

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 14 OF THE YEAR**
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
- TUE** Let it Be – CaFE course on Mary, hall, 10.30 am.
- WED** **St. Benedict, Abbot, Parton of Europe** (feast)
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments & Breaking
Open & Sharing the Word in the hall.
Parish Open Meeting at 7.30 pm.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Finance Committee, hall, after Mass.
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (Sunday 15) at 5.30 pm.

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

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(7): Eric Conn RIP; **Wed:** John Brittain RIP; **Sat:** Derek Dyer, RIP.

READINGS

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2: 2-5.

Psalm (122) Refrain: ***Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.***

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1-6.

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

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SUNDAY 8 JULY, 2018

Dear Friends,

"Carelessness costs lives". Wasn't this one of the wartime slogans on posters? We might apply this to the events in Amesbury in the last few days – or at least, the way they appear to be at present. It would seem that the discarding of the receptacle containing the nerve agent used on the father and daughter in Salisbury recently was so careless that other people have now been affected by it. Not that we could in any way condone the earlier incident in Salisbury, but the apparent carelessness in discarding the container has had further dire consequences. And even if the perpetrator had any kind of conscience, which seems unlikely, and now regretted his or her carelessness – it is too late now to undo what has been done!

What we do carelessly can also have disastrous emotional and psychological consequences on others – what we say and do to them, for example; and perhaps especially on children; even things said or done inadvertently rather than deliberately can cause lasting hurt or harm. I know, for example, that a number of things said and done to me during my childhood – not just by parents, but by other adults: teachers, relatives, perhaps priests(?!!!) and even fellow pupils, and so on, had a detrimental effect lasting well into adulthood on my own self-esteem and self-confidence. We may think of words as "just words" but they can be very harmful. St. James says, "Think how small a flame can set fire to a huge forest; the tongue is a flame too." (James 3:5-6) Let us try to watch our tongues, and our actions, so that our carelessness may not cause irreparable harm to others!

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £217.40; Peter's Pence: £162.70

THIS WEEKEND: Sea Sunday – retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

REFRESHMENTS today will be combined with a 3 year-old's birthday party, all welcome as always. There will be a bouncy castle outside – for children only!!

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE this Friday after Mass, in the hall.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING FILM COURSE ON MARY: Fourth session *this* Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Refreshments included. NB final session next week, 17 July, and not 24 July as previously stated.)

RE-COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: We will do this, if I remember(!) at Mass this weekend, for those unable to attend the Diocesan Family Day; please approach the sanctuary step as usual during the Lamb of God.

FR MATT finishes his final cycle ride for Vocations, 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.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC: at Arnolds Mill Lacock SN15 2LY next Sunday 15th July at 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Please bring some picnic food to share, from the list in the porch. Donations can be made on the day to support our parish charities...Mary's Meals and Julia's House. More details from Judy or Carol.

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

A GIFT TO CAFOD in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. Find out about CAFOD's free will-writing service for supporters by picking up a leaflet in the church porch, email_legacy@cafod.org.uk or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.

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: 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 information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

