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THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST (CET) The new

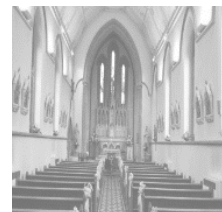
Little Way CET is due to open on 1 January 2024. It will initially launch with six Gloucestershire Catholic Primary Schools and aims to expand to include more schools soon. Bishop Declan has appointed six Foundation Directors and is seeking to appoint two more Directors to complete the board. Existing 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 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

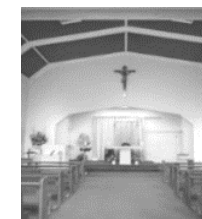
This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. To sign up for the series and confirmation of the time, click on the following link: **Meeting Registration – Zoom**

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.



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sat 16th Sep Saturday 6:00 p.
Sun 17th Sep 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Private Intention)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

WORSHIP WEEK

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK
Mon 18th Sep. Feria of Week XXIV
BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Tue 19th Sep Feria
Wed 20th Sep Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Thur. 21st Sep ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND DEACON (Feast)
Fri 22nd Sep Feria
Sat 23rd Sep Saint Pius

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 23rd Sep 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 24th Sep 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

CONFESSIONS ARE NORMALLY AS SHOWN. THERE WILL BE NO PRIEST AVAILABLE UNTIL OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST IS IN RESIDENCE

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.

WELCOME: We welcome Fr Paul Brandon who is celebrating Vigil Mass on Saturday and Canon David Ryan who is celebrating Mass for both churches on Sunday. We would like to thank them both for being with us this weekend.

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 Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be taken **this weekend** for the Home Missions. Gift aid envelopes are available.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28; 7 *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Psalm Response: **The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy**

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9 *Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35 *I do not tell you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.**

FR. MARIA SELVAN MSFS Bishop Declan has decided that Fr Maria Selvan MSFS, will be our Priest in Charge/Priest Administrator. For St Michael's, this is coming full circle, so to speak – The MSFS Fathers were at York House and later it was they, who purchased the redundant Zoar Baptist chapel. Fr Maria, originally from India, has been working for the past two years in the Diocese of Northampton. Father will celebrate his first Sunday Masses in the next few weeks. We will show him a warm welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND There will be a second collection next weekend for the disasters in Morocco and Libya. Alternative if you wish, you may donate by going on the CAFOD website.

EMERGENCY CALLS Whilst Fr. Maria is on family business, emergency calls [Last Rites] should be addressed to Fr. Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS at Malmesbury or the Dean, Fr Gary Brassington, at Immaculate Conception, Stroud, the Dean, Fr Gary Brassington, at Immaculate Conception, Stroud

FATHER PATRICK EASTMAN RIP: Please continue to pray for Fr Patrick Eastman; Father's funeral will take place on Tuesday 26th September @ 11.00am in Clifton Cathedral.

1st H. C. FHC will take place on Youth Sunday; **Sunday 26th 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.

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 30th September: St Patrick church in Brockworth, (10.00am-Noon) 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.

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.**

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 October** (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. The bishop sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2023 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or those who will marry during this year. Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend and are or have celebrated during 2023, a significant anniversary.

WORLD YOUTH DAY One of our young parishioner's Susanna Tetbury took part in the World Youth Day in Portugal. You can read her interesting experience on the Clifton Diocese website.

DEANERY EVENING PRAYER This will take place on Sunday 15th October at The Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester at 5.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you wish join the choir for the evening please email the parish office. Rehearsals are On Wednesday 4th October 19.30-20.30; Thursday 12th October 19.30 -20.30 and Saturday 14th October 14.30 – 16.30. Monica has requested that you attend at least one and the one the day before, please.