this Sunday the 11th July at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford's Gate, Easton, Bristol. BS5 0RE. To livestream follow the link on the parish website: <https://tolentino.org.uk>. All are welcome.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is a confidential and prayerful relationship of trust between two people, in which one listens to the other, enabled by the Holy Spirit, in discerning, supporting, affirming and offering guidance and resources in the life-long journey of spiritual growth and maturity. The material for spiritual direction is not only to do with prayer but with the whole of your life experience. Resources are available at: <https://cliftondiocese.com/spiritual-direction>

CONTACTLESS GIVING IN CHURCH In the last 10 years the use of cash has slowly diminished and now twice the value and volume of payments are made by card and contactless methods compared to cash, with this disparity growing more every year. With this in mind, our PPC has considered how this impacts how people donate to our Parish, and we want to ensure that there is the option for people to give contactlessly. Already our on-line Pay-pal giving method has been a great success. A contactless giving device is now situated in the baptistry to the left of the entrance. This will enable you to give by tapping the contactless payment device with a debit or credit card to your chosen amount. It is so easy. Contactless giving enables more people to give and allows givers to give in a way that feels comfortable, using their card to make a transaction in the same way they would in everyday life. It is also ideal for casual visitors who do not have regular giving set up but would like to give. It is also possible to Gift-aid your donation at the touch of a button. In our Covid world this is a safer way to give as it removes the need for handling cash. Do give it a try!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK With the change in government regulations we can finally resume indoor visitations observing Covid safety procedures. If you would like a visit or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Michael or Jane Wragg and we will arrange this for you. Fr Michael is also available to anoint the sick. Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear illness or infirmity and many Catholics have witnessed the grace of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing.

BOOKING FOR MASS We are thankfully seeing a gradual return to Mass now that so many have been vaccinated. Please remember that booking is still required to attend Mass to ensure right numbers for social distancing. The booking link is: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644. If you book and you later find that you do not require the place, please cancel it through Eventbrite to enable another person to come to Mass. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) As we gradually make a return to the Sacraments, we may wish to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy. Confessions are heard after each Mass or by appointment. It is good to see people returning to this beautiful sacrament of God's love.

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.chaplainy@nhs.net

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Ann Saba: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, James Gallagher, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, 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.

The Holy Father's July Prayer Intention: Social Friendship: That, in social, economic and political situations, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Diocesan Prayer Link: The Abbey Church, Downside with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: The Anglican Communities

July - Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from you.
From the evil one defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me.
And bid me come to You,
That with all Your saints,
I may praise You forever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer of 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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First reading

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Second reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved,
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,
and have believed it;
and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance

which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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