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

13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
DAY OF PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Please be aware that only those Masses specified are open for attendance.

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES, UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE, WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM OUR WEBSITE
WWW.STCATHARINES.CO.UK.

THEY WILL ALSO BE SAVED AFTERWARDS, SO YOU CAN ACCESS AT ANY TIME THAT SUITS YOU BEST.

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC MASS

All Sunday 11am Masses will be open for attendance; this Mass will continue to be streamed. At Holy Communion, the camera will be focused on the tabernacle. People's faces may be seen, albeit very briefly, only if they return to their seats by passing the tabernacle, so with masks raised again, people should not be easily recognised if that is a concern to anybody.

The 5.30pm Masses on Saturdays are not being streamed. We have also been able to open the 7pm Mass on Wednesday evenings. All the Masses opened for attendance have only been made possible thanks to our volunteer stewards coming forward to facilitate this. **It is now mandatory, by law, to wear masks throughout all Masses. This also includes the Wednesday evening Mass, which was originally opened for attendance according to the 2 metre rule (where the masks could be removed when seated); the new law makes it obligatory to keep masks on. This means the Wednesday 7pm Mass can also accommodate more people at 1 metre distance, like Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.** If you wish to attend a Mass, and if spaces permit, on which the stewards will supervise and advise, please sanitise your hands as you enter the building. Please also see the booking system mentioned below. A steward will also ask for names and contact numbers of each household or, if singly, each person attending; this is to facilitate a track and trace system if, God forbid, anything develops. I beg your cooperation on this point. The available benches are clearly defined to promote the 1 metre+ rule of social distancing. The benches are intended for either a household unit to sit together, or for an individual. (Family members can only sit together if they reside at the same household.) Masks can only be lowered to receive Holy Communion; after you have received Holy Communion you should immediately replace your mask and return directly to your own bench as guided, to help maintain the social distance. For all our Masses, Deacon David or Richard Mills will be administering Holy Communion under the form of the Sacred Host only. We give thanks to God, and pray that we can continue do all this safely, and that circumstances will improve eventually allowing us to restore all our public worship.

God bless,

Fr Richard.

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Sunday 13th September 11.00am Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (People of the Parish) **OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE.**

Monday 14th September No Mass **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

7.00pm: A time of reflection on the cross, on our Lord's sacrifice, Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrows.

Tuesday 15th September No Mass

Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Mary Mortiboy RIP Anniversary) **OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE.**

Thursday 17th September 10.00am Memorial of St. Edith of Wilton (Vivienne Leigh RIP Anniv. and family's Ints)

Friday 18th September 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Mary Cannon RIP Anniversary)

Saturday 19th September 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Paul Keating RIP and family's Intentions)

5.30pm First Mass of Sunday: **OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE.** Not streamed.

TICKETS FOR MASSES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In order to be in line with regulations, it is necessary to limit attendance at public Masses to 13 households (who must all live together). To achieve this we are introducing a booking system. You will only need to book 1 ticket per household.

To book tickets for Saturday 5.30pm Mass the link is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-evening-mass-tickets-114008133396> and to book for Sunday 11.00am Mass the link is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-morning-mass-tickets-114009633884>. You can also access a link, which will take you direct to the Eventbrite booking system, through our website (www.stcatharines.co.uk). If you have any queries, please contact Deacon David Brinn. **If you know anybody who does not have access to the internet, please advise them to contact Deacon David's mobile number if they wish to request a booking; they should leave a message if Deacon David isn't able to answer.**

Please note: All who are attending Mass will need to wear a face covering at all times within the church.

There will be no toilet facilities available.

Please arrive by 5:15pm on Saturday and 10.45am on Sunday, to allow time for stewards to show you to your seats.

You will be required to give your name and telephone number on arrival in case this is needed for "Track and Trace". This will be stored in the parish office and destroyed after 21 days.

Please note - Sunday obligation does not currently apply and as we can accommodate only 13 households, we ask that you do not at this present time, book every week so that we give as many people as possible the chance to attend Mass. Bookings remain open until 5pm on Saturday so you can check if any spaces remain on Saturday afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you to St Catharine's again.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL, MELLS - All Masses are suspended until further notice.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

I am saddened that I cannot, at this time, receive You sacramentally.

I welcome you spiritually into my heart.

I embrace your presence within me.

Please keep me and all my loved ones safe in your embrace; help me and them to avoid anything that may lead us to turn away from You or each other.

Amen.

SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS – In the light of the restrictions imposed because of the Coronavirus you are reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday and Holyday Masses ceases because of the impossibility of attending.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER - Universal: Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

SECOND COLLECTION – today there will be a second collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

YEAR OF COMMUNION – Bud Welch, an American whose daughter was killed in the Oklahoma bombing describes how he was eaten up with hate and a desire for revenge. When he realised that this hate inside was killing him, he started to think about his daughter and what she would have wanted. Being able to move forward when we have suffered comes when we are released from our pain. We need healing, we need to be able to forgive and we need to be forgiven. It is difficult because it can feel like a betrayal of the past. How can we let go and forgive? Forgiving another does not come easily to us. Harder still is the struggle we have seeking forgiveness for wrongs that we have committed. Yet the capacity to forgive and be forgiven is necessary if cycles of violence are to be broken. We do not have to do this alone. The love which God has for us also brings forgiveness and the chance to renew our relationships and begin again. It is a chance for us to have a different future one that is not dictated to by what has happened in the past. For Bud Welch it was his faith and his desire for healing that led him to forgive the killer. His act of forgiving, he says, 'freed him' more than it freed the killer. He found peace and freedom and the chance to once again think of his daughter with joy.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR? The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

ST AUGUSTINE'S VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING – At the bottom of this newsletter is a poster with information regarding St. Augustine's virtual open evening.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER : NEW ONLINE EXPERIENCE FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT! Marriage Encounter are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the Coronavirus pandemic our residential retreats have had to be cancelled so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. The next

Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26 & 27 September 2020, why not find out more at www.wwme.org.uk or contact us on 0845 260 2016.

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - if you would like to make a donation to our parish during this time, you can still do so using the donate button on our website. We are also now able to take donations over the telephone using credit or debit cards. If you would like to use this option please email Anna with your name and contact number (email address below) or call the parish office on 01373 462705 and leave your name and telephone number. Please do not feel in any way duty bound to do so however. We know that this current crisis brings so many struggles to all of us, and financial worries can be one of them. Our sincere thanks to those who have been able to make donations.

CONFESSIONS: Dear parishioners, the fact that we remain required to exercise social distancing and some of us to exercise self-isolation, has made Sacramental Confession impossible to access. Below is an act of contrition especially suitable in the case of not being able to celebrate this Sacrament at this time.

However, I am available to hear open air confession (weather permitting) at a safe distance for those who request it, ideally in a garden which is not susceptible to "overhearing" ears. To make your request, you can either email me, or 'phone the parish number; if there is no reply, simply leave a message for me to ring back, leaving your own 'phone number. Obviously, this will not suit those who are very hard of hearing, which would need me to raise my voice and thus run the risk of being overheard; that is the best I can offer right now. If your garden is suitable, I can come to your garden if it has access separate from going through your home. Since first writing this, those who have taken up this offer have had happy and successful experiences of open air confession.

God bless, Fr. Richard.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease Thee, my God, Who art so deserving of all my love for Thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose, by Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee, to avoid all occasions of sin, and to amend my life. Amen. I further resolve and promise to go to Sacramental Confession as soon as practicably possible."

DOROTHY HOUSE: In partnership with Bath Interfaith Group will be hosting the Keynsham to Bath Abbey Pilgrimage which takes place on Saturday 19th September at St. John's Church, Keynsham at 9.30am for a 10am start with prayer to speed the pilgrims on their way and finishing at Bath Abbey. For further details and to book tickets on the Dorothy House website, please visit: www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-walk

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON THOMAS LAWES: On Saturday 26th September at 11am in the Cathedral, Bishop Declan will ordain Thomas to the Priesthood. Due to the current situation concerning Covid-19 numbers are limited to allow for social distancing. The ordination will be live streamed on the Cathedral website. I commend Thomas to your prayers, and if you can join in with the live stream that would also be wonderful. I am sure that Thomas would be touched to know that people around the diocese took part in this way. I am also sure that there will be those among you who have never witnessed an ordination, and this is a great opportunity not to be missed.

The Clifton Cathedral website is: <https://cliftoncathedral.org>

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St Augustine's Catholic College



Year 6 Parents & Students

I would like to invite you to our

VIRTUAL Open Evening

on

Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 6pm

Please go to our website where you will find a link to access the event
(The event will be recorded and will also be available to access on our website afterwards)

David Forster

David Forster, Headmaster

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