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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 17

JULY 2022

LITURGY THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

Sunday 24 th July, Sunday of Ordinary Time	Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday 25 th July, St James	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 26 th July, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne	Mass: 7.00pm
Wednesday 27 th July, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Mass: 7.30am
Thursday 28 th July, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Mass: 7.30am
Friday 29 th July, Saint Martha	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 30 th July, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Masses: 9.30am, 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS): 10.00am Saturdays and by request at any time

(telephone 0117 9738411, or simply ask a priest before or after Mass)

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For all who are unwell: David Bull, Edmund Richardson, Gabriele Green, Eliza James, Annabelle Cervantes, Angela Manning, Theresa Johnston, Ian Venters, Barbara Freeman, Valentina Kelemenova, Mario Toffolo, Sue Wright, Christine Bartlett, Nick Lee, Steve Hatwood, Dinah McAlees, Linda Sheppard, Patricia Sheppard, Timothy Robinson, Kate Painter, Steve Bell, Rosalin Bayley, Carol and Chris Chadwick, Kate Cullen, Mary Burke, Nic Dunn, Ian and Amy Mackenzie, Margaret McGuinness, Margaret Meech, Peter Melton, Dr Dwaipayan Bhattacharya, Jane and Malcolm Cooper, Andy Dawes, Michael Palmer, Patrick O'Sullivan, Bridie O'Sullivan and Steffan Llwyd.

For those who have died recently: Stella Marsh RIP

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jill Welbourne, Emily Wall, Michael Haines, Angela Fletcher, John Leslie.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Parishioners are invited to enjoy special moments of prayer and reflection in the silence of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6.45am – 7.25am and on Saturdays from 10am (after Mass) while the Sacrament of Penance is being offered.

17th SUNDAY: A very common false notion of prayer is that we tell God what we want and then we get it. This is clearly not what happens. It only takes two opposing sets of supporters to pray for their team, and one bunch of fans is sure to be disappointed. So does this mean that God does not listen? Or does it perhaps mean that prayer is a waste of time? It actually means something far deeper. When Jesus talks about prayer, he says that the Father knows what we need and will not see us lacking. As a parent responds to the needs of its child, so God answers us. But the crux of the matter is “what we need”. Sometimes we are tempted to think that we need all sorts of things that are really unnecessary. We end up praying not for what we need but for what we would like. We confuse our daily bread with daily cake. When we pray and do not get what we want, it’s a good indication that we have prayed for the wrong thing. Prayer is never unanswered. It’s just that sometimes the answer is “no”. But what about when we pray for something really important? When we pray for an end to war or famine? Could it be that prayer is only part of the whole Christian deal? We have to act in accordance with our prayer. If we acted on the phrase “Thy kingdom come”, then the world would be a different place. We would not be praying in one way and behaving in the opposite. It’s not that Christianity has failed. It’s not been tried yet. The more we pray the more we come to know God and God’s will for our world. Could it be that prayer isn’t simply a set of words to change God’s mind about things but really a spiritual practice that changes us, making us more aware of God’s will? If this were so then we would become the daily bread for those we bring before God in prayer.

THE LOV VERBUM DEI (LOVVD) MINISTRY: In collaboration with the Clifton Diocese, a 10-Part Theme Series on the topic of LOVE has been launched on Friday 14th July. Therein we are invited to sit down to converse with the people of our community and share the only thing that will be asked of us, at the end of our lives, as St John of the Cross said: “In the evening of life, we will be judged on LOVE alone.” In the first episode, we listen to Canon Bosco on what LOVE means to him. Episodes will be released every Friday for 10 consecutive weeks on the diocesan website cliftondiocese.com/love/ and on the LOVVD YouTube channel youtube.com/c/LOVVerbumDei?sub_confirmation=1 with the past episodes available for replay.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR IRIS HEATHER RALLS (CHIP): Will be held at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday, 30 July 12:00 noon. We remember Iris and her family in our prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE AUTUMN: In response to the messages received at the Synod listening events we would like to offer some dates for your diary this Autumn: Friday 23rd September in the Apostle Room - Quiz and Chips evening with your Quizmaster, Fr Bosco; Saturday 3rd December in the Apostle Room - ‘Dickens’ Christmas evening with supper and song; Monthly prayer meetings, with time to get to know one another in the Apostle Room on the first Monday of each month from September to December (5th September; 3rd October; 7th November; 5th December). There will also be a reading of Luke’s Gospel across two evenings in preparation for the Parish Retreat in October. These will take place on the 27th September and the 11th October at 7pm in the James Room. You will be most welcome whether or not you are planning to attend the retreat. There are still a few places available for the retreat led by Fr Nicholas King SJ at Ammerdown 14th – 16th October. Please ask the office for details.

CATHEDRAL READERS: The Cathedral would welcome expressions of interest from parishioners in joining the Sunday and if possible, weekday Readers’ Rotas. It is an extremely valuable service to the congregation, which leads us to contemplation of our Lord’s life and encourages putting into practice his teachings in our daily lives. A training session will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a reader, please have a word with one of the clergy after Sunday Mass.

ITEMS FOR THE CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER Please send in items for inclusion in the Cathedral newsletter to Ruta (ruta.delany@cliftondiocese.com) by Wednesday if possible and be aware that it might be edited.

ST JOSEPH’S HOME: Is hosting a Coffee morning with Bring and Buy sale at 11am on Saturday 6th August. Come and join us for a chat and a laugh with tea, cakes and the legendary Irish coffee. All proceeds will go to support the work of the Little Sisters caring for the elderly of the Diocese.

FINANCE: Last week’s offertory collection for our Cathedral Parish came to £504.45 , thank you very much. The second collection this week will be for Bishop’s Charitable Fund, which has been set up to cover various worthwhile causes in the Parish, please give generously if you can.