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27th August 2023

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 27th August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Our Lady, Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady, Cheddar, St Joseph & St Teresa, Wells</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Patricia Mc Garr <i>RIP</i> 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Milvia Sepede <i>Anniv</i> 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass Ints of Tom Rochfort
Monday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Norman Cottle <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 29th August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Patricia Kathleen Mc Garr <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 30th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Mr Chandy <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 31st August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Ints of Viktor Daron
Friday 1st September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Mrs A Augustine <i>RIP</i> 7.00pm Polish Mass
Saturday 2nd September <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am Mass Carmel Carty <i>RIP</i> 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 3.00pm Filipino Monthly Mass 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Karen Matthews <i>RIP</i> 7.30pm Polish Mass
Sunday 3rd September <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am Mass Ethel & James Hickey <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass Jane Conway <i>Anniv</i> 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 21, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 1.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 775 Offertory – £1192.48 (including £100.00 online/contactless) Donations – £111.64 (including £105.00 online/contactless, cash donation)

Church Cleaning: Will not take place on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

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

Robert Thompson. Funeral Service on Friday 1st September 1.00pm at Gloucester Crematorium.

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

Elizabeth Mathers. Funeral Mass on Friday 29th September at 1.00pm.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Justin Herman, 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

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For People Living on the Margins- We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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.

Mary's Meals: Alan Brown, Executive Director writes: *Thank you so much for your precious gift of £1563.00, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.*

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.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of men and women of every time and place. Today we consider the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Blessed Juan Diego, an event that contributed decisively to the evangelization of the Americas. By appearing to Juan Diego in native attire and speaking his language, the Blessed Virgin showed herself a Mother, the very Mother of God, and invited the indigenous peoples to take refuge beneath her mantle. The miracle of the roses that bloomed in mid-winter, and the appearance of Our Lady's image on the fabric of Juan Diego's cloak, speak eloquently of God's preferential love for the poor and Mary's maternal cooperation in the extension of his Kingdom. They also remind us of the important role of mothers and grandmothers in spreading the Gospel message, and, as in the case of Juan Diego, of our need as Christians for perseverance in the faith of our baptism. May the Mother of God, whose loving presence is felt in Guadalupe and in countless Marian shrines throughout the world, continue to draw hearts to Jesus her Son and to the saving truth of the Gospel.

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, Kitty Daly. 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.