

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Solemnity)**
Mass at 9.30 am (1st Communion), followed by refreshments in the hall.
- MON** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- TUE** Let it Be – CaFE course on Mary, hall, 10.30 am.
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Followed by refreshments & Breaking Open & Sharing the Word in the hall.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
Vigil Mass of SS Peter & Paul at **7.30 pm.**
- FRI** **SS PETER & PAUL (Holy Day)**
Morning Mass at 9.30 am.
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (Sunday 13) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 4.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(23): Carmo Trindade RIP; **Sat(30):** Richard Eades RIP.

READINGS

VIGIL: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Peter 1: 8-12; Luke 1: 5-17.

Psalm (70) refrain: *From my mother's womb you have been my help.*

MORNING: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80.

Psalm (138) refrain: *I thank you for the wonder of my being.*

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

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SUNDAY 24 JUNE, 2018

Dear Friends,

I very much enjoy our flower arrangements in the church. We have some very talented flower-arrangers who work hard on their arrangements; sadly, after all that work, as I was thinking only this week as I was admiring the flowers, they last only for a few days! Even things that are made to last longer don't last for ever. When I was 13, beginning what would now be Year 9, St. Brendan's College moved from central Bristol in Berkeley Square to the present site in Broomhill Road, Brislington. And yet in less than 50 years, that building was knocked down and replaced by the present one. Not that I have any nostalgic memories of the building whatsoever! In fact my thought was that they probably found it impossible to scrub away the pupils' blood remaining from the time of the so-called Christian Brothers! But it just goes to show how even things that are built to be more permanent don't last forever.

Of course, it is right to use our talents; and we need to build schools and houses and other buildings, even if they do not last for ever. But if we spend so much time and effort building things that do not last, how much more time should we spend working towards those things that will last for ever? – or if we fail to work on, we will miss out on for ever? Nothing in this life will last beyond this life, if even that long – except, of course, as St. Paul says, faith, hope and love; the greatest of these being love. While not necessarily neglecting other things, let us put our major effort in those things that are going to last beyond death. We will all live for ever, no matter what we do; but only if we work towards it will that eternal life be with God; and eternity without God is a thing that does not bear thinking about!

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £219.70; Day for Life Collection: £137.60

THIS WEEKEND: Monthly Collection for the Building/Maintenance Fund.

NEXT WEEKEND: Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence – the Vatican's administrative expenses.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

HOLY DAY: Friday: SS Peter & Paul. **NB** because of Adoration, the Vigil Mass will be at **7.30 pm**.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR our one candidate for 1st Communion this Sunday, also 2 young parishioners who will be receiving Confirmation at St. John's, Trowbridge, on Wednesday.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY: Second session *this* Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Refreshments included.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: several of these will be attending the special stream for Extraordinary Ministers at the Diocesan Family Day next Saturday. **Lunch provided.**

(RE-)COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: In view of the day mentioned above, we will wait until after it to see how many of our Ext. Ministers are (re-)commissioned at that event.

CIVIC SERVICE – 1 JULY: Everyone is invited to attend the Civic Service, 2.30pm, St Michael's Church, and afterwards at the Assembly Hall for refreshments. Volunteers needed to help contribute to refreshments, and if possible perhaps help on the day with clearing away afterwards, serving drinks, etc. If willing to help, please contact Sharon Pearce sharonp1961@hotmail.co.uk who can give you details on what we need to provide, timings etc. (nothing too complicated!!). Thank you. In order to ensure we have enough refreshments for all, we need each church to provide the following: a plate of sandwiches (half a loaf); a plate of savouries; a cake (already sliced); a plate of small cakes / home-made items. Some vegetarian options would be welcome, and can savouries/sandwiches be labelled with contents please, to help those with dietary restrictions. Contributions can be taken to the Assembly Hall on the day from 2.00 - 2.15 pm.

FR MATT begins his final cycle ride for Vocations this week, cycling some of the Iconic Climbs of the Tour de France in the Alps and Pyrenees 26th June – 9th July 2018. Please keep him in prayer. You can follow his progress on the diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com. You can also donate to help to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood.

POPE FRANCIS: HIS VISION & OUR FUTURE: Tue 26 June, 7 pm, St. John's Church, South Parade, Bath – Austen Ivereigh reflects upon Pope Francis, the Church of Mission & his call to evangelise. All welcome – free.

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC: 15 July – see posters for details.

OPEN PARISH MEETING: Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Hall: All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting to hear from the Parish Pastoral Council what will

happen in our parish when Fr. Richard retires at the end of September and we then share a parish priest with St. Edmunds Calne

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

PARISH CENSUS: In view of the requirements of the GDPR, and because Fr. Vincent has asked for a full parish list to be prepared for when he takes over, new census forms are now available for you to fill in and return. We do need every household to fill in one of these new forms irrespective of how many times they may have filled one in before! So please, *every household* take one and fill in and bring it back; otherwise you will no longer be officially recorded as a member of this parish. As there is only space for 4 names per form, if there are more than 4 people in your household, please take an extra sheet, and if possible staple or paper-clip them together. Completed forms may be handed in or placed in the post-box inside the porch door.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: unaccompanied children hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with leaving the car park, so adults – may not be put at

NEWSLETTER: Any send to the presbytery at of the newsletter.



for safety reasons, are not allowed in the church

great care when entering or that the lives of children – and risk.

information, articles, etc, please the address supplied on the front