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Please contact the office by phone or email regarding any administrative requests

Sunday 26th September 2021 - Year B

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Confessions - Saturday - 11.00am-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.00pm

Saturday 25 th September (Vigil Mass)	6.15pm	Paul Dzieszuk & Margaret Thomas (RIP)	
Sunday 26 th September	8.00am	Mariola & Joe Martin (RIP)	
	9.30am	Janice Pereira (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	Neil Shovelton	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 27 th September	8.00am	John & Michael Prendergast (RIP)	<i>Memorial of</i>
	5.45pm	Angela Luis (Thanksgiving)	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>
Tuesday 28 th September	8.00am	Vito Antonio Fiore (Birthday)	<i>Weekday in</i>
	5.45pm	Leita & Alvito (Thanksgiving)	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday 29 th September	8.00am	Patricia Robinson (Intention)	<i>Feast of St Michael,</i>
	5.45pm	Deceased Iwaniszyn Family	<i>St Gabriel & St Raphael</i>
Thursday 30 th September	8.00am	Dennis Hay (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Memorial of</i>
	5.45pm	Jose Almeida (Thanksgiving)	<i>St Jerome</i>
Friday 1 st October	8.00am	Verediana Pereira (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Therese</i>
	5.45pm	Esperanca De Souza (RIP)(1 st Ann)	<i>of the Child Jesus</i>
Saturday 2 nd October	8.00am	Holy Souls	<i>Memorial of the</i>
	6.15pm	Jasia Wojewodka (RIP)	<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>

Sunday Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 18; Jas 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Week's Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 127; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

NOTICES

19/09/21 Main Collection £3291

Green Envelopes £318

Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP with ministries within the church ie Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Welcomers and Catechists. Please contact the parish office if you are able to volunteer.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH: Please do **not** bring flowers or plants into the church without speaking to Canon John beforehand.

BOOK STALL: After each Mass the weekend 2/3 October. My Day by Day for October, November, prayer books and other items will be on sale.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on the 1st October. Please collect a donation envelope from the porch or follow the link to make online donations.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

MISSIO / Red boxes / World Mission Sunday. The treasurer will be in the parish room after each Mass on 23rd and 24th October to see promoters, empty boxes if needed and distribute the autumn Missio magazines. There will also be an opportunity to make Missio donations by electronic bank transfer. If anyone is holding a red box that needs emptying, but is unable to come to Holy Rood over the weekend of 23/24 October, they can contact the treasurer on eholliday21@virginmedia.com to make alternative arrangements. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support and prayers.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Please follow the link to read [Bishop's Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

ON MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, the Vigil of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

DARE TO DREAM: Please follow the link to listen to short inspiring reflections given by our diocesan priests.

<https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

TIME TO START SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Swindon Borough Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

REFLECTION

Today's readings call us to be totally committed and dedicated to God. St. Francis de Sales tells us that we do this by cultivating a life of holy love. The supreme happiness of the world consists in loving many things as one's own. Such affections easily spring up again and again in us. But we must make a clear distinction between inclinations and attachments. If our feelings come from inclinations, we should not be concerned. For instance, a thousand times a day I may *feel* enraged against someone who has slandered me. But if I turn to God and make an act of charity for the one who outraged me, there is nothing wrong, for it is not in my power to calm my natural feelings, especially when faced with a lion. With our attachments it is a different story. What makes us so attached to what is ours is the exaggeration of our self-importance. While we may subdue our inordinate self-centeredness, it will never die as long as we live here on earth. Yet, if we wish to calm the feelings that dominate our actions that cause us regrets, we need to nurture holy love. To do this we must move from our inordinate self-centred loves to a love that seeks only God's glory in all things. Holy love begins to grow in us as we begin to let go of all that does not lead us to God's goodness. "Letting go" (holy detachment) is such a difficult virtue to acquire that in a monastery it takes ten years of cultivation. Yet the virtue is not as terrible as it sounds, for it gives us the liberty of spirit to love the world around us as God loves it. So let us follow reason and not our tendencies or dislikes of difficult virtues. While our attachments are very precious things, we must use them to love God, our one true Possession, to whom we dedicate and commit our lives.

(Adapted from Carneiro, Spiritual Conferences of St. Francis de Sales)