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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 19

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LITURGY THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

Sunday 7 th Aug, Sunday of Ordinary Time	Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday 8 th Aug, Saint Dominic	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th Aug, Saint Teresa Benedicta	Mass: 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th Aug, Saint Laurence	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday 11 th Aug, Saint Clare	Mass: 9.30am
Friday 12 th Aug, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 13 th Aug, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.30am

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, Jane and Malcolm Cooper, Andy Dawes, Michael Palmer, Patrick O'Sullivan, Bridie O'Sullivan, Steffan Llwyd, Jerome Farrell and Rosalin Bayley.

For those who have died recently: James Furey, Cecily Hutchinson, Rosemary Slocombe, Barbara Ivey RIP.

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Olive Connell, Barrie Meech, Maria De Castra, Caroline Williams, Elizabeth Cogan, Jean Baker, Timothy Hemming, Christopher Sharples.

WAITING FOR RESULTS: School reports and exam results can cause great anxiety. We wait for them, worrying about what they will mean for our future. We can't make the agony go away, but we can remind ourselves of how wrong they sometimes are. A teacher at Harrow, Mr. Davidson, wrote on one boy's report: "He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way. If he is unable to conquer this slovenliness *he will never make a success...*" It was Winston Churchill's! Lord, don't give me marks for achievement. Just look at my effort.

19th SUNDAY: What does it mean to say that the Son of Man will “come” at a time we do not expect? And why are we warned against becoming complacent about it? Being always ready and expectant is one thing, but how will we know if he has come or not? Most people think of the coming of the Son of Man in terms of death. They think of being caught out with an untimely death, like a car accident, and of the need to live a life that is prepared for death. This is certainly true. But the coming of the Son of Man is also a positive thing. The bible speaks of it as making us glorious in the sight of our enemies. It means that it is also about ordinary everyday experiences. This “coming” takes place in common events. We are made glorious, and God is made manifest in the giving of new life. A woman expecting a baby waits and waits for the moment when she can hold it in her arms. When finally she can do this, it’s a grace-filled moment. Some things bring new hope. Perhaps a person has been waiting for just the right job to come their way and the offer arrives on the doormat. They can see it just as another job offer, or they can see it as a chance for a new start, a fresh hope, a time of blessing. Even sickness brings the Son of Man. If we grow old and tired under the weight of our years, or if we simply are laid low with some debilitating disease, how do we react to it? Do we see it simply as a burden, or as an opportunity to grow through our suffering? Does the Son of Man visit us in our sickness or do we take it on alone? And what about true love? If we believe that God comes to us in the ordinary events of our lives, then what about when we meet the right partner? Do we see just another human being, or can we look beyond appearances to see the presence of God in the person we love? God visits us in the lives of those who show us love. So the secret, says Jesus, is to stay wide awake in order to see the Son of Man in life. The trick is to know how to wait, how to expect, how to long for God. For the Son of Man comes not just at death. He comes in life. And often.

AFTERNOON CREAM TEA: The Cathedral's Mercy Group is holding an Afternoon Cream Tea in Worcester Gardens (The James Room, if raining) on Saturday 27th August at 3pm. A lovely way to meet new people! All dietary requirements catered for with no charge and transport can be arranged if required. To book a place, please phone or text Robert on 07767 706 163 or email mercygroupbristol@gmail.com.

TRAIDCRAFT & FOODBANK: The Foodbank collections are taking place every Sunday and have an especially high need of pasta, rice, tea, instant coffee and jam. All of those items can be purchased from Traidcraft stall after Masses this Sunday 7 August. Financial donations can also be made to the stall.

FOODBANK ONLINE APPEAL: Thank you very much for your continuing support - we recently achieved & passed our latest £500 target on justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cliftoncathedralfoodbankappeal! Your generous donations will provide the Foodbank with much needed food & household goods, sourced from our Fairtrade suppliers.

HELP FOR OUR UKRAINIAN FRIENDS: A family from Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine (Alex, Olha and 16-year-old Vadym) is arriving to Bristol Airport on Monday 22nd August. They will stay with Paul and Sharon Williams in Bristol for a week or so before travelling to Shropshire, where they will live supported by the local community until they feel ready to move on. Help needed with transport, please – if you have a minibus/a big car and can help by picking them up with their luggage from the airport, please get in touch with Paul and Sharon on pw472661@gmail.com. More importantly, might you be able to take them to Clun, near Ludlow, when the time comes? (Fuel costs would be covered). Olha speaks excellent English and to help in this way would really make a difference.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE: The Pilgrim journey of the relics will take place in England, Scotland and Wales in September and October this year, arriving at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 10th September. Please come to the Cathedral to experience the special gifts and graces of Lourdes and to enrich your own faith. All pilgrims are invited and are very welcome, but it would be really helpful if you could telephone the Cathedral House on 0117 973 8411 if you are bringing a coach or a small party. Please advise the approximate numbers and the need for assistance with wheelchairs, so that we can plan appropriately. The full program of the celebrations is available on our website and the notice board.

THE TURIN SHROUD EXHIBITION: will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, 2 Wingfield Road Trowbridge BA14 9EA from 26th Sept–3rd October. The exhibition will be open 9am-9pm each day (Except 3pm-9pm on Mon 26th Sept and 9am-12 noon Mon 3rd October). Please note that parking is limited on Saturday 1st October 5.30pm-7pm and Sunday 2nd October 10am-1pm, accommodating parishioners attending Mass at St. John’s Church. For more information, please go to shroudofturinexhibition.com

FINANCE: Last week’s offertory collection for our Cathedral Parish came to £706.59, thank you very much.