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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

7-13 July 2024

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm

SUNDAY 7 July SUNDAY XIV OF THE YEAR

Mass: 9.30am

Hilary Taylor's Intentions

Mass: 11.00am

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Polish Mass: 1.00pm

Confessions: 5.50pm – 6.20pm

Mass: 6.30pm

Ints of Justin Snowden

MONDAY 8 July

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Rosary: 10.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Ints of Rupert Bevan

TUESDAY 9 July

Mass: 8.00am

Fr Des Millett RIP

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Ronald Jenkins RIP

Funeral Service: 11.00am

David Moran RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

(start in Adoration Chapel)

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 10 July

Mass: 8.00am

Anne and Derek Farrell RIP

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Ints of Jacquelyn Bevan

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Praise & Worship: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

THURSDAY 11 July ST BENEDICT

Mass: 8.00am

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Ints of Vanessa and Isabella

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

(Prayer for Priests – 10.30am)

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

FRIDAY 12 July

Mass: 8.00am

Ints of Mathilda Bok

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Denzil Lincoln RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

SATURDAY 13 July

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Rosary: 10.00am

Mass: 9.30am

James Ryan Ints

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

First Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY XV OF THE YEAR

Mass: 5.45pm

Matthew and May Millett RIP

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY: A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection, such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them, they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart:

For recovery for our daughter (Veronica)

Lady Chapel:

For vocations

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 some instant coffee or 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.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER: This coming week, building on the prayer of the desert Fathers and Mothers, St Benedict and his communities, and St Dominic, we welcome Tamara Penwell who will help us explore prayer in the Orthodox Tradition. Tamara is a member of the Orthodox community here in Bath and the most talented of icon painters. She will also unfold for us the use of icons in Orthodox prayer. This *Year of Prayer* - given to us by Pope Francis - allows us to refresh our understanding of prayer and our ways of praying. Tamara will be with us on **Tuesday 23 July** at 7.00pm in the Church. Do come and join them if you can. It has been a great series so far!

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. 30 seats have been taken already.

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

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.

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!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: David Moran's funeral is arranged for **Tuesday 9 July** at 11am. We keep him in our prayers, remembering, also, his family and those close to him. May he rest in peace.

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.

LOWER CAR PARKING: It is coming to that time of year when annual subscriptions for parking in the lower car park are due for renewal. Existing permit holders will have been contacted in this last week inviting them to renew their annual subscription or cancel and hand back the fob. Patrick and Janet will be in touch.

PARISH FINANCES 2023: The financial report for the year 2023 is available for those of you who want to pick up a copy. You will see the accounts of income and

expenditure, what comes in and what goes out. There are copies at the back of the church if you want to take one home with you.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP meet in the presbytery on **Tuesday 16 July** at 4.00pm.

THE ICON OF ST JUSTINA: There has been conversation taking place across the last couple of years about a reparation that needs to take place for the disturbing of the relics of St Justina some time ago. During Fr Christopher's time with us, the relics have found a home in the Sacred Heart Chapel and in order to draw both attention and devotion, an icon of St Justina has been commissioned to be placed alongside of the reliquary. Tamara Penwell who has painted the icon will be here on **23 July** as part of the *Schools of Prayer* and the icon will be blessed and positioned on that same evening. If you took part in the Bear Flat Art Trail, then you might have seen the icon nearly finished. It will be a beautiful addition to the church and a good way of building a devotion to a saint entrusted to our care. Do come along on that evening if you can.

LOWER CAR PARK: Those of you who may use the lower car park will know that there is much work to be done on resurfacing and relining the whole area. Three quotations have been received and a diocesan approval has to be sort before we can begin. It may be that works begins across two weeks of September which will mean the whole car park will be closed off for that time. It will mean that there may be one weekend where there is no parking down below for Mass. As much warning will be given when we have a start date. Once the slope down to the lower end of the car park has been sorted, fresh tarmac will be laid, the whole car park will be relined, remarked and the spaces all numbered. Keep an eye on the newsletter for details as and when they come in.

FOURTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS and the Elderly is taking place on **Sunday 28 July**. This is marked so close to the feast of SS Joachim and Ann (26 July), the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has themed this year "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71:9). It'll be an opportunity to prayer for grandparents and reflect upon the 'wisdom of our elders'.

SEA SUNDAY: Each year, a Sunday is offered to us to pray for those who spend so much of their working life at sea and for those who care for them whilst they are at port in this country. The retiring collection **next weekend** goes to support the work of the Church in these port chaplaincies, offering seafarers some care, support and an anchor when so far from home. There are envelopes for GIFT AID purposes at the back of the Church. Please pick one up.

THANK YOU: What a beautiful evening last Monday in celebration of Fr Christopher's thirtieth anniversary. Fr Christopher would like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, your cards and your gifts marking the occasion. The Patmos Choir sang so beautifully and so many people came to join in the prayer. Thank you Liz and the Patmos Choir for their hard work, and to Patrick and his team for the refreshments laid on in the hall afterwards. It was an evening of blessing and joy – thank you.

CONTACTLESS DEVICES: A new set of contactless devices will be arriving sometime in the next couple of weeks to replace the two that we have had since December 2019. These two are beginning to fail from time to time and the new, updated ones should be a little more reliable.

MONSIGNOR KELLY FUND: A quiz night is arranged the hall for **Tuesday 30 July** in order to raise a little money for the projects sponsored and supported by the Monsignor Kelly Fund. A little drink to quench your thirst as you answer the questions put before you. Do come along and support the evening if you can. Doors open at 7.00pm.

ST JOHN'S CRICKET TEAM is inviting all parishioners to join as we host Holy Spirit CC from Nottingham. Please join us, bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Prior Park. If anyone is interested in joining the team please reach out to our team contacts: Tom Rynkowski (tomasz@rynko.com) or David Parker (dwparker2018@virginmedia.com). St John's CT v Holy Spirit CC – **Sunday 21st July 1pm** – at Prior Park. Do go up and watch if you can.

ST JOHN'S 'LIVE SIMPLY' & CAFOD: Pope Francis, through *Laudato Si*, and encouraged by CAFOD through their 'Live Simply' campaign are always inviting us to consider being more sustainable in our lifestyle choices – everything we choose does matter. It is great to see that St John's does contribute to the conversations formed by the bi-monthly ecumenical group called CAFÉ BANES (Christian Action for the Environment). It draws the Christian Communities in Bath together so as to form a stronger voice and a greater force for action. Keep an eye out at the back of Church CAFÉ BANES booklet which gives simple tips and useful guides to living in a more sustainable way. July is a great month to keep those lifestyle changes on the radar. In this 'no plastic' month- there's chance to do a little something to help out. Have a look at the Facebook posts. Do have a look and see ideas how to reduce your plastic use. If you would like to find out more about CAFOD Live Simply and become involved in our St John's community network for change, have a word with Nina Dobson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sherwin Fernando and Senali Seneviratne who were married here on Friday. We wish them every prayer and blessing as they step out into married life together.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Don't forget you can submit your details for parish registration through the parish website. If you are new to the parish or have yet to 'sign up' just have a look at the home page and click the registration button. It is simple and straightforward and allows for a more digital and paper-free census. If you have no access to online facilities, just have a word with the parish office and someone will help you out with this.

PETER'S PENCE: Thank you for your generosity through last weekend's retiring collection for Peter's Pence. £508.11 will be sent off as part of our diocesan offering to the Holy Father.

MINISTRIES MASS: As the diocesan students for the diaconate journey towards the end of the academic year, Canon Colin Mason VG will be here at St John's to admit students to the ministry of Lector and Acolyte. That Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 19 July** at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join them. Do keep all our students in your prayers as we continue, of course, to pray for vocations. The students have been using the presbytery as a venue for their formation over the last (near) five years and with a new director of formation, they are going to make use of the top floor office space as a base for their studies. The library currently housed in the St Luke Room will be moving in the next couple of weeks and relocated to that new space. This will mean that as we can reclaim the St Luke Room it will be decorated over the summer and given a new lease of life for greater parish use and for outside groups as well. Watch this space.

200 CLUB NEWS: Congratulations to our June lucky winners pulled out of the bag last Friday at the Friday lunch in the hall: **First Prize** (£100): Marguerite Morgan-Davies (#94); **Second Prize** (£50): Helen Richardson (#141); **Third Prize** (£25): M E Clasper (#111); **Fourth Prize** (£25): Pat Freestone (#133); **Fifth Prize** (£25): Tom Dunne (#97). You will find cheques on their way to you after this coming weekend.

FINANCE NEWS:

Offertory: £843.37 Envelopes: £207.64
Contactless Offertory: £542.85 Candles: £277.77
Standing Orders: £1353 Gift Aid on S/O: £338.25
Thank you

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 Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

PSALM Psalm 122(123)

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.