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LATEST NEWS

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

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

(The People of the Parish)

10.30am Sung Mass

(Sleiman Chebly RIP)

Mon 19th July - Weekday in OT

Tue 20th July - Weekday in OT

Wed 21st July - Weekday in OT

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration.

12noon Mass

Thur 22nd July - Feast of St Mary

Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles

12noon Mass

Fri 23rd July - Feast of St Bridget

Sat 24th July - St Sharbel Makhluf Pr

25TH JULY 2021 SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass

(The People of the Parish)

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah 22. 1-6. Jeremiah the prophet thunders against Israel's careless leaders (the king, some priests, some court prophets). These had no concern for the poor. The prophet also predicts the rise of a good, new shepherd in the family line of David.

Ephesians 2. 13-18. The "you" in this reading are Gentile converts to Christ. The "we" are Jewish converts to Christ. The law that Christ abolished means the law of Moses kept exclusively by the Jews.

Mark 6. 30-34. Jesus had sent his twelve closest followers on missions, to preach repentance, drive out demons, and cure the sick. Now they report back and called to rest.

STEP 4 GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNAL WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC The Government rules are changing on the 19th July and our Bishops have issued guidelines for Mass. In view of the rising numbers of Covid cases and the number of clinically extremely vulnerable people at Mass in a relatively small space, we will continue to proceed with care. Our Bishops still recommend that face coverings be worn at Mass, that we also adhere to safe social distance regulations and that Communion is still given in one kind only. Sanitising of hands is to continue (available at the entrance of the church) It is also recommended that singing should be phased in gently as part of worship over the summer period and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce. We will continue to use recorded music and gradually reintroduce the most important parts of the sung liturgy, the Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, holy, Lamb of God and the Great Amen. Hymns will be introduced later on when the risk from aerosol or droplet spread is lessened in a small space.

Stewarding will be a little less rigorous as we move forward but will continue at Sunday masses. We thank all our stewards, cleaners, servers, sacristans and music organisers who have kept us safe over the past eighteen months...may the good work continue. Full details of the Bishops Conference Guidelines are available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/step-4-guidance-for-communal-worship-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND This collection enables Bishop Declan to support those in formation for the Diocesan priesthood. The fund enables the diocese to fund their formation at the seminary and offer them a grant during that time. The fund is also used to support on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons. You can also donate at: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/special-collection-for-clergy-training/>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY In January, Pope Francis announced a “World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly” to be celebrated annually on the 4th Sunday in July (this year the 25th July 2021) For more information <https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francismessage-for-the-1st-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly>

HOME VISITS can now take place by priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers. The new guidelines from our Bishops state that ministers to the sick or housebound person must take care to ensure that a minimum number of visits takes place to different homes in a single session of visiting. There are three important steps to avoid possible spread of the virus, especially if someone is infected but asymptomatic:

- It is recommended (outside hospital and hospice chaplaincies who have infection control in place) that only one morning and one afternoon visit is made in a day to minimise risk of infection.
- The use of regular freely available [Covid-19 Home Test Kits](#) is recommended for those doing pastoral visits, to ensure they are not potential vectors of infection to those who are sick and medically vulnerable.
- Careful hand sanitisation

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 administer the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

PIANIST/ORGANIST NEEDED As we return gradually to a sung liturgy, we are in need of someone to lead our song, accompanying the Mass setting, Psalm and Hymns at Sunday Mass. Please see Fr Michael for more details. As with many parishes today this may need to become a salaried post. We will also begin to regather our group of Cantors to lead worship. If you sing and would like to help, please do come forward. Other musical instrumentalists are also very welcome. We need your talents!

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 thanks the parish for their card and greetings as he celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood.

22ND JULY FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE Mary was a follower of Jesus ‘out of whom he had cast seven devils’. She stood at Calvary, went to anoint his body at the tomb and was the first witness of the resurrection. The Church in modern times has abandoned Mary Magdalene’s former identification both with the sinner woman who anointed Christ’s feet in Simon’s house and as being Mary, the sister of Martha. Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb. We will celebrate her Feast on Thursday with Mass at 12noon. St Mary Magdalene, pray for us that we may point others to the resurrection of the Lord.





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 you 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.

THE DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of 6 Catholic Primary Schools in Somerset and North Somerset is looking to recruit more Directors to join its newly formed Trust Board. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of one of the first Multi Academy Trusts within Clifton Diocese. If you have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and wish to support and sustain Catholic education, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board of this new Multi Academy Trust. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the children in our schools. Please see the Director Recruitment Pack <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Director-Recruitment-Pack.pdf> for further details and how to apply. Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Tuesday 31st August.

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.

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 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.

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



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. If you haven’t been for some time and have forgotten the words, don’t worry. There are some cards at the entrance to assist you or the priest will gently guide you through. There is great rejoicing in heaven when we return to this amazing sacrament!

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: St Stanislaus, Dulverton & Sacred Heart, Minehead and Watchet.

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Aldhelm's URC & Methodist Community

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Also available to download in 13 different languages at www.virc.at



First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.