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## LATEST NEWS

4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 FOURTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

(Penny Lake RIP)

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July - St Anthony Zaccaria

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> July - St Maria Goretti, V. Mr

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July - Weekday in OT

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration.

12noon Mass

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July - Weekday in OT

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July - St Augustine Zhao

Rong, Pr and Companions, Martyrs

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July - Our Lady on Saturday

11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 FIFTEENTH

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5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

**THE WORD THIS SUNDAY** Ezekiel 2:2-5. Ezekiel was a prophet during the exile in Babylon. He had to tell the Jews that yet more bad news was coming, although other prophets were painting a rosy picture. This passage comes from God's instruction at the time of Ezekiel's call.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10: The early church in Corinth was full of controversy. Some members challenged the authority of the apostle Paul. So, Paul presents his qualifications, including some supernatural visions he had. But he qualifies these credentials with a meditation on his own weakness.

Mark 6:1-6: A main theme of Saint Mark's gospel is that the followers of Jesus should not embrace Jesus only because of the miracles he performed but must reckon with the opposition he faced and the cross he endured. This passage is about people dismissing Jesus because he lacked credentials.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** Due to the pandemic our first Holy Communion programme did not really get off the ground last year. We are hoping to begin preparation again in school in September with a view to celebrating First Communions on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. These preparation sessions will be for children who briefly started the course last year and for other children in Yr 3 or above in Primary School. Preparing to receive Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist for the first time can be one of the most memorable experiences parents share with their children. Beforehand it is important that the family attend Mass regularly so that the child understands more fully what the Eucharist is about. If you would like you child to resume/begin preparation for the sacraments, we look

forward to seeing you at Mass each week. Please email Fr Michael with the names of any children wishing to (re) commence the programme. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** Please pray for Deacon Stephen Corrigan, who is to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood next Saturday by Bishop Declan in Clifton Cathedral. It was good to have Stephen with us at St Patrick's at Pentecost to preach and he will visit us again as a new priest in August. The Ordination Mass can be viewed on [www.cliftoncathedral.org](http://www.cliftoncathedral.org). or on our website cathedral link.



**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.

**ST PATRICK’S LAWNS** People have commented how lovely the grounds are looking as we move into summer. Thank you to Keith and Ewan for all their hard work in keeping the lawns cut so beautifully, with some amazing stripes too! If wish to help our in the garden, please let us know!

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** is a confidential and prayerful relationship of trust between two people, in which one listens to the other, enabled by the Holy Spirit, in discerning, supporting, affirming and offering guidance and resources in the life-long journey of spiritual growth and maturity. The material for spiritual direction is not only to do with prayer but with the whole of your life experience. Resources are available at; <https://cliftondiocese.com/spiritual-direction>

**GABRIEL COMMUNICATIONS** Publishers of the Universe and the Catholic Times, among others, has ceased to trade with immediate effect.

**BEAUTIFYING THE LITURGY – FLOWER ARRANGERS** God is beauty and God deserves beauty. At St Patrick’s, we have a dedicated team who beautify the liturgical environment with flowers according to the Seasons. We thank them for their wonderful service to the liturgy. As a minister of the liturgical environment, they are part of the team responsible for making that beauty and through it enhancing the worship of the community. We are looking for more members of the team. Do not worry if you have little experience as you will always have the support and assistance of its other members and it would be only 4-5 times p.a. Anyone interested can contact Maureen on 01225 704059.

**LGBT+ MASS** The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford’s Gate, Easton, Bristol. BS5 0RE. To livestream follow the link on the parish website: <https://tolentino.org.uk> All are welcome.

**URGENT - ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** - The abortion lobby, led by the UK’s largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)



**CATHOLICISM - THURSDAY EVENINGS WITH BISHOP BARON** due to the ongoing lockdown, we have decided to reschedule these film evenings when lock down restrictions have eased or after the Summer-break. We thank Mark and Guy for facilitating these evenings for us.

**COVID 19 – A CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES** So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st July call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443, Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

**CONTACTLESS GIVING IN CHURCH** In the last 10 years the use of cash has slowly diminished and now twice the value and volume of payments are made by card and contactless methods compared to cash, with this disparity growing more every year. With this in mind, our PPC has considered how this impacts how people donate to our Parish, and we want to ensure that there is the option for people to give contactlessly. Already our on-line Pay-pal giving method has been a great success. A contactless giving device is now situated in the baptistry to the left of the entrance. This will enable you to give by tapping the contactless payment device with a debit or credit card to your chosen amount. It is so easy. Contactless giving enables more people to give and allows givers to give in a way that feels comfortable, using their card to make a transaction in the same way they would in everyday life. It is also ideal for casual visitors who do not have regular giving set up but would like to give. It is also possible to Gift-aid your donation at the touch of a button. In our Covid world this is a safer way to give as it removes the need for handling cash. Do give it a try!

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** With the change in government regulations we can finally resume indoor visitations observing Covid safety procedures. If you would like a visit or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Michael or Jane Wragg and we will arrange this for you. Fr Michael is also available to anoint the sick. Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear illness or infirmity and many Catholics have witnessed the grace of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing.

**BOOKING FOR MASS** We are thankfully seeing a gradual return to Mass now that so many have been vaccinated. Please remember that booking is still required to attend Mass to ensure right numbers for social distancing. The booking link is: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644). If book and you later find that you do not require the place, please cancel it through Eventbrite to enable another person to come to Mass. Thank you.

**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.

**SUMMARY OF THE HOLY FATHER'S GENERAL AUDIENCE** Wed 30th June 2021. Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we now reflect on Paul's exercise of his apostolic authority. With fatherly care, Paul reminds the Galatians of his preaching on the new life brought by Christ and reiterates the Gospel message of freedom from the commands of the Mosaic law. Paul defends his authority as an Apostle, describing with honesty his own journey of conversion – from fierce persecutor of the Church to his call by God's mercy to know the Risen Jesus, and to become an Apostle to the nations. In emphasizing the power of the Lord's mercy at work in his own life, Paul invites us to reflect on how God enters into our lives, surprising us, renewing and radically transforming us by the Holy Spirit, and strengthening us to become missionary disciples for the spread of the Gospel and its liberating message.

**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, James Gallagher, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Bowl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**The Holy Father's July Prayer Intention:** Social Friendship: That, in social, economic and political situations, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Ordinations:** Stephen Corrigan (Priest) Joseph Meigh (Deacon)

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Immaculate Conception, Devizes with Lavington

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

## July - Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

### The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.



Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Your wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from you.  
From the evil one defend me.  
In the hour of my death, call me.  
And bid me come to You,  
That with all Your saints,  
I may praise You forever and ever. 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

### Fourteenth 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 prophet Ezekiel*

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.*

Psalm 122(123)

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens;  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

### **Second reading**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn1:14,12**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Mark 6:1-6**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.