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Sunday 24th October 2021 - Year B
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 23 rd October (Vigil Mass)	6.15pm	Paul Dzieszuk (RIP)	
Sunday 24 th October	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	Santana Rodrigues (RIP)	
	11.00am	Ida Petroccia (RIP)	
	5.30pm	Benny & Terezinha Coutinho (RIP)	
Monday 25 th October	8.00am	Natalie Richardson (Intention)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Nicolau Jose & Tereza Cardozo (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 26 th October	8.00am	Josefa Mendes (RIP)(Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Cinetroy Pereira (Thanksgiving)(Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday 27 th October	8.00am	Lenny Braganca (Thanksgiving)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Jesus & Janice (Wedd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 28 th October	8.00am	Francis.K.O. (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Simon & St Jude</i>
	5.45pm	Maisie Bauer (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Simon & St Jude</i>
Friday 29 th October	8.00am	Ninoshka Fernandes (18 th Birthday)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	5.45pm	Luis Santan Braganca (RIP)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Saturday 30 th October	8.00am	Aleixo Joao Fernandes (RIP) (2 nd Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	6.15pm	Joana Rodrigues (RIP)(1 st Ann)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>

Sunday Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Week's Readings: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

NOTICES

10/10/21 Main Collection £2545

Green Envelopes £122

17/10/21 Main Collection £2573

Green Envelopes £180

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday (MISSIO)

The treasurer will be in the parish room after all Masses this weekend 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 attend this weekend & 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.

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

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

HOLY SOULS: Please place your November Holy Souls intentions in the basket at the front of the Altar.

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. The 2021 diary is almost full. Please choose dates from the 21st December 2021 onwards.

BOOK STALL Open this weekend for the sale of Christmas cards and 2022 Calendars and Diaries.

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.

SYNOD: For more information regarding Pope Francis' call for our participation in the upcoming Synod, please see the notice board or follow the link;

[Synod Information sessions | Clifton Diocese](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Please see the notice board or follow the link for more information regarding a series of online conversations for CLOW leaders from across the diocese.

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CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as **relationship counsellors** and make a world of difference to couples and families.

For more information please see the notice board or visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

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 notice board for more information.

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.

FUNERALS

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

Upcoming Funeral at Holy Rood:

Mrs Raffaella Torchia (RIP) 01/11/21 at 11.15am

Upcoming Requiem Mass:

Danuta Johaniewicz (RIP) 05/11/21 at 11.00am

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we experience Jesus' compassion as He heals the blind man who has faith in His healing power. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Your heart is held in God's hand of mercy. God will never abandon you even if you are troubled and in anguish. You never want to leave God when you are feeling sad and bitter. Instead call out to our Lord and our Lady, who never stop loving you. God's goodness with its gentle strength comes to our aid if we accept the needed help. In no way must we lose heart. If we cooperate with God's loving care for us, God's goodness will give us another, even greater help. God's mercy leads us from good to better so that we may advance in holy love.

By frequently lifting up your heart to God during the day, you will strengthen your mind against useless and habitual thoughts that upset and torment you. You can say: "Yes Lord, I want to do this action because You want it." Choosing to endure difficulties so as to achieve what is better for us is a very powerful prayer before God, regardless of the complaints that come from our feelings. If you happen to fail, don't be disturbed. With great confidence in God's mercy, pick yourself up and continue to walk peacefully and calmly, as before, in faith. Even though we are weak, our weakness is not nearly as great as God's mercy toward those who want to love and hope in God.

I have seen few people make progress without experiencing trials, so you must be patient. After the squall, God will send the calm, for you are God's child. Our divine Saviour never forgets to show that his mercy surpasses his justice. That his love and desire to forgive is infinite, and that he is rich in mercy. Consequently, Our Redeemer wishes that all be made whole through his divine love. Have faith in God's healing power.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal.)