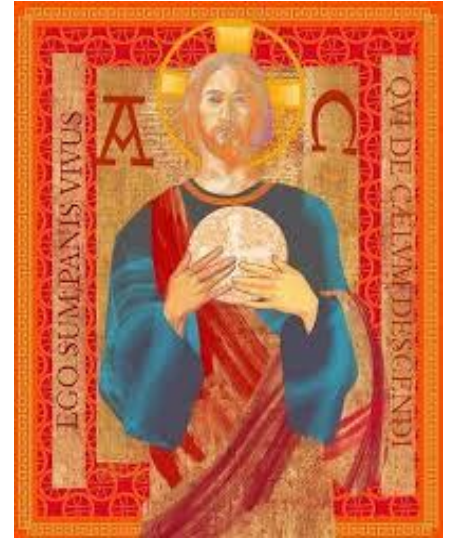


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## LATEST NEWS

### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

**Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15.** This passage reminded exiled Jews of how their God had provided for their ancestors in an earlier difficult time, and how God had demanded of them strict obedience.

**Ephesians 4.17, 20-24.** In prior verses, the writer has told the Gentile Christians at Ephesus how Christ has now reconciled them with God's historically favoured people, the Jews. Today's verses demand some changes from their pre-Christian way of life.

**John 6. 24-35.** In earlier verses of the gospel, Jesus has miraculously fed thousands of people. Now Jesus challenges them to find new meaning in miracles, in their history, in bread itself, and in their desire to do God's will. Jesus cites the people's history, an incident in which Moses gave their ancestors "bread from heaven to eat." As you would expect, Jesus will reinterpret that event and show how God's gift to the world in Jesus himself excels what God gave through Moses.

**MESSAGE FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK** - Firstly, Right To Life UK is very pleased to announce that Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, has become a patron of our organisation. We are very grateful to His Eminence for his support of our work. Secondly, we would like to congratulate Lord Alton of Liverpool for being this year's recipient of The Westminster Award for Human Life, Human Rights, and Human Dignity. This award recognises extraordinary and notable work and achievements that safeguard the dignity and right to life of human beings. We are grateful for the many decades he has given to the protection of lives and for the inspiration he is to all those in politics and positions of influence. Lastly, we would like to thank you for all your prayers and support over the past few months. You will

have likely heard of a recent parliamentary win, wherein an attempt to hijack the UK Government's flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill with two extreme abortion proposals failed. This would not have been possible without the support of you and your congregations. By contacting your MPs and sharing your disapproval of these amendments, it was made clear to MPs that these amendments lacked the support of their constituents and so were prevented from becoming law, leading to the likely saving of many lives.

1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021 EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)  
5pm Eucharistic Adoration  
5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)  
(Brendan Macdonald RIP)  
10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Weekday in OT

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug - Weekday in OT

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Aug - St John Vianney  
11.30am am Eucharistic Adoration.  
12noon Mass

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - Dedication of the  
Basilica of St Mary Major

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Aug - The Feast of the  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
12noon Mass

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug - Weekday in OT

8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 NINETEENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)  
5pm Eucharistic Adoration  
5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)  
10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)



## **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, Mass at 12noon.** In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples. There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they

had seen "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead. How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptised at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St Thomas Aquinas). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)'" (CCC no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

**BOOKING FOR MASS PAUSED** We are thankfully seeing a gradual return to Mass now that so many have been vaccinated. For the next few weeks, we are pausing the requirement to book for Mass via Eventbrite as we do not expect numbers to exceed capacity over the holiday period.

**FAMILY PRAYER RESOURCES FOR SUMMER - CAFOD** will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

**CATECHISTS DAY** On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September Clifton Diocese Adult Education Dept is looking 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 us 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 11.00am and finish around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, we ask for catechists to bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day so please register early. You can register for the day at the Adult Education email: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER** - Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 October (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2021 or those who will marry this year. If there are any marriages in our parish this year or any couple celebrating significant anniversaries ie 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries during 2021. The names of these couples – engaged and anniversaries – need to be sent to this email: (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) so that personal invitations can be sent to them.

**SINGING AT MASS** is gradually being reintroduced, albeit through our masks. We begin with the most important parts of the Mass, the Gloria, Psalm, Holy, holy, Lamb of God and acclamations. Thus, we sing the Mass, not simply sing at Mass. Hymns which may take the place of the Antiphons within the Roman rite, will be reintroduced after the summer break.



#### **4TH AUGUST - SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST.**

“If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die: not of fear, but of love.” St John Vianney’s whole life could be summed up in this saying attributed to him. Known as the “Curé d’Ars,” Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1786 in France in the town of Dardilly, near Lyons. His devout Catholic parents were farmers, and from an early age, John worked in the fields. Without formal education, as a young man he was functionally illiterate; but thanks to his mother’s teaching, Vianney was able to memorise and understand numerous prayers, and live a devout religious life. At that time in France, the winds of Revolution were blowing. Young John made his Confession at home, rather than in a church, to a

“non-juring” priest – that is, a priest who had not sworn loyalty to the revolutionary government. The same priest gave him his First Communion in a barn, during an “underground” Mass. At the age of 17, John Vianney felt the call to the priesthood. “If I am to be a priest,” he said, “I will win many souls for God.” But the path to ordination was not an easy one, due to the corrupted morals of the day. It was only thanks to some wise priests – including Father Balley, the parish priest of d’Écully, that he finally received Holy Orders on 13 February 1815, at the age of 29. Three years later, in 1818, Father John Vianney was sent to the town of Ars, which, with just 230 residents, was little more than a small French village. Here the young priest dedicated all his efforts to the spiritual care of the faithful. He visited the poorest families, restored the village church, organized patronal feast days. He also founded La Providence, a home for girls. But it was for his dedication to the Sacrament of Confession that the Curé of Ars is best known. He was always available to hear Confessions and offer forgiveness, spending up to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Crowds of penitents travelled from every part of France to make their Confession to the holy priest. In time, Ars became known as “the great hospital of souls.” St John Vianney himself would keep vigils and fast to assist the expiation of the sins of the faithful. “I’ll tell you my recipe,” he told one of his confreres. “I give sinners a small penance, and the rest I do in their place.” Having given his whole life for God and his parishioners, John Vianney died on 4 August 1859. He was 73 years old. In 1929, he was canonised by Pope Pius XI. In 1929, the same Pope proclaimed him the “heavenly patron of all parish priests throughout the world.”

**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!

**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.

**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.

**KEEPING 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. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The Sick:** 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.

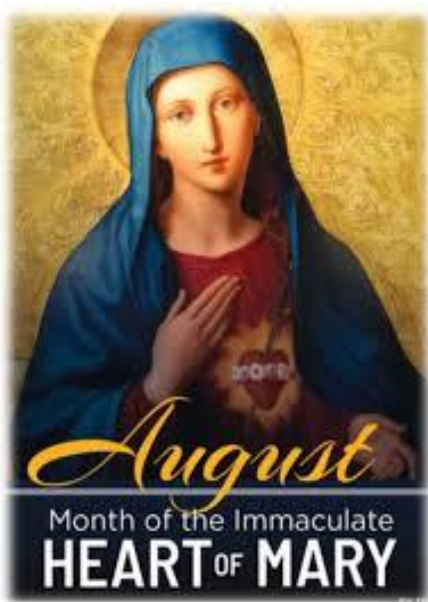
**Recently Departed:** James Gallagher, John Hunt.

**The Holy Father's August Prayer Intention:** Evangelisation: For the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Catherine, Frome & St Dominic, Mells

**Christians in Corsham Prayer Link:** St Patrick's Catholic Church

## August - Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. On 25<sup>th</sup> March 1984, St Pope John Paul II also made the solemn act of consecration of the world, particularly Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August. We entrust to the intercession of Mary our hopes, fears, and the challenges of our daily lives.

## Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

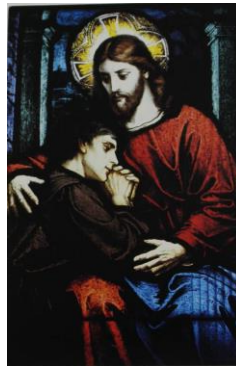
O Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
full of goodness,  
show your love towards us.  
Let the flame of your heart,  
O Mary, descend on all people.  
We love you immensely.  
Impress true love in our hearts  
so that we have a continuous desire for you.  
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.  
You know that all men sin.  
Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health.  
Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart  
and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.  
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

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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### First reading

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
will tell them to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.

He sent them abundance of food;  
So he brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

## **Second reading**

**Ephesians 4:17,20-24**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Mt4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So, they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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