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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

I Kings 19:4-8. King Ahab of Israel had married a pagan queen. When she tried to import pagan worship, the prophet Elijah challenged her. She sent murderous henchmen to dispatch the prophet. In this reading, Elijah is fleeing for his life.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2. In an earlier chapter, Paul has established that Gentiles and Jews are now to live together in harmony, which was God's long secret plan, now revealed in Christ. Today Paul ties practical advice about peaceful living to his doctrine about Christ and about the Holy Spirit.

John 6:41-51. For believers tempted to abandon Jesus, John's gospel repeats and disposes of some objections to following Jesus: his modest human origins, his extraordinary claims about eternal life, his transcending of their inherited traditions.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and readings for all masses next weekend are from August 15th.

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.

JOHN HUNT RIP Last week we sadly learned of the death of John, a faithful member of St Patrick's Community. He will be sadly missed by so many for his wonderful spirituality and gentleness. Our prayers go out to his family at this time. John's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 20th August at 12noon. Unfortunately, we cannot seat everyone who might wish to come at this time and numbers will be restricted to family and invited friends. We shall however be celebrating a Requiem Mass for friends and parishioners at a later date (tbc) to enable all to remember John at the altar. 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

8TH AUGUST 2021 NINETEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
5pm Eucharistic Adoration
5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat.)
10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 9th Aug - Feast of St Teresa
Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe

Tue 10th Aug - Feast of Saint
Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

Wed 11th Aug - Saint Clare, Virgin.
11.30am am Eucharistic Adoration.
12noon Mass (Eileen Scott RIP)

Thur 12th Aug - Weekday in OT

Fri 13th Aug - Weekday in OT

Sat 14th Aug - Saint Maximilian
Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

15TH AUGUST 2021 SOLEMNITY
OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BVM 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat.)
10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)



ST TERESA BENEDICT OF THE CROSS As a philosopher, academia excluded her for being a woman, her mother rejected her for following her vocation and the Nazis ultimately murdered her for Jewish heritage. Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, whose feast day we celebrate on Monday died what many may see as a senseless death at the hands of a merciless ideology. But through her faith in the Cross, she allowed God to transform her suffering and death into a message of love and redemption for the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets in the hall on Thursday 12th August at 7pm.

HALL BOOKINGS We are now beginning to resume hall bookings. Please see the Parish Web site for full booking details.

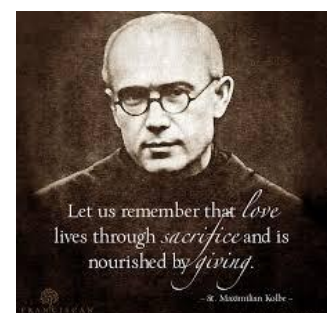
CONTACTLESS GIVING REMINDER The use of cash has been in decline for many years and, since the pandemic began and the use of cash was discouraged, many of us no longer carry cash. We rely instead on contactless payment in shops, on public transport and many other places. Because of this, we have set up 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. Please do make use of it as it also puts less pressure on our weekly cash counters.

SUMMARY OF THE HOLY FATHERS GENERAL AUDIENCE Wednesday 4th August 2021. Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we now consider Paul's insistence on complete fidelity to the Gospel. For Paul, the proclamation of the Christian message was his very life. What he preached to the Galatians was in fact the apostolic kerygma, which summarized the fulfilment of all God's promises in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, was buried, rose on the third day, and appeared to Peter (cf. 1 Cor 15:3-5). This explains why, at the beginning of the Letter, Paul urges the Galatians so forcefully not to turn away from the freedom brought by the Gospel. For that Gospel, entrusted to the apostles, offers to all – ourselves included – the assurance of new life and freedom flowing from the cross of Christ and the gift of his Holy Spirit. Visit www.vatican.va for the full text.

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 25th 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.

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE became a Franciscan in 1907 and devoted his life to fostering a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During World War II, Fr Kolbe hid as many as 2,000 Jewish and Polish people in his Polish monastery. In 1941, Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis who sent him to Auschwitz concentration camp. Here he gave his life for another man who had a family. He is remembered for his prophetic words "Hatred is not a creative force. Only love is a creative power." His memorial falls on the 14th August.





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. Please have a word with Fr Michael, Frank Harvey or Christine Haggerty.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2nd 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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th 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.

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

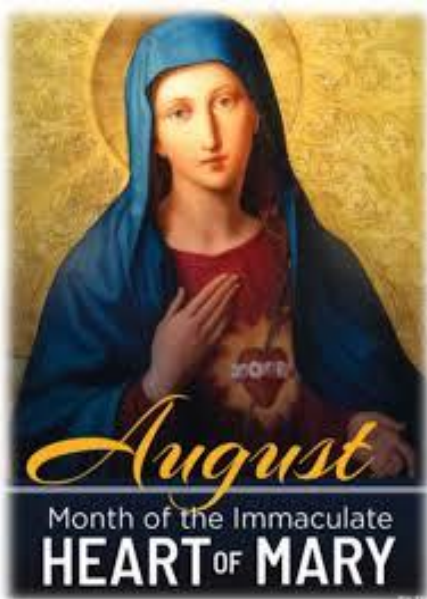
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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.

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: The Anglican Communities



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 31st October 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. On 25th 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

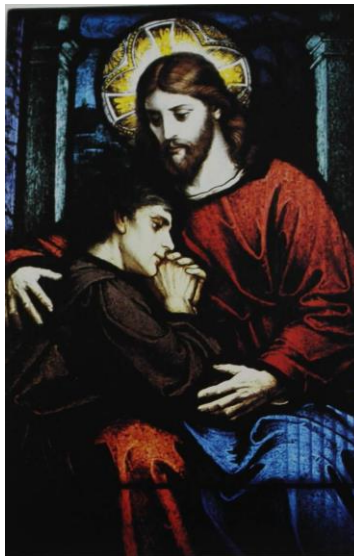
O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of goodness,
show your love towards us.
Let the flame of your heart,
O Mary, descend on all people.
We love you immensely.
Impress true love in our hearts
so that we have a continuous desire for you.
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.
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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Also available to download in 13 different languages at www.virc.at



First reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
'I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.