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20th August 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 20th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>English Martyrs, Chard with</i> <i>Crewkerne & Ilminster</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy <i>RIP</i> 9.00am Mass Jim & Maureen Faulkner <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass James & Michael Tyreman <i>RIP</i> <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Fred Mulholland <i>RIP</i>
Monday 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass CMBF
Tuesday 22nd August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Thanksgiving Joseph & Family
Wednesday 23rd August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Terence Fitzgerald <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Ints of Joan & Dan Monge
Friday 25th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Ints of Mary Hicks <i>7.00pm Polish Mass</i>
Saturday 26th August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am Mass Ints of Andrew & Margaret Ashcroft <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Patricia McGarr <i>RIP</i> <i>7.30pm Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 27th August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Milvia Sepede <i>Anniv</i> <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Ints of Tom Rochfort

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 20, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 4.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 754 Offertory - £1419.79 (including £356.00 online/contactless) Donations - £65.00 (including £30.00 online/contactless, cash donation)

Mary's Meals: Thank you for your warm welcome and kind words last weekend. I am overwhelmed by your generosity to Mary's Meals; you opened your hearts and donated £1563. This means that 15,630 hungry children will receive an energy giving, mind boosting, free school meal, or will feed 81 children for a whole school year; that is wonderful. On behalf of the children you will help; thank you all. *Ann White*

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

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

Brenda Coombs. Funeral Service on Monday 4th September 11.00am at Gloucester Crematorium.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Olivia Ignác-White & Ronan Muldrew baptised last weekend.

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

Journey in Faith (RCIA): If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith or in supporting those enquiring, please contact Fr Stephen via stephen.corrigan@cliftondiocese.com

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.

Education Sunday: (10th September) is when we commemorate our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, who paid for our schools to be built. Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools and four universities. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director. Please contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great educational legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools and universities.

Lourdes: Fr Liam is in Lourdes this week on the diocesan pilgrimage. Videos, homilies and pictures from the pilgrimage will be on www.cliftondiocese.com. The website for Lourdes Sanctuary is www.lourdes-france.com/en.

Pope entrusts prayers for peace to Mary, Assumed into Heaven: On the feast of the Assumption, “we entrust to Mary, Assumed into Heaven, our supplication for peace in Ukraine and in all regions,” Pope Francis said during remarks following the Angelus. He lamented that there are so many areas of the world afflicted by war, places where “the din of weapons covers up attempts at dialogue” and “the right of force prevail over the force of right.” “But let us not be discouraged,” the Pope said. “Let us continue to hope and pray, for it is God, it is He Who guides history, who hears us.”

Diocesan Clerical Appointments: Bishop Declan has made the following appointments to take effect this September. Canon John Cunningham, parish priest in Holy Rood Swindon, to be parish priest in Chard. Fr Thomas Lawes, assistant priest in Holy Rood Swindon, to be priest in charge in St Joseph’s Fishponds. Fr Lucas Rodrigues SFX, parish priest in St Peter’s Swindon and Sacred Heart Royal Wootton Bassett, to be parish priest in Holy Rood Swindon. Fr Mark Furtado SFX, assistant priest in St Peter’s Swindon, to be assistant priest in Holy Rood Swindon. Fr Francis Colaco SFX, assistant priest in St Peter’s Swindon, to be parish priest in St Peter’s Swindon and Sacred Heart Royal Wootton Bassett. Fr Paul Vettikattu CST, parish priest in St Joseph’s Fishponds, to be parish priest in Bridgwater and Burnham-on-Sea. Fr Philip Thomas, parish priest in Cirencester and Tetbury, to be parish priest in Dursley and Nympsfield, replacing Fr Philip Beasley who is retiring. Fr Maria Salvan MSFS to be priest in charge in Cirencester and Tetbury. We keep in our prayer the priests who are moving and the parishes they are leaving and moving to.

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.