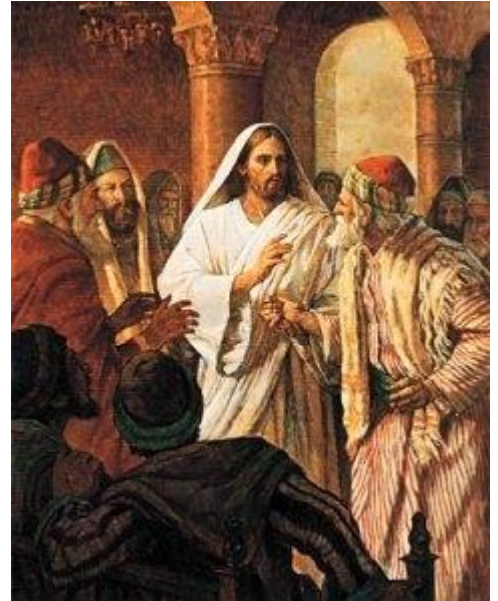


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## LATEST NEWS

### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

**Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8:** These statements on the lips of Moses reflect the national pride that Israel derived from having the **law** that God gave them.

**James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27:** In the first of a series of readings from the epistle of James, the author corrects the belief of some early Christians that temptations come from God. He bluntly states his major theme about how the faithful person responds to God's grace with good works.

**Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23:** In today's gospel passage, Jesus calls his disciples to a higher form of purity than the mere ritual purity prescribed by the religious leaders. His criticism will lead to their conspiring against him

**A WARM WELCOME** to Fr Stephen Corrigan who celebrates our Sat/Sunday masses this weekend. Fr Stephen takes up his new appointment as assistant-priest at St Peter's Gloucester this coming week. We wish him every blessing as he begins his parish ministry in the diocese.

**MIDWEEK MASS** Please note there are no midweek masses this week.

**CALLING YOUNG ADULTS (18-35 years)** A group has just started for young adults in Chippenham. If you would like to meet other young people, talk and learn more about our faith, and to

support (and hopefully inspire) each other, then please consider joining us. Our next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 after the 18:30 Mass in Chippenham (start time likely 19:15). The hope for this group is to encourage each other in our faith journey, become friends and have fun. If you're interested, please come along or drop me a text on 07759 093329. Thanks, Catherine.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)  
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team. The Safeguarding Officer role

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Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - Saint Margaret  
Clitheroe, Anne Line & Margaret  
Ward, Martyrs

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Aug - Saint Aidan, Bp, and  
Saints of Lindisafrne

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - Weekday in OT

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Weekday in OT

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Feast of Saint Gregory  
the Great, Pope, Dr of the Church

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Saint Cuthbert, Bp

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supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Health, Probation or Policing, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. Closing date for receipt of applications: 17 September 2021

**SPONSOR A 'MEMORIAL' HYMN BOOK** We are looking forward to singing from our hymn books again soon. Our hymnals, however, have seen better days and are rather dirty and many of the spines are broken. Also, the present hymn books do not reflect the changes made to the translation of the Mass made in 2010. We are hoping to purchase the updated version of 'Laudate' our present hymn book. We are inviting parishioners to 'sponsor' a hymn book at the cost of £6.25 per copy. These may 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. We are hoping to purchase 100 copies and some music editions too.

**SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS** The three martyrs we commemorate on 30<sup>th</sup> August are numbered amongst the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, who suffered death for the Catholic faith which had been outlawed in England. These three women were all martyred because they protected Catholic priests from the Elizabethan authorities, who were seeking out all Catholic priests for execution. During this dark time in history, it was illegal for priests to be in the country, as it was illegal for Catholics to receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. St Margaret Clitherow was a convert to the faith. She became a Catholic when she was eighteen. Although her husband was not a Catholic, he supported her in the practice of her faith, along with their son Henry, who was studying for the priesthood. Margaret's husband even went so far all to allow her to welcome priests into their home for the celebration of Mass, and 1586 she was arrested for giving shelter to a priest. She was condemned to the horrifying death of being slowly crushed to death, being made to lay upon a sharp stone with a door placed upon her while nearly eight hundred pounds of stone were gradually added on top of the door. This took place on Good Friday in 1586. She died with the name of Jesus upon her lips. St Anne Line was also a convert and was completely disowned by her family. In 1586 she married a man who was also a convert to the faith, but who soon exiled from the country, leaving Anne by herself. She eventually managed two "safe houses" where travelling priests could hide, but was arrested on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1601, when she assisted a priest in escaping arrest. When she was brought to court, she fully admitted what she had done, and told the judge that her only regret was that she had not helped more priests. St Anne Line was hanged in London, and before her death she repeated what she had said in court, stating clearly that she did not repent for her actions, but that she wished she could have done it a thousand times. St Margaret Ward helped a priest escape from the prison where he was being held by smuggling him a length of rope with which he could lower himself over the prison wall. She was eventually accused of giving assistance to the priest because it was known that she was the last person to have visited him, and therefore was the most obvious person to have given the rope to the prisoner. St Margaret Ward was bound by chains, hung up by her hands, and was brutally scourged, as the authorities demanded to know where the priest had gone. She steadfastly refused and was hanged publicly in London on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1588.





**CAFOD** is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing

extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**CONTACTLESS GIVING / ON-LINE GIVING REMINDER** The use of cash has been in decline for many years and, since the pandemic began and the use of cash was discouraged, many of us no longer carry cash. We rely instead on contactless payment in shops, on public transport and many other places. Because of this, we have set up a contactless card reader for donations at St Patrick's Church. This is located to the left of the entrance to the church. The new card machine has the ability to add Gift Aid to your donation (if you are an eligible taxpayer and wish to do so). The first time you use the machine and wish to add Gift Aid, you will need to input your details but thereafter, once your payment card is registered, the card reader will recognise it the next time you make a payment. You are also able to give on-line via our parish website with the new 'Dona' button. Please do make use of it as it also puts less pressure on our weekly cash counters.

**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 provided. This ministry might suit younger parishioners with children of their own. Please see Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

**SERVING AT MASS** As we move towards restoring our serving teams at Mass, we welcome any who might like to take up this ministry - men, women and children, all are welcome. Please have a word with Fr Michael, Frank Harvey or Christine Haggerty.

**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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)) so that personal invitations can be sent to them.

**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.

**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.

**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:** 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:** St Benet, Kemerton/ St Joseph, Tewkesbury/ St Nicholas, Winchcombe

**The People of Afghanistan**

**Christians in Corsham Prayer Link:** Other Christian Communities

## 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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### First reading

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Psalm 14(15):2-5

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

### Second reading

*A reading from the letter of St James*

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

cf.Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.  
The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.