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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9: Jeremiah confidently predicted the return of exiled citizens to their homeland. He calls the people by various names of their ancient patriarchs.

Hebrews 5: 1-6: For Jewish converts to Christianity, this passage compares Jesus to the priests of Judaism. Jesus is like them in some ways, and different from them in other important ways.

Mark: 10: 46-52: Here a blind man on the roadside, by the title he gives to Jesus, shows that he recognizes Jesus more clearly than those who have been traveling with Jesus for a long time.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021 – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission – is observed today. If you would like a red Mission box (or have one to be emptied) please let us know. To see the Pope's Mission message and to donate please go to www.mission.org.uk Giving envelopes are also available.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is celebrated next Sunday, transferred from 1st November. Tuesday 2nd November, we celebrate the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Requiem Masses will be celebrated at 12noon in Corsham and 6pm in Chippenham. Come and pray for you departed loved ones on this beautiful day.

WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER is the 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Wednesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com. Please invite your friends and family to join us via Facebook event https://www.facebook.com/events/2154295138222_52

24TH OCTOBER 2021

30TH SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

9am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 25th Oct - Weekday on OT

Tue 26th Oct - Ss Chad & Cedd Bps

5pm Mass (Chippenham)

Wed 27th Oct - Weekday in OT

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration

12noon Mass (Corsham)

Thur 28th Oct - Feast of Ss Simon &

Jude Ap

12.10pm Mass (Chippenham)

Fri 29th Oct - Weekday in OT

12noon Mass (Corsham)

Sat 30th Oct - Weekday in OT

31ST OCTOBER 2021

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

9am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

(Confessions are heard after

midweek Mass or by appointment)



THE FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR will be on Sunday 14th November 2021. Pope Francis, on the first World Day of the Poor in 2017, implored that our service to the poor, “...lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life.” This call to engage the poor among us as our brothers and sisters, and not to treat them as abstract, transactional relationships, reminds us of the love that Christ demonstrates for us. A 9 day Novena has been prepared by Caritas Social Action Network.

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL Bishop Declan is looking for people to join our diocesan youth council, to support the work of those involved in Youth Ministry across the diocese and to encourage and enable others to feel more confident about engaging in the work. To apply, or for more information please email: www.youth@cliftondiocese.com by 25th October.

PREPARING FOR SYNOD For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today’s world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation. Pope Francis has highlighted the importance of ‘mutual listening’ and this will be at the heart of the synodal process throughout the Church. The process begins in the Local Church and then moves to the level of the Bishops’ Conference. From there, discernment takes place in the Regional Area – for England and Wales, it will be steered by the European Council of Bishops’ Conferences (CCEE) – before moving to the Universal Church with the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in 2023, sub et cum Petro. Pope Francis invites us to participate in a world-wide Synod - every person in the Church is invited to respond. So that we can fully understand what Pope Francis is asking the diocese is offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process. If you would like to participate in one of the online Teams sessions, please let us know at synod@cliftondiocese.com, so that we can send you an invite. If you plan to attend one of the sessions around the diocese, please also let us know so that we have an idea of numbers. Our local session is on 6th November, 10am -12noon: St John’s Centre, Trowbridge www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Bishop Declan is set to lead the Holy Land pilgrimage in 2022 (26th September to 4th October) staying two nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Galilee. If you are interested in the pilgrimage and would like further information, please contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

MUSIC GROUP A big thank you to all who have responded to our request for singers and musicians. We are meeting at 4.30pm on Wednesdays each week in Church to begin our preparation. All are most welcome to join if you love to sing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Application forms for the 2022 FHC of children who are baptised Catholics and in Yr 3 or above are now available in Church. Please return asap to Fr Michael if you wish your child to begin preparation in January. The closing date for receipt of completed forms is Sunday November 14th, 2021.

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 before midweek mass. 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.

BAPTISMAL PREP TEAM Thank you to Tom Martin who has offered to help with our new baptismal preparation ministry. We need just one more person who would be able to assist with this important ministry. 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. Please see Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

PRAYER GROUP Thursday October 14th Zoom Prayers at 9.30. Friday October 22nd Prayer Group in the Church at 9.30 followed by coffee in the Hall. Thursday October 28th Zoom Prayers at 9.30. Friday November 5th Prayer Group in the Church at 9.30 followed by coffee in the hall.

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. Thank you.

THE CLOCKS go back one hour, next Saturday night (30th Oct). Don't be early for Mass 😊

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 October Prayer Intention: Missionary Disciples. That every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Holy Rood, Swindon

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: Corsham Baptist Community

October – Month of the Holy Rosary



“With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”
—Pope Saint John Paul II

The Rosary is a traditional devotion which encourages prayerful meditation, through repetition of the prayers 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be' while at the same time reflecting in turn on different episodes from the life of Christ (known as the 'mysteries'). Rosary beads are used to count off the prayers. The Rosary brings us closer to Jesus Christ by allowing us to see the events of his life through the eyes of his blessed mother, Mary. It is a simple yet profound form of prayer, accessible to all.

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to rediscover the beauty of the rosary prayer this month, encouraging people to carry a rosary with them in their pockets. "I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries." "I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations." The pope said that the Blessed Virgin Mary has urged the recitation of the rosary in her apparitions, "especially in the face of the threats looming over the world."

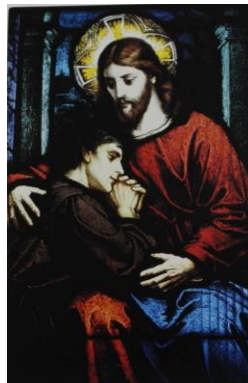
O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. 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 Thirtieth 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 31:7-9

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
‘The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!’
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Second reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and

went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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