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**ORDINARY SUNDAY XXI (Year B)**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug **6.00pm – Socially Distanced and No Music**  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s  
11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populis)

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK - WEEK XXI Year 1)**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug St Rose of Lima  
**No Mass in St Peter’s**  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Aug ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE  
Feast  
**9.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Dr Maria Barker RIP)**  
**12.00 Rita Clayden’s Funeral Requiem at the Annunciation, Woodchester**  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Aug St Louis of France  
10.00am Mass in St Michael’s  
Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Aug Blessed Dominic Barberi  
9.30am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Aug St Monica of Thegaste  
9.30am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Aug St Augustine of Hippo  
10.00am Mass in St Michael’s



**DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING** The Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding awareness sessions to volunteers on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am to 11.00am. The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.** For details, please contact Beci Monks on [rebecca.monks@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:rebecca.monks@clifftondiocese.com)

**CATCHISTS DAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER @ ST JOHN’S, TROWBRIDGE** This will offer an opportunity for conversation and formation, focused on family catechesis. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will lead the day to give catechists the confidence to enable parents to be the first teachers of their children’s faith. **11.00am till 4.00pm.** Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, we ask for catechists to bring a packed lunch. To register, contact. email: [adult.education@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@clifftondiocese.com) Please see noticeboard for further information.

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL** Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



**CAFOD EMERGENCIES RESPONSE ACROSS THE WORLD** CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in **Haiti** to deliver emergency aid to the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the **Afghanistan**, we are working to ensure the safety of our local communities. We are working to ensure the safety of our local communities. We are workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger. Much more information for your giving and your prayers is available on the CAFOD website. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.



**NEXT WEEK – ORDINARY SUNDAY XXI (Year B)**

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s **Socially Distanced and No Music**  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s (Mgr. William Mitchell RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populis)

***CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT AT THE MOMENT  
PLEASE TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE***

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please fill in a registration form and take an active part in our two welcoming Parishes

**A WARM WELCOME** As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our “regulars”, asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s. It has been decided to suspend coffee in St Michael’s until at least September.

## MASS OF THE DAY PROPERS

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 *Joshua made a covenant with the people at Shechem*

### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good..

### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 *Christ the Bridegroom and the Church His bride*



### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 6:60-69 *Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life*

### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** In our first reading, Joshua asks the Israelites and their allies whether they choose to belong to God and be part of His covenant. This word is also translated as Alliance and Testament. It is the word the Saviour uses over the Chalice at the Last Supper – The cup of My blood, the blood of the New and Eternal Covenant! So what is one of those? A

Covenant is a living relationship, based upon promises, inaugurated with sacrifice and having a sign to indicate it. Our celebration of Mass is always about Covenant. God's faithfulness to His end of the arrangement never varies, but ours does. We seek to renew our promise to be His people and live in His ways. We celebrate as a present reality the sacrifice of the Cross, which starts this New and Eternal relationship. Chiefly, our Sunday Mass is about us working on our living relationship with God. Our admission of our faults at the beginning, our attentive listening to Scripture and the Sermon are all clearly about us relating to God in Christ. It is most clearly seen, however, when we offer our gifts and consecrate ourselves to Christ's service in the Canon of the Mass. We answer Joshua's question and chose afresh to belong to the Church and Christ's way of life.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

1. For the needy of body, mind or soul, wherever they may be. .
2. All who have asked for our prayers.
3. The dead in Christ – Seamus Darragh and Rita Clayden.
4. Our Diocesan Prayer Link this weekend is **Matson and Tuffley, Gloucester.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Noon FHC Mass for our Cirencester Candidates, feast of the Guardian Angels.



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October @ 12Noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. However, if you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup>; please let the parish office know, you will receive a personal invite.

**READERS IN ST MICHAEL'S AND ST PETER'S:** In view of the relaxation of the rules, we will be returning to our normal practice of having two readers, before the Gospel, one for each lesson, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August. We must record our thanks who have helped us in both churches, whilst we have not had rotas and faced restrictions. Their willingness is much appreciated. IT IS NOW OUR HOPE THAT THOSE WHO READ BEFORE LOCKDOWN WILL BE WILLING AND ABLE TO BE ON A ROTA ONCE AGAIN. EVERY PARISH RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING FLOWER ARRANGERS AND A ROTA FOR COFFEE. WELCOMERS AT THE DOOR ARE ALSO NEEDED. PLEASE CONTACT THE RELEVANT PARISH OFFICE. PARISH LIFE IS NOT DONE TO US OR FOR US BUT BY US!!

## CLIFTON VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021 AND PRAYER

**REQUESTS** Our Diocese' online pilgrimage to Lourdes starts on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

- Because we always go to Lourdes as part of the Catholic Association, daily Mass will be livestreamed from around the Catholic Association in this country and broadcast on the diocesan website, [cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com).
- Other events such as daily night prayers will be broadcast online also. Wednesday's evening Night Prayers will be lead by our own Fr Michael Thomas (PP of Minehead and the 'Other' Father Thomas in Clifton!!).
- THIS Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> August, please join Bishop Declan at 9:30am when he will be celebrating Mass from the Cathedral online.
- We shall also be joining the Lourdes Chaplains at the Grotto, as they pray the Rosary in English on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 2.00 pm. There will be a special candle lit for the Clifton Diocese and the pilgrims at this time.



If anyone would like their intentions to be prayed for during this Rosary, please send your petitions and I will pass them to the Grotto for inclusion on the altar. Please send any prayer requests to [paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com)