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6th August 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration – Year A

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| Sunday 6th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Edmund, Calne</i> <i>St Anthony of Padua, Melksham</i> | 6.00pm (Sat) Mass James Cooney Anniversary 9.00am Mass Ints of Tess Lane 10.30am Mass People of the Parish <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Ints of Laurence Jones |
| Monday 7th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Eileen Dewsnip RIP |
| Tuesday 8th August <i>St Dominic</i> | <i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Ints of Jana Dubcova |
| Wednesday 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> | <i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Niels Jensen RIP |
| Thursday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i> | <i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass John Clark RIP 11.00am Funeral Mass for Anna Bartoszek |
| Friday 11th August <i>St Clare</i> | <i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Ints Andrew & Margaret Ashcroft <i>7.00pm Polish Mass</i> |
| Saturday 12th August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> | 10.00am Mass Ints of Mary Hicks <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass People of the Parish <i>7.30pm Polish Mass</i> |
| Sunday 13th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.00am Mass Thanksgiving Joseph & Family 10.30am Mass Special Intention <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Anthony John Day RIP |

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 18, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 2.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 823 Offertory - £1534.99 (including £263.00 online/contactless) Donations - £199.11 (including £188.00 online/contactless, cash donation)

Church Cleaning: After mass on Monday morning, thanks to all who help each week.

Congratulations: To Harry Eamer & Millie Chapman who were married here last weekend. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Frances Norman. Funeral Service on Tuesday 8th August at 12.00noon followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Anna Bartoszek. Funeral Mass on Thursday 10th August at 11.00am

Mary's Meals: Ann White, a volunteer speaker for Mary's Meals will talk briefly at Masses 12th /13th August to raise awareness of this remarkable charity currently feeding nearly 2.5 million hungry children, in school, in 18 countries around the world. Mary's Meals believes that FOOD + EDUCATION = HOPE of a future free from poverty and hunger, a hope that surely every child in our world deserves.

Publications: The weekly edition of The Universe (£3.50) is available at the back of the church

Listening With the Heart: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the Clifton Diocesan Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other Parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest session is on Saturday September 30th in St Patrick, Brockworth from 10.00am – 12noon. Please use this link to register should you wish to attend <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857>. Visit www.cliftondiocese.com for other venues and booking.

Lourdes: Fr Liam is going on the Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes beginning Friday August 18th and he is happy to take with him any written petitions you wish to have placed in the grotto at Lourdes. Please place your petition in a sealed envelope marked 'Lourdes Petition' and pass it on to him or drop it into the parish office.

World Youth Day: Is currently under way in Lisbon. We keep all participating in it in our prayer especially Steve, Jude, and Micha Canete from this parish who have travelled to Lisbon with the Clifton Diocesan group, and others from this parish who have travelled with other groups. See www.cbcew.org.uk, or www.vatican.va for coverage. The Clifton Diocesan Group can be followed on <https://www.facebook.com/cliftonyouthministry>.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady: Tuesday August 15th is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass in St Peter's Church at 12noon and 7.00pm.

Love the Stranger: Is a new publication from the Department for International Affairs of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that presents a Catholic response to migrants and refugees. It places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. The document offers 24 guiding principles and has been endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action Network members. Visit www.cbcew.org.uk to view the document. There are a couple of printed copies at the back of the church that can be borrowed and returned once read.

Receiving Holy Communion: Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Holy Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should, first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The Sacred Host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ", "The Blood of Christ". This formula is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the Body and Blood of Christ the Lord. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the Sacred Host from the person distributing Holy Communion under the form of bread. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive Him, taking care that nothing is lost." It is never permissible for a person to dip the Sacred Host he or she has received into the chalice (intinction). If, for some reason, the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the chalice then that person should receive only under the form of bread.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.