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## LATEST NEWS

3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2021

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - St Francis of Assisi

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - St Faustina Kowalska V

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - St Bruno, Pr

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration

12noon Mass

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Our Lady of the  
Rosary

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Weekday in OT

11am Funeral Mass of Ellen

Donaghue RIP (*see notice*)

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Feast of St John Henry  
Newman, Pr

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## THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

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

**Genesis 2: 18-24:** This writing comes from a time and culture different from ours, where marriages were arranged by families. This passage addressed the threat that a failed marriage would lead to violent feuding within or among families.

**Hebrews 2:9-11:** When Jews expelled those who believed in Jesus, this letter assured Hebrew Christians that, in Jesus, they have something and someone superior to everything they enjoyed in their ancestral religion. Today the author shows that Jesus, even a suffering Jesus, makes obsolete the mediation of angels, and is a priest superior to the priests of Judaism.

**Mark 10:2-16:** As Saint Mark's gospel continues, Jesus continues to inflame his critics with controversial teaching, and continues to correct the misunderstandings of his friends.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING** Lammas or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon *Hlafmaesse*) is an English feast in origin, held on 1 August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. At Mass this weekend we say a special thank you to God for the fruits of the harvest, the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation. Let us offer thanks for our daily food and for those whose work and skill bring us that food. We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life, for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors. We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease,

and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Let us thank the Lord of the Harvest.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** took place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and giving envelopes are still available in Church this weekend. You can donate online through the CAFOD website: [www.cafod.org.uk/climate\\_crisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climate_crisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis.



**CLIFTON & CLIMATE CHANGE** Join us on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 11am at Clifton Cathedral for the Clifton Climate Liturgy. Bishop Declan is inviting us all as the community of Clifton Diocese to join him in celebrating God's creation. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences, share in the challenge to do something about Climate Change, and bring families and friends - all are welcome!

**OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets in the hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Any AOB 48 hours in advance please.

**SINGERS AT MASS/ MUSICIANS** Thank you to all who have responded to our appeal to help reform our singing group to sing the Mass. Let us get together with diaries after the 10.30am Sunday Mass and plan our first meeting. Thank you.

**SUMMARY OF THE HOLY FATHER'S GENERAL AUDIENCE** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Letter to the Galatians, we now consider Saint Paul's teaching on justification. For the Apostle, God in his mercy, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, has offered definitive forgiveness and salvation to sinners, thus reconciling us to himself. Paul's encounter with the risen Lord on the road to Damascus led him to understand that we are justified not by the observance of precepts and our own efforts, but by the grace of God through faith in Christ. While the law remains a holy gift of God (cf. Rom 7:12), and obedience to the commandments is essential to our spiritual life, the grace of God, freely bestowed in Christ, is primary. The faith born of our experience of God's saving love should transform every aspect of our lives and bear fruit in acts of charity; in this sense, Saint James can write that we are "justified by works, not by faith alone" (Jas 2:24). In the work of our justification, the priority belongs to the justice and mercy of God, who calls us to cooperate in his plan of salvation for all.

**MAINTAINING & IMPROVING ST PATRICK'S CHURCH** Our church was built as a Victorian charity school in 1848, is grade 2 listed and has been a church for approximately 75 years. The original building was modified for industrial use (first as a glove factory and then, during the war, producing gas masks) in the 1940s and then into a church between 1950 and 1965. The church originally consisted of the current main part of the church in front of the altar with 2 additional rooms on the carpark side. It was extended in the 1960s by partial opening up of the internal walls and building the extension that is now the flower sacristy beside the car park door. While the church space was increased the internal layout was not changed as the altar has remained directly under the aesthetically attractive gothic style main window. As a result, many parts of the church have poor sight lines to the altar. These various modifications have, unfortunately, compromised the structural integrity of the original Victorian building. The roof drainage has been disrupted and leaks into the building, the fire escape and associated door are aesthetically disappointing and have caused structural damage to that part of the church, the upper floor is poorly attached to the walls and has been ordered out of use because of structural and fire safety concerns, and the flower sacristy is falling away from the main building and has severe rainwater leaks. There is also a need to increase Mass capacity due to the reduction in weekend masses that will be caused fewer priests in the diocese. The Parish Finance Committee is working with the Diocese to appoint an architect to establish the current state of the building and to identify how it can be improved to increase capacity, improve the liturgical layout, and to prepare it for another 75 years of church use. Tender responses from architects invited to carry out a design study are between £10,000 to £15,000. These early discussions with architects have led to the realisation that the total bill for refurbishment of the church could be in the order of £500,000.

We have been advised that the Diocesan Finance Committee and the trustees would be unlikely to support a request to spend tens of thousands of pounds on a design study without addressing how the full building cost can be met. We would potentially be wasting a large sum of charitable money if the full project could not

proceed. We have therefore asked our potential architects to amend their proposals to reduce the level of detail in their plans and to include an investment appraisal looking at the whole of the current church site. In the meantime, we have a legal obligation to preserve this listed building but are struggling to achieve that due to a reduction in our income resulting from the pandemic. There is a backlog of urgent weatherproofing repairs to the roof and the window which need to be funded from our weekly offertory giving which still falls far below pre pandemic levels, partly due to a move away from cash and our inability to hold a cash collection each week. We will therefore be making appeals to you all in forthcoming weeks to recover our level of income using standing orders, card payments in the church, gift aid, and to ask for an increase in the level of giving. (Vic Steadman – Parish Treasurer)

**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.**

**NEW HYMN BOOKS** Our new hymnals have arrived, and we are beginning the task of inscribing them. A very big thank you to everyone who has sponsored a hymnal. The response has been wonderful. You can pay for your hymnals via the parish web site online or with card/cash at Mass.

**ELLEN DONOGHUE RIP** We remember Ellen and her family in our prayers at this time. Ellen's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. As numbers attending will be restricted to enable some social distancing in Church, please contact Maureen Whittleton to check availability if you wish to attend Tel: 07850129278.

**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 (28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 Recently Departed:** Maria Martinez

**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:** St Joseph, Stonehouse & The Annunciation, Woodchester

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

## 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 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Also available to download in 13 different languages at [www.virc.at](http://www.virc.at)



### First reading

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

Psalm 127(128)

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace!

### **Second reading**

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Mark 10:2-16**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.