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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

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

Wisdom 2:12, 1-20 The Book of Wisdom was written for Jews living in a hostile environment, facing the threat that fellow Jews would assimilate. Here the writer tries to strengthen their resistance by revealing their enemies' thoughts.

James 3:16-4:3 The letter of James tries to unify the community by solving doctrinal disputes and giving practical advice for living together peacefully. This passage traces some of the problems to the peoples' feelings of jealousy.

Mark 9:30-37 In this passage, the disciples fail to understand Jesus' second prediction of his suffering, death and resurrection. Then they show that they don't understand Jesus' convictions about greatness and humility either.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Father Michael met this week with lead staff from St Patrick's School regarding first Holy Communion. We had hoped to celebrate this on the Solemnity of Christ the King. This would however have necessitated a shortened course and we feel that we will not be able to prepare the children adequately in this time for both the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. As some of the FHC children have not yet had the opportunity to return to Mass, we are now proposing to wait until early January to begin a full course for all children looking to FHC. This also gives us the ideal opportunity to begin a new 18-week course, leading to FHC at Corpus Christi (Sunday 19th June). Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Michael or Mrs Courtney if you have any questions.

Application forms for the 2022 FHC are available in Church. Please return asap to Fr Michael.

NEW HYMN BOOKS A very big thank you to everyone who has sponsored a new hymnal. The response has been wonderful. There is still time to give a hymn book (£6.25 per copy) These can be given in memory of a departed loved one(s) and RIP memorial plates will be placed in each copy dedicated to that person. We then invite you each week to say a little prayer for the person in whose memory the hymn book you are using was given. Tom Miller will be coordinating the collection for us, and order sheets are now available in Church. You can pay for your hymnals via the parish web site online or with card/cash at Mass.

19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 20th Sept - Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comp M

Tue 21st Sept - Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wed 22nd Sept - Weekday in OT
11.30am Eucharistic Adoration
12noon Mass

Thur 23rd Sept - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)

Fri 24th Sept - Our Lady of Walsingham Mass 12noon

Sat 25th Sept - Weekday in OT

26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)



OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is England's national Marian shrine. According to legend, Our Lady appeared in Walsingham to the Saxon noblewoman Richeldis de Faverches, in 1061. In three visions, Richeldis was taken by Mary to be shown the house in Nazareth where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. Mary then asked her to build an exact replica of that house in Walsingham. Throughout the centuries, Walsingham became one of the most popular shrines in Europe. Many pilgrims returned from their visit healed in body and spirit. Walsingham

received visits from King Henry III, Edward II, Edward III, Henry IV, Edward IV, Henry VII and Henry VIII, who finally brought about its destruction in 1538. In 1897, the first official Catholic pilgrimage after the Reformation took place at the restored 14th century Slipper Chapel, which is now the centre of the Roman Catholic National Shrine. In the 1920s the Anglican shrine began growing in the remains of the original Priory and now has its own church, housing a copy of the original statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and a replica of the Holy House. There is also now a Russian Orthodox chapel in Walsingham. Walsingham came to be known as 'England's Nazareth'. During lockdown a small statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has been a focal point of our Marian devotion at St Patrick's, and many have lit candles before this image of Our Lady. **Mass will be celebrated at 12noon on Friday 24th, the feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham. Do come along and give thanks to Our Lady of Walsingham for blessings received.**

THANK YOU FROM MARY'S MEALS A heartfelt thank you to St Patrick's for your precious donation of £300.00. Mary's Meals normally serves nutritious meals in school to children living in 19 of the world's poorest countries, giving them the energy and opportunity to gain an education that can one day be their ladder out of poverty. Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, we are determined that our work won't stop. We are continuing to safely distribute meals to children at school where possible, or at home for those who are not yet able to return to the classroom. Your gift will be used to help change more young lives in countries like Ethiopia. This includes children like 11-year-old Lydia, who receives Mary's Meals at Tsehafe-Werdi Primary School. She says: "If we don't receive education, we cannot save our country and we cannot be in a safe place. I hope all of us will decide the future of our country." Lydia has high-flying ambitions to become a pilot when she finishes school, telling us: "I saw the birds which are flying in the sky and I want to be like them." Together, we are bringing the hope of a brighter future to so many children. I thank you, with all my heart, on behalf of the children who eat Mary's Meals.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING We thank the small group of people who have cleaned our Church during lockdown and those who have regularly assisted with the sanitization. We now **URGENTLY** need people to give a little of their time to assist with the cleaning of the Church. This could be a weekly or even a monthly offering at a time to suit you. Please mail the parish with offers of help.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY / HARVEST THANKSGIVING Fast-day this year falls on Friday 1st October CAFOD Fast Day and envelopes will be available. Sunday 3rd October will take on a harvest theme as we give thanks for the Harvest, the Fruits of Human Labour and the Reverent use of Creation. This year, CAFOD is focusing on the poorest communities most affected by the climate crisis. This Harvest Appeal invites us to stand alongside them and help communities who are protecting Our Common Home. Why not give up a meal on fast day and donate the cost to the appeal?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each week, we have a wonderful opportunity to come into Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and quiet prayer on Wednesday at 11.30am and Saturday at 5pm. Come into the peace and stillness of the Lord. Come and rest with the Lord a while in his healing presence. The gift of the Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.





RETURNING TO A SUNDAY OBLIGATION Since Lockdown in the Lent 2020, our Bishops released us from the Sunday Obligation. As we begin to move to more freedom, our Bishops call us to focus on the First Sunday of Advent (28th November) as a point where we pick up that ‘obligation’ once again. How can we view this? The Sunday

obligation to attend Mass for Catholics shouldn't be seen as an "imposition," but an invitation to grow deeper in love with God. When a person really understands what's going on at Mass and who it is they have an opportunity to encounter and receive, then they literally build their weekend around Mass. St John Paul II explained this in his apostolic exhortation [Dies Domini](#). ‘Even if in the earliest times it was not judged necessary to be prescriptive, the Church has not ceased to confirm this obligation of conscience, which rises from the inner need felt so strongly by the Christians of the first centuries. It was only later, faced with the half-heartedness or negligence of some, that the Church had to make explicit the duty to attend Sunday Mass. (47) So even today, the Catholic who is able to attend Mass must make every reasonable effort to be there. But above all, the obligation should not be seen as an “imposition,” but an “invitation” to enter into the love of God, as St John Paul II reiterated. Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life ... “I would strongly urge everyone to rediscover Sunday: Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us “his day” as an ever-new gift of his love ... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.’ The Sunday obligation is a great gift to humanity, and Catholics are called to fulfil it with a joyful heart.

RENEW, REFRESH, RE-ENGAGE: BUILDING OUR PARISHES AFTER LOCKDOWN. This is a new world we are moving into, full of uncertainties. We don't know what resources we will have, who will come back to church, or how things will unfold over the next year. It's looking as if a return to church will be a trickle-back rather than a flood, and we need to make the most of opportunities along the way. We have two different needs facing us: to re-establish our existing communities and ministry groups; – to reach out to those who have not yet returned and to new people. We are joining with Northampton Diocese to offer webinars to support these resources through September: 20th September (tbc) Jo Boyce will inspire us to refresh our music ministry with lots of new ideas to help us get going again. 27th September: Avril Baigent and Sarah Adams reflect on the practical steps to help re-build our communities. To book, go to https://refresh_renew.eventbrite.co.uk

SONG GROUP / CANTORS Psalm 150 proclaims ‘...let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!’ Music can inspire people to change, to forgive, to live a joyful life, to love more and to pray better. It expresses things that we are unable to express in words alone. We are hoping to re-gather singers to assist in singing the Sunday Masses as we move from recorded to live singing. If you would like to join, all you need is a love of singing and be able to give some time to practice. All ages and experiences are welcome. Do you play an instrument such as the organ, keyboard, flute, violin or trumpet and want to contribute? Instruments have been used to praise God since before the scriptures were written. If you play an instrument, you could add beauty to our music and enhance our worship. Please have a word with Fr Michael if you are able to help and we will schedule an initial get together to determine the way forward.

TIME TO START SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese, including St Patrick's School. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Wiltshire Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2022.

CLIFTON DIOCESE DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGES ADMINISTRATOR Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruit a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30- 2-30 Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on: www.schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies or on the main diocesan website. The extended Closing Date is Tuesday, 28th September at 12 noon

CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY - 11am SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER, CLIFTON CATHEDRAL - You are invited to join Bishop Declan to celebrate the glory of God's creation and to bring us all together in supporting and encouraging each other in the campaign to save our earth. Come to the liturgy and meet Clifton charities involved in mobilising towards COP26 and the ongoing campaign to save Our Common Home. There are helpful resources at Home Interest – www.seasonofcreation.org/of Creation.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Retrouvaille is a programme for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend' on 21st - 24th October 2021. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS There is an invitation on Saturday 25th September to draw together catechists from around our diocese, as well as those involved in parish formation and evangelisation, as a way of offering an opportunity for conversation and formation, focusing on family catechesis. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will help to reflect on the role of parents in catechesis and give catechists the confidence to enable them to be the first teachers of their children's faith. The day will take place at St John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge, and will start at 11am and finish around 4pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, but you are asked to bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day so please register by email through the Adult Education Office: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

PAPAL VISIT See www.vatican.va to view videos and transcripts of the homilies/addresses of Pope Francis during his Apostolic Journey to Budapest and the Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress last week.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION We are seeing a gradual rise in enquiries for infant baptism in the parish and would like to form a small parish baptism preparation team. This will involve giving a presentation to parents ahead of the baptism and offering support as they introduce their child to the Mass. All course materials and DVD's etc will be provide. This ministry might suit younger parishioners with children of their own. Please see Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

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 us with a view to starting a journey in the autumn.

STAYING SAFE As we have several clinically extremely vulnerable people in our Church family, we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on entering the Church, wear a mask, socially distance and observe our one-way system. Communion will be given in one kind only. 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.chaplainy@nhs.net

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

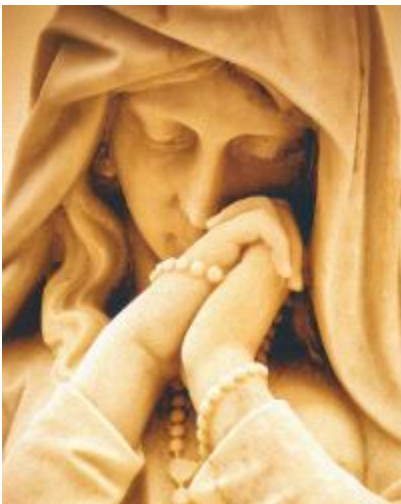
The Sick: Peter Power: Ann Saba: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

The Holy Father's September Prayer Intention: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Salisbury Parishes

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: Corsham Baptist Community

September – Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



For Catholics, September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows, immediately following August's devotion to the Immaculate Heart, and preceding October's devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary. September is an ideal time to strengthen our connection to Our Lady. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St Anselm and St Bernard. The Seven Sorrows devotion involves praying seven Hail Mary's a day, each one while meditating on one of Our Lady's seven sorrows, which are:

- The prophecy of Simeon.
 - The flight into Egypt.
 - The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.
 - The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.
 - The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross and preparation for burial.
 - The burial of Jesus.

And the Seven Sorrows Rosary involves dwelling upon each of the seven sorrows as you would one of the mysteries of the rosary, with seven Hail Marys instead of a decade. Begin each sorrow with an Our Father.

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 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

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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



First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
'Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

Second reading

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.