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

Sunday 17th October 2021 - Year B

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 16 th October (Vigil Mass)	6.15pm	Agustine Lopes (Ann)(RIP)	
Sunday 17 th October	8.00am	Joliton Victoria (Thanksgiving)	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Marjorie Wheeler (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Bramwell & Margaret Webb (Ann)	
Monday 18 th October	8.00am	Francesco Virgilio (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Luke</i>
	5.45pm	Michele & Lia Colucci	
Tuesday 19 th October	8.00am	Francisco Cabral (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 20 th October	8.00am	Conceicao & Jerodaia (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Kezia Velany Vales (1 st Birthday)	
Thursday 21 st October	8.00am	Diogo Gonsalves (1yr Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Nicolau Jose & Tereza Cardozo (RIP)	
Friday 22 nd October	8.00am	Cheryl & Godfrey Dias (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Adymn Agnelo (Thanksgiving)	
Saturday 23 rd October	8.00am	Teresa & Waclaw Brzozowski & Ewa Douglas (RIP)	
	6.15pm	Paul Dzieszuk (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>

Sunday Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 32; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Week's Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)**

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. The treasurer will be in the parish room after Masses on 23rd & 24th October to see promoters, empty boxes and distribute the autumn Missio magazines. You will also be able to make Missio donations by electronic bank transfer. If you are unable to make the dates & still need a red box emptied, please contact the treasurer on eholiday21@virginmedia.com to make alternative arrangements. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support and prayers.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Whitworth Road Cemetery on Sunday 7th November from 2pm and Kingsdown Cemetery on Sunday 28th November from 2pm.

HOLY SOULS: There will be a basket in front of the Altar from next weekend for your November Holy Souls intentions.

BOOKING MASSES Please collect an envelope from the church porch to book a Mass. Once you have completed the details place your offering into the envelope and post it through the office door. If your requested Mass is not available, the nearest available Mass will be booked.

BOOK STALL next weekend 23/24 October. Christmas cards, 2022 Diaries and scroll calendars will be available.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE? Join us on Saturday, 23 October, 11am at Clifton Cathedral for the Clifton Climate Liturgy. Please see the notice board for more information.

YOUTH COUNCIL Bishop Declan wishes to form a Youth Council that will support the faith life of the young people within Clifton Diocese. To be involved, please follow this link [Diocesan Youth Council booklet](#) or see the poster for more information.

BIBLE HUB ALIVE EVENT 2021: The Chosen Youth Swindon invites people aged 13 onwards to join them as they celebrate 1 year of the Online Bible Hub. It will include worship, talks, testimony and activities. Time & Date: Saturday 23rd October, 2pm-4pm. Doors open at 1:30pm. Location: Holy Rood Church, Swindon. Pre-registrations are compulsory. Please tap [here](#) to register. Save the date!

CALLED TO SERVE IN MUSIC MINISTRY?

The Sunday 5.30 music group, invite you to stay behind after Mass on Sunday 7th November to learn a bit about what is involved. Your gift might be in singing, or playing an instrument, operating a laptop or our audio-visual system, setting up / clearing away, organising our rotas – all needed. We look forward to meeting you.

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? Please apply now for a place at a Catholic primary school if your child was born between 01/09/17 – 31/08/18. Application forms are available from the school admissions team of the Swindon Borough Council, baptism certificates must be provided if child has been baptised. Closing date 15/01/22.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED:

Please follow the link to view the Bishop's Video for School Governors: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab. If you would like to apply to become a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976.

SACRAMENTS

2021/22 Confirmation Catechists and Helpers

We are always looking for new faces to join our team, both adults and 16-18 year olds who are already confirmed. No experience necessary, so if you are looking for a way to serve your church community and feel called to work with our young people, please respond by contacting hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com.

FUNERALS

We continue to remember all those who have died recently in our prayers.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that to be great is to be a servant. St. Francis de Sales stresses that we serve God best in our daily responsibilities of our state of life:

Firmly put in your mind that God desires you to be a servant just as you are. That is, you serve God best by trying to be patient, gentle and loving in the activities and responsibilities that your state in life requires. Once you are convinced of this, you must bring yourself to a tender affection for your state in life. Because God wills it, we must love everything about it and give it first place in our heart, recalling it often, thinking it over seriously, welcoming and enjoying the truth of it.

Cultivate your own garden as best you can. Direct your thoughts to being very good at being what you are and bear the crosses, little or great, that you find there by frequently asking God to help you. Do not consider the importance of the things you do. For of themselves they are insignificant. Consider only the dignity they have in being willed by God's providence, and planned according to God's wisdom. In a word, if they are pleasing to God and acknowledged being so, to whom should they be displeasing?

Little by little exercise your will to follow God's will. God, who does nothing in vain, gives us strength and courage when we need them. Gradually the strong resistance you feel will become weaker and soon disappear altogether. Call to mind that trees bear fruit only because of the presence of the sun, some sooner, and some later. Not all of them yield equal harvests. We are very fortunate to be able to remain in the presence of God. So let us be content that God will make us bear our fruit sooner or later, or only occasionally, according to God's good pleasure. Our openness to the will of God allows us to be faith-filled servants of God, who never fails to help us in our needs

(Adapted from W. Wright & J. Power, Eds., Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal...)