

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 5 EASTER**
Mass at 9.30 am, 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
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9 15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking
Open and Sharing the Word.
Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30 pm.
- M** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (6 Easter) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Psalter Week 5 + Easter Readings etc.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(28): Don Mackenzie RIP; **Sat(5):** Jerry O'Mahony RIP
(anniv).

READINGS

Reading 1: Acts 9: 26-31.

Psalm (21) Refrain: ***You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.***

Reading 2: 1 John 3: 18-24.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8.

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, Derek Dyer, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR eternal rest for Richard Eades, who died during the week, (funeral 11 May 1.30 pm) and for Margaret and the family; also Eric Conn, Vera's father, who died recently; and please keep Vera in your prayers.

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SUNDAY 29 APRIL, 2018

Dear Friends,

The article inside the newsletter about the extended Adoration on 17-18 May mentions that one of the purposes of it is to help prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress. This is due to take place in Liverpool from Friday 7 September – Sunday 9 September this year.

It will be centred on the theme of *Adoremus* and invites us to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives of faith and to reflect upon all that the Eucharist calls us to be as a people nourished, fed, formed and moulded by the Eucharist itself.

Periods of several hours of Adoration will take place in most of the deanery parishes during that week of May, though the actual length will vary from parish to parish. On Sunday 13 May it will be in Chippenham, on Mon 14 May in Devizes, on Tuesday 15 May in Trowbridge, on Wed 16 May in Warminster, on Thursday 17 May here in Melksham, on our usual day for Adoration, in Friday 18 May in Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday 19 May in Frome, and on Sunday 20 May at Calne.

I know it is a bit demanding for some to cover the night hours of our own period of Adoration; but it is only once in the whole year; and I am sure that those who cover those hours, and indeed all who take part will find it a special blessing. We did do it about the same time last year, and managed to find someone to cover every hour, so I hope we will be able to do so again. Perhaps a special incentive this year is that it will also be an opportunity to pray for the future of our own parish in view of the changes that are soon to take place. So do try to support it if you can; and I am sure you will be welcome also to take part in that of other parishes on the other days of the week if you should so wish.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £193.60; Survive-Miva Appeal: £260.

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

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

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: Retiring Collection this weekend. Leaflets and gift aid envelopes available if you don't already have them. As you will see in the leaflet, Fr. Matt intends to do one final cycle ride for vocations June-July, going up some of the iconic climbs of the Tour de France!

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND: our monthly collection will be next weekend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) meeting this Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm: Agenda for that meeting is displayed on the notice board at the back of the church. If there are any issues/suggestions that you would like discussed then, please place them in the post-box on the wall in the porch.

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 third 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.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday 17th May 10am to Friday 18th May 9am: This period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours has a three-fold purpose.

1. To pray in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress to be held in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September 2018 Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, laity and religious which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. The Deanery Clergy have organised a programme of Eucharistic Adoration in the week 14th to 20th May 2018. Most of the parishes within the Deanery are taking part and having a period of Adoration on an allotted day that week.

2. "Thy Kingdom Come" This is an invitation from the Presidents of Churches Together in England to join again this year in a global wave of prayer for mission, evangelism, peace and justice. People around the world will be coming together to pray for family friends and neighbours to come to know Jesus Christ.

3. As we approach Pentecost to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit anew on our parish and its future when Fr. Richard retires.

This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and already have cover from 10am to 7pm We are asking many more parishioners to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 Hrs. Please sign up on the spread sheet in the church porch.

LIFTS TO/FROM MASS: Anyone willing to offer lifts to/from Mass when required, please let Mary Harris know.

FROM NORA: May is the Month of Mary. Let us gather round the Blessed Mother and ask for Her intercession, She who was able to move Her divine Son to perform His first public miracle, can still do that for us today. Join in praying for vocation in the priesthood, religious life and for sanctifying grace for Christian families. Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church during May.

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: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any please send to the supplied on the front of



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