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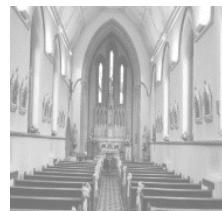
**HOLIDAY AT HOME IN TETBURY** The dates of **Holiday at Home** this year are **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**. If you would like to be involved, it does not need to be for the full day, just an hour or so, or part of the days all helps, please come along to the meeting. Our theme for this year is "Early Years Children's TV ". As always, if you know of anyone who might not be able to take a holiday; and may enjoy a day at Holiday at Home. ar. For further information please contact Brian Cook email; bacwoodb@aol.com. Thanks, as always, for your support.

**ADVANCED NOTICE - ADVENT CONCERT IN CIRENCESTER** – **LOOKING FOR SINGERS!** After the success of last year's event, Cirencester Town //Council will once again be hosting the Advent Concert in St Jon the Baptist church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 11.00am and 6.00pm and broadcast simultaneously to large screens located in the Market Place. We are looking for a variety of acts to appeal to all types of visitors, with each act incorporating a festive theme. Each performance will last half an hour with a further half an hour for set up/pull down. If you are interested in performing, please contact Jeanette Salter along with the number of participants by the end of July. Due to the number of slots available, we may not be able to accommodate all the acts. You, will be notified, that you have been included, in the programme by early September. Jeanette contact details; Email keystone-group.vo.uk; Tel: 01453 872731

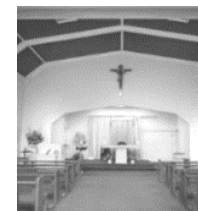
**NEW PUBLICATION:** Copies of Peter Harrison's new book which tells the story of Clifton Cathedral the Building and its People, are now available from Cathedral House or by post from cliftondiocese.com © £12.99 plus pp.

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND AND PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND:** As well as the annual collections for these most important funds; the Diocese hopes that you will consider donating throughout the year. Please see the posters for further details.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE** Please see poster for more details.



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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm Vigil Mss in St Peter's  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

**WORSHIP WEEK SEVENTEENTH**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius Loyola  
**No Mass**  
**FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Aug St Alphonsus Liguori  
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Feria in Week XVII  
 10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug Feria  
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Aug St John Vianney, The Cure d'Ars  
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Aug Our Lady of the Snows  
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's

**NEXT WEEK – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Year A)**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 6 Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
 Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

**CONFESSIONS**

In St Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm  
 In St Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am  
 & by Appointment; please ring to arrange. Thank you.

**PROPERS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God In his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; hw himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12** *You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.*

**Psalms Response: Lord, how I love your law.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30** *God intended us to become true images of His Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52** *He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all the benefits. -

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** FHC will take place on Youth Sunday; **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November in both Parishes.** If you have a child aged eight or over who has been Baptised, please contact Elaine at your parish office and form will be sent to you. Lessons will start in early September.

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH** No parish can survive without volunteers, so to these in both parishes we give our grateful thanks!! However, Diocesan guidelines state that in accordance with Health and Safety restrictions, nobody should be and all within me in the church or hall on their own. We therefore ask that you abide by these rules and come in pairs to complete your tasks. We would also like to remind you that if you have an accident whilst at Mass or working within the parish, please notify Elaine so it can be recorded in the appropriate parish accident book. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support in the parish. **Fr Philip.**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP FACILITATION** - as part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the department of Adult Education & Evangelization 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. **Dates and venues** (including Eventbrite link to register): The nearest venue: Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept: St Patrick, Brockworth, (10.00am-Noon)  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857)

Please sign up for any of the events on offer through the Eventbrite link. A minimum of five people is required for a session to take place – no upper limit. Please see poster for further information.

**TETBURY WELFARE CHARITIES** The charity has served the local community continually for many years and is able to consider most requests submitted. Times are difficult for many people at the moment and help is needed more than ever. Leaflets and application forms are available from the parish office.

**THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST (CET)** The new Little Way CET is due to open on 1 January 2024. It will initially launch with six Gloucestershire Catholic Primary Schools and aims to expand to include more schools soon. Bishop Declan has appointed six Foundation Directors and is seeking to appoint two more Directors to complete the board. Existing Foundation Governors/ Directors, as well as people without any previous school governor experience, may apply. The board has identified a need for a person(s) with skills in Legal matters and/or Human Resources – so applications from those with experience in either/or both areas would be particularly welcome. If you're a practising Catholic, believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at the Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges Department via [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 for more information or an application pack:

**LIGHT OF TRUTH** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists.

The six sessions cover:

- Introduction to catechesis – 21 September
- Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28 September
- The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5 October
- Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12 October
- Methods and Resources – 19 October
- Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26 October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith.

To sign up for the series, click on the following link: [Meeting Registration – Zoom](#)