

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Patchway

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Sunday Readings ~ Yr. B
 Weekday Readings ~ Yr. 1
 Prayer of the Church:
 Psalter: 1

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'

'Authority as service'

NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021 MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	16th	6.00pm	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mgr Patrick McCoy RIP	Congregation / Online
SUNDAY	17th	9.30am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Maurice Wilson RIP	Congregation
		11.00am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Synod 2023	Congregation / Online
Tuesday	19th		NO MASS		
Wednesday	20th		NO MASS		
Thursday	21st		NO MASS		
Friday	22nd	9.30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Sr M. Dorothy O'Brien RIP	Congregation / Online
Saturday	23rd	11~11.30am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION		
		6.00pm	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the parish	Congregation / Online

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[Click here to view the Clifton Diocesan Newsletter](#)
[Click here to see the latest newsletter from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.](#)

SYNODAL PRAYER:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, Deacon Don ~ Maria O'Keefe ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Pat Sleightholme ~ Alan Marshall ~ Fr Michael Derrick D'Mello ~ Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk ~ Francois Galy ~ those who are suffering from Covid 19 virus and all who are, housebound, and living in sheltered or care homes in our parish. We pray for God's healing love on them, and all those in hospital or

receiving any treatment, or awaiting the results of medical tests.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD: We pray for and ask the Lord to take into his care all those who have died, those who have died recently, especially MARY BORG RIP who died in St Joseph's Home, *Requiem Mass WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2021 ~ 11.30am* and those who have died as a result of the Covid 19 virus throughout the world. We also pray for all those who will die alone and unloved. and unmourned. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Frank Quinn '17 ~ Kuntjora Hadi '17 ~ Catherine Williams '83 ~ Henry Burgess '82 ~ Emily Broadbridge '74 ~ Thomas Quinn '81 ~ Florence Garbutt '05 ~ Kathleen Manley '17 ~ Charles Carroll '17 ~ Fr John Shilstone '92 ~ Fr Joseph Calnan '98 ~ Fr John Lee '02 ~ Deacon Laurence Moss '16 ~ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FINANCE: You can now donate to the Offertory Collection via Dona Donations ([Click here](#)) and also via the button' on the Home Page of the parish website 'Donate with Dona'. Donating this way also gives you the option to Gift Aid your donation. You can donate using a Debit or Credit card. There is a charge, and it is also linked to the Digital Collection Plate in the back of the Church. Thank you to all who have donated in any way, we really do need your donations to survive.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2021
 Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Class of 2021. You are well prepared due to the expertise of the Catechists, who have gone over and beyond to make sure you are ready to appreciate the Lord coming to you in Holy Communion. Thank you for the support of your families, and I pray they will continue to

encourage you and give you the opportunity to receive Holy Communion often. God Bless you all.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 7.00pm ~ 8.30pm
 in HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTRE.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

After a year off, we are now inviting anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, or have asked questions or shown an interest in the Catholic Faith, to find our more in an informal and relaxed forum. The group is non-committal and non-threatening, led by a group of people who are happy in their faith and willing to enlighten others. If you know of someone who would like to know more, a spouse, partner, work colleague etc., then let them know that there will be a course running on **Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm continues THURSDAY 21st October 2021.**

Time to Start School?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (online) that is available from the school admissions team of the SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. We are lucky to have **TWO Catholic Primary Schools** serving the Parish of Holy Family.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School & St Mary's Catholic Primary School.
if you would like a Catholic Education for your child, then you should apply to both schools, in case of over subscription
Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

Sharing the Word of God today
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'

First Reading: (Is 53:10-11) This is a short excerpt from the fourth and most famous of the Servant Songs of Second Isaiah. The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and be a source of blessings for others. It was by reflecting on passages such as this that the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus.

Second Reading: (Heb 4:14-16) In Jesus we have a high priest who can sympathise with us in all our trials and sufferings. We can approach him with confidence because he knows our weaknesses and was like us in all things except sin.

Gospel Reading: (Mk 10:35-45) Here we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honour, power, and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not too imitate the Gentiles whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom service is what makes one great. Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service. He set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death). Thus Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Juniper way, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8EJ
"OPEN DAY"

for perspective parents for September 2022 on
WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER.

from 2.00pm

Everyone welcome

for more information

admin@stmmarysbs.org

Tel: 01454 866390

SECONDARY SEPTEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

If you have a child that is currently in Year 6, you must apply for them to start secondary school in September 2022. Applications for secondary applications must be submitted no later than 31st October 2021. There will be Open Days and Evenings for all secondary schools.

ASSISTED DYING BILL ~ 2nd Reading.

This week, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' is due its 2nd Reading in the House of Lords with full debate on **Friday, 22 October.**

Three important actions in the next weeks: praying, writing and sharing.

First, I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated. **Second**, I ask you to [write to the Peers](#) from your personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. The testimony of healthcare and legal professionals will also be important. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 22 October. **Third**, I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media. Briefing papers will be available on the bishops' conference website to assist you as this work develops. [Click here for a NOVENA to St Pope John Paul II](#)

CAFOD ~ What can we do about Climate Change?

Join us on **Saturday, 23 October, 11am at Clifton Cathedral for the Clifton Climate Liturgy.**

Bishop Declan is inviting us all as the community of Clifton Diocese to join him in celebrating God's creation. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences, share in the challenge to do something about Climate Change, and bring families and friends - all are welcome!

APF- Mill Hill Mission Boxes

Please can we have all your red boxes brought into church for exchange before the end of October. It is over 18 months since we have sent any donation from the Red Boxes and our help is urgently needed by the missions.

Please remember to put your name on the box and leave it in the "Returns Box" under the table, Father will see they are locked away in the safe

after Mass. If you would like your box to be collected please contact me.
Thank you, John Sleightholme 01179793473
(APF Missio Secretary for Holy Family Parish)

'DARE TO DREAM'

We continue our journey this Autumn as we 'Dare to Dream' the future of our Diocese. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday.

BISHOP DECLAN will be speaking this week about the forth coming Synod.

Taking this time to reflect will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Our

'SHARING THE JOURNEY' - there is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas.

Our speakers & dates are:

21 October: Sycamore - Susan Longhurst

25 November: Celebrating the Rites - why bother? - Mgr Kevin McGinnell

20 January 2022: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election - Sarah Adams

24 February: The Lenten Journey through Art

24 March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum - Fr James Hanvey SJ

21 April: Mystagogia - it's not a swear word - David Wells

19 May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties - Cristina Gangemi

16 June: Being a Catechist - David Wells

July: Retreat

All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. To our first session on Thursday 23 September, we welcome Fr Jan Nowotnik. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm - 8.45pm. For parishioners to register their interest please

contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

BISHOP DECLAN

is looking for people to join our diocesan youth council, to support the work of those involved in

Youth Ministry across the diocese and to encourage and enable others to feel more confident about engaging in the work. The council will be made up of dynamic, enthusiastic and flexible volunteers who care about young people and want to make a difference to Youth Ministry in the Diocese. Are you interested?

Write to us telling us why by 25 October. Youth

Council selection afternoon: Sunday 7 November. Commissioning by Bishop Declan: 5 December. To apply, or for more information please email: youth@cliftondiocese.com
[Click here to view the Youth Ministry Booklet](#)

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The first phase of listening and discerning in Local Churches, in preparation for the 2023 Synod on Synodality entitled 'For a Synodal Church'. On Sunday October 17th Bishop Declan will launch the Synod in our own diocese when he celebrates Mass at the Cathedral that day. He will also be speaking about the Synod in that Sunday's 'Dare to Dream'. Given the very short time we have had notice of the process, it has been determined that every parish be invited to celebrate the opening of the Synod in their own Church on the same day (Oct. 17th).

LGBT+ Monthly Mass

SUNDAY 17th October 2021 at 3.00pm
for the LGBT+ Community, families and friends.
All are welcome.

Live stream <https://tolentino.org.uk>

SYNOD 2023

So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for our participation in the Synod, we are offering information sessions to give every-one an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process. The dates of the information sessions are:

6 November, 10am-12noon: St John's Centre, Trowbridge - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367>

6 November, 2.30pm-4.30pm: St Patrick, Brockworth - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brockworth-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190970737617>

13 November, 10am-12noon: Emmaus House, Bristol - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190972171907>

13 November, 2pm-4pm: St Joseph, Bridgwater - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgwater-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190973525957>

If parishioners plan to attend one of the sessions around the diocese, please let us know through the Eventbrite link above. Also we are holding two online Teams sessions on 8 & 9 November at 7pm. If parishioners intend to participate in one of the online Teams sessions please let us know at the synod@cliftondiocese.com email address so that we can send a Teams invite a few days before the event.

Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders from across the diocese in an ongoing on-line conversation to share ideas and approaches on **Wednesday 3 November, 7.30-8.30pm**. To register interest parishioners just need to contact e m a i l address: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent out a few days before the session.