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

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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.

St. Catharine's is closed for public worship but open for private prayer on Mondays from 7.00 - 8.00 pm and from Tuesday November 17th, the church will also be open for private prayer between 10.30am and midday.

These opening times may be subject to change, so please check here before visiting.

Sunday 22nd November 11.00am Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (People of the Parish)

Monday 23rd November No Mass

Tuesday 24th November No Mass

Wednesday 25th November 7.00pm Weekday in Ordinary Time (Deceased members of the Palmer family RIP)

Thursday 26th November 10.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time Weekday in Ordinary Time (Deceased members of the Brain and Bond family RIP)

Friday 27th November 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Deceased members of the Gonsalves and D'Mello family (RIP).

Saturday 28th November 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Valentina, Adjan and family Intentions)

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.

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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 has ceased because of difficulties and limitations surrounding attendance.

100 CLUB - the November winners are 1st £25 unallocated - donated back to parish 2nd £10 Veronica Price and 3rd £5 Paddy Macken.

Renewals have been posted or emailed out - please let Debbie Godwin know on this email address (100club.frome@cliftondiocese.com) if you have not received your renewal details. Thank you.

There are spaces for new members so please consider joining if you are able. Debbie Godwin on email 100club.frome@cliftondiocese.com will be happy to give you all the information.

YEAR OF COMMUNION – In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French, Catholic community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable and the villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. When a young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches:

“I’m not sure what the theme of my homily, today, should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord’s transformation? No, not really, no I don’t want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here’s what I think. We can’t go round measuring our goodness by what we don’t do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist and who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create and who we include.”

Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today’s gospel encourages us to do the same.

SAFE FAMILIES INFORMATION EVENINGS - Could you offer encouragement and support to a local family that is feeling isolated? Join us on Zoom to find out more about how Safe Families connects churches with families that are feeling alone to build relationships that bring hope. There are different ways to be involved and everyone is welcome – it's a great opportunity to ask questions and there is no pressure to sign up!

Short video invite: <https://vimeo.com/478457708/2e74a6f2e7>

Monday evenings repeated on: 23rd November, 30th November, 7th December from 7:30pm – 8:00pm
Drop an email to sswadmin@safefamilies.uk and we'll send you the Zoom link.

THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER – Universal: Artificial Intelligence

That the process of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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. Another

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alternative is by cheque payable to "St Catharine's Parish, Frome" posted to the presbytery or dropped through the letterbox. Please do not feel under any pressure to do so, however; we know that this current crisis brings different struggles to all of us, and financial constraints can be one of them. Our sincere thanks to those who have been able to make donations.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD: Dear Parishioners and friends, sadly, the new lockdown has meant that our being open for communal worship has had to be suspended. None of us knows, for sure, how things will look by the time Christmas reaches us. Let us try to be hopeful that we can return to some possible attendance at Mass, with no worse restrictions than those we have been experiencing to this point. This notice will be updated as and when there is greater clarity of information provided to us.

In the hope that people will be able to attend over Christmas, albeit in limited numbers, I am outlining our aspirations for Mass at Christmas. These plans were being drawn up before the current lockdown was announced. IF permissible, this is how Christmas might look, please pray that these aspirations can be fulfilled:

Christmas Eve: 5pm Children's Mass (**Streamed**)
7pm
9pm (**Streamed**)

Christmas Morning: 9am
11am (**Streamed**)

IF we are able to go ahead, the 5pm Mass will be reserved for young children and their families. With that in mind, as you can see, we are providing more Mass times in the hope of maximizing opportunities for people to attend a Mass. Again, if we can proceed with these plans, we will employ a booking system for the Masses, as we have been doing up to this point. However, there may be one difference: it has been suggested that, only IF numbers exceed the places available for a particular Mass, the names of individuals/ families booked for that Mass, be placed into a hat and drawn out; those drawn out would then be notified of their place. This is, far, far from ideal, and it breaks my heart to have to even consider it. Any system we devise will have its flaws. This way, we are trying to be fair to those whose personal circumstances may make it difficult to be swift in booking for limited places (on a first come, first served basis), and hand it over to the Lord, in much the same way as we find in Scripture. It is not intended to be, nor should it be regarded as being, disrespectful to the dignity of the Mass.

Wishing you every blessing,

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."

PRAYER: It would be wonderful if we could restore praying the Angelus at midday and 6pm on a daily basis. It is a prayer we can stop to pray, alone or as a family, wherever we are. For those who do not have the words, they are printed below:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

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R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen. May the Divine Assistance be always with us, and may the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BEING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH – please see below a poster with details of a webinar on “Being a Dementia Friendly Church in a Pandemic”.

RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL – if you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email, please contact Anna Pang (details below) who is very happy to add you to her newsletter email distribution list.

Being a **dementia** friendly church

Webinar on:

Being a Dementia Friendly Church in a Pandemic

Friday 27th November 2020 on Zoom

10.30 - 11.30

During the Webinar we will explore the challenges churches are facing at the moment in supporting people living with dementia during the Pandemic; share stories of what churches are doing and explore what more churches might do.

Please book your place through Eventbrite by clicking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-a-dementia-friendly-church-in-a-pandemic-tickets-128626279665> you will be sent a link to access the Webinar.

If you are unable to access Eventbrite then please call BDAA on 07741 142701 or email office@bdaa.org.uk to book your place.

The Webinar can be accessed via the internet on the Zoom app or by phone.



