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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 9-15 June 2024

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

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SUNDAY 9 June TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass: 9.30am

Ints of Gervase and Sue O'Donovan

Mass: 11.00am

Ints of A J Gate

Polish Mass: 1.00pm

Confessions: 5.50pm – 6.20pm

Mass: 6.30pm

Ints of Adelaide di Maggio

MONDAY 10 June

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Rosary: 10.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Matthew and May Millet RIP

TUESDAY 11 June

ST BARNABAS

Mass: 8.00am

For Conversion

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

For Forgiveness

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 12 June

Mass: 8.00am

Ints of Sam Keane

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Bill Randall RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm *Praise & Worship: 12.30pm – 1.30pm*

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

THURSDAY 13 June

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Mass: 8.00am

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Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Bill Randall RIP & Randall Family Ints

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm *(Prayer for Priests – 10.30am)*

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

FRIDAY 14 June

Mass: 8.00am

God's Mercy and Compassion

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Fr Des Millet RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

SATURDAY 15 June

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Rosary: 10.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Ints of Adelaide di Maggio

Confessions: 10am – 10.30am & 5pm – 5.30pm

First Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY XI IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 5.45pm

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY: A constant theme throughout human history has been the conflict between dark and light, good and evil. From the earliest legends and myths to the latest films and books this eternal conflict between the two forces has been central. Our faith, of course, is no different: good and evil are opposed, and in real conflict, because the one cannot tolerate the other. Our own story of Creation tells of the origins of this conflict, where the evil of selfishness, pride and falsehood opens a doorway to the long story of the fight between God's will and sin. In Jesus, good finds a new champion: the One who most perfectly unites the divine and human will, in whom there is no sin, takes up arms on our behalf to conquer sin and evil. By sharing in his life (by doing the will of God) we share in his final victory over evil on the cross, and so are strengthened and sustained in the continuing contest between sin and virtue.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart: *With thanksgiving to the Trinity and BVM*

Lady Chapel: *Ints of Marian Oodoota Christiana*

CHAPEL VOTIVE LIGHT INTENTIONS: The votive candles that burn in front of the Lady Chapel and the Sacred Heart Chapel allow the wonder of prayer to 'burn' for a whole week. These candles can be 'sponsored' each week and each one holds a particular intention. They appear in strict rotation which is why your intention may take a while to filter through. Please use the envelopes at the gates of each chapel and hand in your intention to the parish office.

AN OPEN CHURCH: During this week, the church will open at 7.30am each morning and will close around 6.30pm. **Just check the times this week, though.**

LANGUAGE SHEETS: Those of you who might like to follow the Liturgy of the Word in either Italian, Spanish, French, Chinese or Polish will be able to make use of the sheets that can be found on the table at the back of the church. Please help yourself and take them with you as you leave.

ADORATION: Adoration continues each day (Tue-Fri: 10.30am until 5.30pm), as well as the added opportunities on Wednesdays (7.00pm – 7.45am), Thursdays (7.00pm – 7.45am), Fridays (7.00pm – 7.45am) and Saturdays (7.00pm – midnight). These are moments to savour and to cherish and they bring us into the peace of the presence of Christ. Adoration brings a stillness to our church... and it is so good to encounter people who cross our threshold being drawn into the tranquillity and peace that comes from being before the Lord. If you would like to offer an hour, then do 'sign up'. Catherine, Angelina, or George would be happy to help allocate you a time.

FRIDAY LUNCHES: Every Friday at 12.30pm... You are most welcome to pop down to the hall for lunch each week. It is always a good opportunity to spend a little time with others enjoying the nourishment of a freshly made soup, some fresh bread and fruit. Come and meet other parishioners. It'll be good to welcome you!

THURSDAY LUNCHES WITH GENESIS: Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1.30pm for some of Bath's

homeless and vulnerable. The lunch is always looking for volunteers to be part of the rota to cook lunches – main course or pudding – just to ease the load on those who already volunteer. Please contact Janet in the parish office if you would like to help. Thank you. If you have rice you might like to donate, drop some into the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Each Sunday (except for the first Sunday in the month) as part of the 9.30am Mass. Do feel you can send your children to listen to God's word in the Adoration Chapel. They will be sent out at the start of Mass and will return at the time of the Offertory so that they can celebrate the 'second part' of the Mass with us.

THURSDAY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: Don't forget that each Thursday morning, the first hour of Adoration (10.30am – 11.30am) is always a Holy Hour praying for our priests and praying for vocations. Do come and spend a little time before the Lord, holding this intention in prayer.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSE: The Diocesan Department of Adult Education is now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. Interested? – you might like to come along to the information evening being held in our parish hall on **Tuesday 11 June** at 7pm. You will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs. Have a word with FrC if you are interested. Of course, there are other information evenings around the diocese and not just at St John's; the diocesan website will offer all that information about where they are taking place.

CAFOD: Join CAFOD's International Programme Director, Fergus Conmee, to explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world, at St John the Evangelist, Bath on **Wednesday 12 June**, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To find out more and to book your place please go to cafod.org.uk/legacyevent

THE CLUB - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Club isn't meeting during this month of May but they meet next on **Tuesday 18 June** at 2.00pm in the parish hall. Professor Julian Hughes, a parishioner of St. Mary's, will give a talk entitled 'Dementia: the person and ethics' based on his book *Dementia and Ethics reconsidered*. He will discuss the idea of personhood and consider an approach to ethical issues that arise from those living with dementia. This should be a superb afternoon and you will be so welcome. There will be tea, cake, and a little glass of sherry to bring you cheer!

SCHOOL OF PRAYER: This coming month, building on the prayer of St Benedict and his communities, we welcome the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, and Sr Hyacinthe who will unfold for us what St Dominic teaches us about prayer in our relationship with the Lord. This Year of Prayer given to us by Pope Francis

allows us to refresh our understanding of prayer and our ways of praying. The Dominican Sisters will be with us on **Tuesday 25 June** at 7.00pm in the Church. Do come and join them if you can. It has been a great series so far!

PARISH FORUM: We come together as a parish each year to listen to reflections on the activity and ministry of so many of our parish groups and, of course, be appraised of our parish income and expenditure for the previous year. This year we will gather as a parish family on **Wednesday 26 June** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. There will be refreshments from 6.30pm. Do keep the date free if you can and come and join in the reflection upon parish life. There will be chance to glance at the running order of parish groups represented and also chance to meet the Pastoral Counsel Group, that has been in formation, at each Mass on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.

MISSIO - RED BOX: The red box holders raised £1412.34 for the missions in 2023. Thank you so much. On **Wednesday 26 June** at 7.00pm Father Gary, the Diocesan Director for Missio, will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's, Julian Road. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Everyone is most welcome.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Bosco invites you to join him at this year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage taking place on **Sunday 14 July**. The rosary procession begins in the Abbey Grounds at 2.15pm with Mass celebrated in the Abbey ruins at 3.30pm. It is always a good gathering of the diocesan community and a wonderful witness to faith. There's an opportunity for Confession as well as for Healing Prayer and Adoration. There is a poster in the porch giving full details. Do join the Pilgrimage if you can. A 36-seater coach is being organised from St John's to take those who may wish to go along to Glastonbury to do so. It'll leave here at 12.30pm in order to arrive in time for the procession and then Mass, leaving around 5.30pm/6.00pm to return to St John's. If you want to add your name to the list, then please do so or contact Janet in the Parish Office. Cost is £12 return.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE: There is a hope that a new group for mothers to meet once a month for Mass here at St John's might be started up with chance to gather afterwards in the hall to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. The group will be a part of the wider 'Catholic Mothers' network. The plan is to meet for the first time on **Monday 15 July** after the 9.30am Mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Details have been released for the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The dates are **Friday 23 August to Friday 30 August**. Accommodation in a 3- or 4-star hotel, full board, close to the Domain, including return coach transfer from Toulouse airport to Lourdes. For further information please go online to lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND: Thank you for the great kindness and generosity you showed to the Retired Priests' Fund last weekend. £1082 came in online and through the contactless devices and a further £1152 came in through the cash collection. That means we are sending £2234 to the diocese from last weekend. That really does go to support our retired priests around the diocese. Thank you.

AUTUMN FORMATION: This autumn will see us embarking upon some serious formation for liturgical ministers. Plenty of notice is given now so as to allow you to pop those dates in your diary. As we prepare to step into the Holy Year of 2025, this Year of Prayer allows us to enter into the spirit of ministry with prayer and reflection, seeking to offer ourselves to the Lord and place ourselves at the service of our community:
Welcomers: Wednesday 11 September (7pm);
Readers: Wednesday 25 September (7pm); **Servers:** Saturday 5 October (11am); **Musicians, Cantors and Singers:** Wednesday 9 October (7pm); **Adorers:** Saturday 12 October (11.30am); **Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Wednesday 23 October (7pm).

AN HOUR'S HELP: Each weekend Mass has its own music sheet and a little team lending a hand folding them ready before the weekend would make a huge difference. The band of folders meets in the Presbytery each Friday at 1.30pm with the promise of a cup of tea. Come along if you can.

FINANCE NEWS:

Offertory: £974.60 Envelopes: £136.60
Contactless Offertory: £548.00 Candles: £111.00
Standing Orders: £1353 Gift Aid on S/O: £338.25
Thank you

DIOCESAN DAY: This year's diocesan day will centre around the theme of hope and each community in the diocese is invited to gather around our Bishop to explore the theme in anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025. There is a poster on the porch notice board giving full details. All are most welcome to be part of the day. **6 July** at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.

CAFOD/SVP AND THE GENERAL ELECTION: The SVP and CAFOD are working together in the run up to the General Election this July. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among some of the important issues politicians are asked to act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information. Do keep the intention of the General Election as part of your prayer over these next weeks.

THE NEW LECTIONARY: As part of the continuing process of revising our liturgical texts, the Bishops are publishing a new lectionary which will be produced in time for Advent 2024. This will alter the readings at Mass as we begin to acclimatise ourselves with a new translation, similar to what we have been using but with noticeable changes to some of the language. More to come!

200 CLUB MAY DRAW: The May Draw took place in the hall on Friday afternoon during the Friday Lunch. Congratulations to the lucky winners. **First:** (£100) Pamela Duggan (#64); **Second:** (£50) Bart Tappe (#49); **Third:** (£25) Marguerite Morgan Davies; **Fourth** (£25) Patrick McGuire (#102); **Fifth:** (£25) Mary Martin (#31). If you are interested in joining the 200 Club, contact Sherilynn Farrell who will happily sign you up. You can contact her through the parish office.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: There have been a couple of deaths announced this week. David Moran died so suddenly this last week. Geoffrey Stappard died last weekend and his funeral takes place here on **Friday 28 June** at 10.00am. Barbara Osborne died recently and her funeral service takes place here on **Thursday 20 June** at 11.00am. We keep them in our prayers, remembering, also, their families and those close to them. May they rest in peace.

FR CHRISTOPHER celebrates thirty years of ordination on **Monday 1 July** and will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm on that evening. You are warmly invited to join FrC in this celebration and also to come along to refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please keep the date free in your diaries.

THE SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL is transferred this year because it falls on the Saturday (29 June) and will be celebrated on **Sunday 30 June**.

A JOURNEY TO FAITH, TO BAPTISM AND TO COMMUNION: It has been such a fruitful couple of months with a gentle flow of people who either are looking for baptism or to enter into full communion with the Church. It is good to see people coming to the Sacraments as well as journeying with the children towards First Confession. If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or seeking to be baptised, please have a word with FrC over the next couple of weeks. It would be good to set up a group to journey towards the Sacraments and unfold the story of faith.

A STUDENT 'THANK YOU': Many of our students who come along to Mass leave Bath now, either because they have finished their studies or because the year has finished and they go off on placements or just to unwind after the academic year. They have been truly nurtured and nourished by those who so graciously cater for them Sunday by Sunday after Mass and the students would like to thank those who take care of them and ensure the hospitality for them is so warm and abundant. To all those who cook, set up, prepare and clear away... **thank you.**

THIS MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART: Take time during this month of June to ponder the immensity of God's love for each of us. He seeks to reveal to you the secrets of the Father's love and compassion. Pope Francis reminds us that 'more difficult than loving God is allowing ourselves to be loved by him'. The Lord is always watching us with mercy, [always] awaits us with mercy. Let us be not afraid to approach him! He has a merciful heart! If we show our inner wounds, our sins, he always forgives us. He is pure mercy! Let us never forget this: He is pure mercy! **Let us go to Jesus!**

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

There are language sheets for the readings available at the back of the church – French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, and Polish – as well as Mass cards to guide you through the Liturgy.

FIRST READING Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

PSALM Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us

with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'