



ST. CATHARINE OF ALEXANDRIA FROME & ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL MELLS

8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

9.30am St. Catharine of Alexandria (Tony O'Brien R.I.P.), 11.30am St. Dominic's Chapel, Mells (People of the Parish) and 5.30pm St. Catharine of Alexandria

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 11.00am - 12.00pm SATURDAY AT ST. CATHARINE OF ALEXANDRIA

Monday 9th September 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 10th September No Mass

Wednesday 11th September 7.00pm Weekday in Ordinary Time (Willy Ullmann R.I.P.)

Thursday 12th September 9.30am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Mass for 55th Wedding Anniversary of Gloria and Eddie Payne)

Friday 13th September 9.30am Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Saturday 14th September 9.30am Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL, MELLS

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YEAR OF PRAYER – At his last supper Jesus gave us a meal to remind us of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The breaking of Christ's body and the spilling of his blood brought wholeness and healing to a broken world. The food that we eat at this Eucharistic banquet is the nourishment we need to go out and continue that great saving work. The love that Christ showed through his life, death and resurrection is the paschal mystery into which all Christians are called to participate. This is what it means to do this in memory of me. This is what it means to let go and take up the cross. Let us in the week ahead have the courage to go out to the whole world and serve it with love, compassion and dedication.

HOG ROAST POSTSCRIPT - Thanks to everyone who supported the Hog Roast last Sunday. The event was a great success and it was delightful to see so many members of the parish enjoying themselves after having celebrated Mass together. Special thanks to those who made the trip from Mells. We will endeavour to make this an annual event, and would be delighted to hear from anyone with ideas on how we can improve things.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP — The flowers displayed in the sanctuary are sponsored by Sara Jocelyn for her mother and daughter.

CALLING ALL EU (EUROPEAN UNION) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS - All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK and those married to UK citizens) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK. Otherwise there is a danger that if travelling abroad you might not be allowed re-entry to UK after October 31st 2019 in the event of a 'no-deal Brexit'. Because there is now a real danger of 'Brexit' without an agreement, it is very advisable to make your application before Oct 31st. It is vitally important that those concerned (including people from Latin America holding Spanish passports and from Angola, East Timor etc. holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31st December 2020. For those who have lived in UK less than five years there is a 'pre-EU Settlement' application. For those here for more than five and less than ten years there is a particular EU Settlement application; for those over ten years there is a slightly different application. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the 'EU Settlement Scheme' before end of June 2021 otherwise you could become an 'illegal immigrant'. For more information visit: www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status.

VACANCY - Clifton Diocese is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator. This is a part-time post for 3 days a week based in Bristol. For an application form and job description contact Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com or ring 0117 902 5590 or see www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT - A three-day Vocations Discernment Retreat, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an ensuite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser, Rina Bird, at rinabird@outlook.com

FINDING THE VOICE TO GIVE GOD PRAISE - A COURSE IN SERVING THE LITURGY THROUGH MUSIC - Please find below and in the porch information regarding a short course in serving the liturgy through our music which some of your parishioners may be interested in. No experience or musical expertise is expected. The course is for instrumentalists as well as singers. This course will lead to a certificate, awarded by Bishop Declan, for those who participate in the whole course. The dates are: 16 September, 21 October & 25 November (Monday evenings), 7pm-8.30pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beeches Green, Stroud. And also, Saturday 9 November, 10am-3pm (refreshments from 9.30am) at St John, South Parade, Bath

MONDAY TEAS – The Monday Teas on the 16th September is cancelled, the next one will be 30th September and we look forward to seeing you then.

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Local Authority. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2020.

TEACHERS: Have you considered becoming a Foundation Governor at a Catholic school? Teachers can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a different school to where they are employed. Sharing experience and good practice benefits the governing body, the school where you work and provides you with valuable experience of strategic leadership and can utilise and grow your skills and experience in a different context. Whether you teach at a Catholic School or any other type of school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.

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TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION IN HONOUR OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: In preparation and celebration of Blessed John Henry Newman's canonisation on Sunday 13th October, you are invited to come to the parish hall for a time of prayer and reflection on Saturday 12th October between 10am and 3pm. Please bring something to eat for lunch, drinks will be provided.

CELEBRATION OF EVENING PRAYER - on Friday 22 November at 7.00pm in our Cathedral, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the Year of Communion starting Sunday 1 December. As we did with the Year of Mission & Year of Prayer each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

SECOND COLLECTION – there will be a second collection this week for the Catholic Education Service.

WHO ARE THE S.V.P? - The SVP is a charity, number 1053992 and incorporated as a limited liability company, company number 3174679 it is governed by its Articles of Association, supported by National Statutes as well as following the Rule of the International Confederation of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Aims & Activities; The objective of the Charity is the relief of poverty, both material & emotional in England & Wales and abroad through the person to person involvement of its voluntary members engaged in befriending and through 'Special Works' which are projects established to address specific needs in the local community. The SVP vision is inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, is for individuals and families who are in any form of need to have hope together with a sense of dignity, worth, well-being and peace of mind. The SVP mission is to seek and find those in need to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle the cause where we can. St Catharine's SVP is one of the smaller conferences but needs people in the parish to point out people in need of help, pass names to Father Richard, or any member of the SVP. Blessed Frederic Ozanam wrote "We should fall at their feet and say alongside the Apostle: " you are our master and we are your servants, you are for us the sacred image of a God that we cannot see & in not knowing how to otherwise love, we will love you as individuals". To find out more, please contact Mike Smith on 01373 472481.

A LIFE LIVED IN COMMUNION - on Saturday 19 October we gather at St Brendan's College, Brislington, (9.15am - 2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon A life lived in Communion. The day at St Brendan's is set to prepare us for the coming Year of Communion (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome and it would be good if each parish was represented. Whilst we do not need names it would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming from your parish: please let the Adult Education office know by Monday 14 October at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com if you can or Anna (our parish administrator) would be happy to contact the diocese on your behalf. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE - On Saturday 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com and also please see the poster in the porch for more detailed information.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WITH THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY – this takes place at St Nicholas of Tolentino in Bristol on September 15th at 3pm and is followed by refreshments and social. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

DIOCESAN MISSION MASSES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER 2019 - there are seven Mission Masses in our diocese during October, the Mass on 23rd October will be presided by Bishop Declan. Please see the poster in the porch for more detailed information.

FORMATION FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY - Pastoral Ministry Formation information evenings are being held around the diocese, this will offer a chance to learn more about a proposed course, starting in 2020. All are welcome. Please see the poster in the porch for more detailed information. The course closest to us will take place on Tuesday 8th October at St. John's parish hall in Bath.

MASS WITH INDIVIDUAL HEALING PRAYER WITH EXPOSITION, RECONCILIATION AND BENEDICTION - this will take place on Friday 20th September at 7.00pm and celebrated by Father Bede Rowe with the Shrine Healing Ministry Team. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

EVENING RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE – this will take place on 23rd September from 5pm to 8pm at Our Lady and St. Alphege's Church in Bath. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND READERS ROTAS – the rotas for the 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses at St. Catharine's have been updated, to include our newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers and the Family Mass which now takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Please could all those involved check they are available on the revised dates. Paper copies are also up in the church porch and sacristy (with the contact information removed for privacy purposes).