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## LATEST NEWS

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME (Year C)  
9am Sung Parish Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan St Anthony. No Mass

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Weekday in OT  
11.30am Funeral Mass of Mary  
Wilson RIP (Chippenham)

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jan St Wulfstan, Bishop  
11.30am Eucharistic Adoration  
12pm Mass (Corsham) (*Pat Coyne*)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Jan Weekday in OT  
12.10pm Mass (Chippenham)

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr  
12pm Mass (Corsham) (*Bart Tappe*)

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Our Lady on Saturday

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
9am Sung Parish Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Confessions: After Weekday Mass

## THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

*(Sunday Readings are available at the end of this bulletin)*

**Isaiah 62.1-5.** When the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, their land and cities seemed desolate. The prophet encourages them with images of light and the promise that God will make their land his bride.

**I Corinthians 12.4-11.** Members of the early church in Corinth had a variety of spiritual gifts, also known as charisms. Some used their gifts in proud and individualistic ways. Saint Paul reminds them that the gifts come only from the Spirit of God and should be used to unify and benefit the whole community.

**John 2.1-11.** There are incidents in the written narrative about Jesus where who he really is, is signalled in unmistakable gesture to a large audience. The heavenly manifestations at his baptism in the Jordan are one such incident. So was the recognition of his Lordship at his birth by the wise men representing the non-Jewish world. And another – from Jesus himself - is the replenishment of the wine for the large crowd of wedding guests at Cana. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. A banquet – and the free flow of wine – was always, for the people of God, a figure of the total fulfilment and happiness which would mark the Lord's final future coming. His overflowing generosity is always available to us.

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** starts on Tuesday 18th January. Each day at Mass, we remember different Christian Communities in our prayers as we pray that 'all may be one.'

**PEACE SUNDAY** Today, January 16th is Peace Sunday. The theme of Pope Francis' message this year is Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace. Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says: "This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. "The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times." Visit [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) for more details and to read Pope Francis' message.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE FINANCE** The Curia Finance department in Alexander House are currently recruiting an Accounting Officer and a Parish Finance Support Officer to replace two vacancies within the team. The Accounting Officer role is responsible for managing the purchase and sales ledgers and updating the nominal ledger and the Parish Finance Support Officer role is focused on supporting the implementation of OPAS and providing administrator support for parish bank, credit card and PayPal accounts. Further information regarding the roles is available on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE** For the past 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment programs 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. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled on 4th -6th March 2022 in Swindon and there are many other dates over the year (included Online Experience as well) – you can find out more and book your place at [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact us on 0845 260 2016

**SHARING THE JOURNEY** There is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed a sharing of ideas. All are welcome to join. The next session on Thursday 20th January, we look at the significance of the Rite of Election with Sarah Adams. The conversations will take place on Microsoft Teams, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register your interest please contact: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**LGBT+ MASS** is celebrated at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol BS5 0RE on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. LGBT + family and friends welcome to this Clifton diocesan initiative.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** to the Holy Land: Bishop Declan is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. The estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,879 per person (based on two people sharing). We currently have 19 places remaining on the pilgrimage, please do let us know as soon as you can if you are interested. If you are, then you can contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) where we can send you a booking form or contact Gill Didino directly at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The programme for first Holy Communion will begin shortly in school for those who have already registered. It is vitally important that we see our first communicants and their families at Mass as this is an integral and indeed the most important part of their preparation for the sacrament.

**STAYING SAFE** Thank you for continuing to sanitise your hands on entering the Church, wearing a mask, socially distancing and observing our one-way system. Let's continue to keep everyone safe.

**STEWARDSHIP** Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to support the Parish financially whilst unable to attend Mass. The donation 'button' that has been added to the homepage of our website enables donations to be made using credit and debit cards and via Dona. Thank you.

**HOSPITALS** 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net). If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please see Fr Michael before being admitted. This does help to take the pressure of the hospital chaplains at this difficult time.

**A WARM WELCOME** to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The Sick:** Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**The Holy Father's January Prayer Intention:** For true human fraternity: For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; that their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** University, College & School Chaplaincies in the Diocese

**Christians in Corsham Prayer Link:** All Christians in this week of prayer for Christian Unity

## January – Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. The feast of the Holy Name originated in the 1500s and was formerly celebrated on the second Sunday of Epiphany. It was restored in 2002 as an optional memorial on the first free day after 1<sup>st</sup> January. *“In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth”* (Phil 2:10). Christ’s name is chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: *“Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus”*. It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means “saviour.” The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

**JESUS, yours is the name above all names;  
We offer you our heartfelt praise and gratitude.  
Deepen in us an abiding reverence  
For your Holy Name.**

**Jesus, Saviour, heal the wounds within  
That our sin and fear have inflicted.  
Set us free from all that hinders us from**

**Rejoicing in your boundless love  
And sharing your goodness with others.**

**Jesus, Friend, draw us ever closer to you.  
We entrust all we carry in our hearts  
To your abundant mercy.**

**Jesus, Lord, pour out  
The Holy Spirit upon your people  
That our lives may overflow with your grace,  
Our days be filled with your love,  
And all our actions shine with your light. 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**

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

*Also available to download in 13 different languages at [www.virc.at](http://www.virc.at)*



### **First reading**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.*

**Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

cf Jn 6:63.68

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
You have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**John 2:1-11**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.