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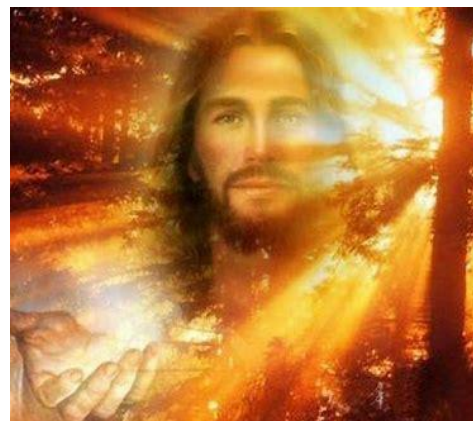
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 17th August

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) *(Fr Millett)*

9am (Cor) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

with Holy Baptism

11am (Ch) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

Monday 18th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 19th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(John Osborne)*

Wednesday 20th August

Saint Bernard, Abbot,

Doctor of the Church

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 21st August

Saint Pius X, Pope

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 22nd August

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 23rd August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 24th August

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

(Francis Pycroft)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*

20TH & 21ST SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME C

This week is a double newsletter for the August holidays

ST MARY'S SANCTUARY CARPET has now been fitted, and our new altar frontals and hangings were delivered on Saturday.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S will be held on Wednesday 20th August in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL HARVEST SUPPER will be on Friday 26th September at 7pm at St Patrick's Hall. If you are able to help, or you can contribute a hot or cold dish, please contact Teresa, or put your name down on the volunteer list which will be in both churches.

CLIFTON ANNUAL DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY will take place on 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage as the keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus.' There will also be several workshop options for people to attend. More information to follow.

PARENT HUB Come and listen to a talk about the joys and challenges of family life and meet other parents in the area. The next Parent Hub will take place at 3pm on Saturday 20th September at St Patrick's Hall in Corsham. Parents are most welcome to attend with their children. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. Any enquiries, contact Sarah & Sam: 07907732997

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH A new programme will start in the Autumn for adults who wish to know Jesus Christ and his Church. This is for those enquiring about the faith leading to the possibility of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (or reception into the full communion of the Church) next Easter. Now is the time to mention this to your family and friends who may wish to join us on this exciting journey in faith. There will be a 'Taste and See'

Evening on Wednesday 1st October in the parish office at St Mary's. Please call the office for more details and register your interest.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE – ACTION NEEDED! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C
 Sunday 24th August
 5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (Francis Pycroft)
 9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo) with Children's Liturgy
 11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Monday 25th August
 Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 26th August
 Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi) Priest
 12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Special Intention)

Wednesday 27th August
 Saint Monica
 12pm Mass (Cor)
 12.10pm Funeral Mass of Leo Patrick Adams (Ch)

Thursday 28th August
 Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Noel and Rosemary Buddle) followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 29th August
 Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 30th August
 Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
 2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
 4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
 4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C
 Sunday 31st August
 5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (Fr Millett)
 9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)
 11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Bill. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

MARCH FOR LIFE – LONDON, SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER We particularly encourage this act of witness, at a time when our government is intensifying attacks on the sanctity of life. Our own Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am, prior to the march. More information can be found here: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983.

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SERVERS We are looking for new altar servers, both young and older people to assist at the 9am Sunday Mass as our current team are going to university in the autumn. Please see Fr Michael or Diane if you can help. It would be lovely to see some of our first communicants take up this ministry.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Woman of Hope' and it will be on Sunday 7th September. Please see the poster in the porch. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage and you would like to be an altar server, or a pilgrim, please contact Teresa who has more detailed information for you.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 17th August at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Corsham after weekday mass. Chippenham on Sat 4.15-4.45pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Anne Martin, Agnes Tegner. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Anne Brigden, Hannah Moynihan, Fred Woropay, Austin Brownrigg, Carolina Fossacecco, Catherine Law, Jessie Kent, Patrick Harmon, Geraldine Salako, Ed Johnstone, Rosemary Buddle, Kath Hower, Ken Vaz.

For Peace: in Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's August Intention: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Diocesan Prayer Link: 20th St Joseph, Bridgwater and Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Burnham on Sea 21st Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol.

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

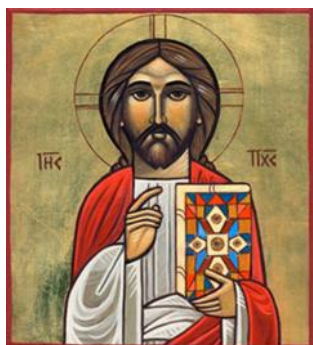
August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, October to the Holy Rosary and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22nd Aug as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Then in 1969, St Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5th August, the Assumption on 15th August and the Queenship of Mary on 22nd August. Well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. In fact the roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart."

Collect of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So, they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of

Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39)

LORD, make haste to help me!

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the LORD.

Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

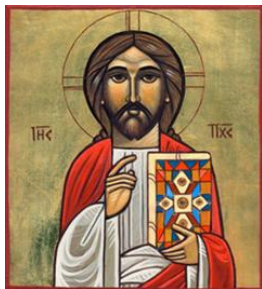
Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord



THE WORD NEXT WEEK

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117(116)

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore, lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord