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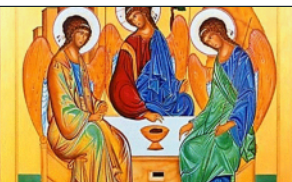
CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

25th and 26th May 2024 - Proper of Solemnity, Year B

DPL: Our Lady & St. Alphege, Bath

St Joseph, Peasedown St John



SAT	25 th CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Gerry Betka RIP
SUN	26 th StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Anastasia da Costa Jesus, Amaro de Jesus Filipe
Tue	28 th CS	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Williams Special Intention (LOL)
Wed	29 th StP	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope	Theresa Corbett RIP
Thur	30 th		No Service	Theresa Corbett (LOL)
Fri	31 st CS	9.30am	Mass: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Spirit
SAT	1 st CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Cummins Family (Fmass)
SUN	2 nd StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Beatrice Cuddily (Fmass)
Tue	4 th CS	9.30am	Mass	Theresa Corbett (LOL)
Wed	5 th CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Jim Watson (Fmass)
Thu	6 th		No Service: Memorial of St Norbert, Bishop	Mark Lovell (LOL)
Fri	7 th CS	9.30am	Mass: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Ann Webb Intention
SAT	8 th CS	5.00pm	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joaquin da Silva, Marta & Maria San da Silva Maria de Fatima Carvalho
SUN	9 th StP	11.00am	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Goncalves, Martins, Araujo, Pereira Intention

Confessions: Please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

To contact a Priest: Fr. Jim Williams (01454) 312161 St Augustine's Office 0117 983 3939

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St Augustine	UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sat 25 th The Most Holy Trinity 6.00pm	2 nd June: Priests' Retirement Fund 16 th June: Building Fund 23 rd June: Day for Life 30 th June: Peter's Pence 14 th July: Sea Sunday 21 st July: Building Fund 28 th July: Mission Appeal 18 th August: Building Fund	Sun 26 th The Most Holy Trinity 9.00am
Sun 26 th The Most Holy Trinity 9.30am		Tue 28 th Mass 9.30am
Tue 28 th Mass 7.30pm		Thu 30 th Mass 9.30am
Thu 30 th Mass 9.30am		Sun 2 nd Corpus Christi 9.00am
Fri 31 st Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.30pm		Tue 4 th Mass 9.30am
Sat 1 st Corpus Christi 6.00pm		Thu 6 th Mass 9.30am
Sun 2 nd Corpus Christi 9.30am		Sun 9 th Mass 9.00am
Please check website to confirm times: www.staugustinesbristol.co.uk		



COMING SOON

CAFOD : A Year of Encounter



A General Election has been called for 4th July. CAFOD encourages us to "Use our Catholic Vote". The Church tells us "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes"; To do this, we must come together with other groups and churches to invite local candidates to hustings where we can question them about topics such as the cost of living crisis, migration, climate, debt cancellation and human rights. It's your chance to make concerns close to your heart heard and encourage those in authority to make positive change.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR DATES. For further information contact Fr Duncan or Sue Jarvis (bandsjarvis@gmail.com)

***** PARISH GARDEN FETE *****

This year our Fete will be on **Saturday 22nd June at St. Lawrence Parish Hall and Gardens.**

We **urgently** need donations of bottles for the tombola, gift sets, books, toys, bric-a-brac and cakes (nearer the time please). *We also need volunteers to run our stalls.*

If you can help please contact Fr. Jim or Pat O'Rourke Many thanks.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for May is for the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

44 BONUS BALL Game 1107 w/n 7 Vee Foreman £25, Game 1108 w/n 3 Megan Foreman £25 and Parish Building Fund £50.
Please speak to Kay Chapman/Pat O'Rourke for more details.

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What's on?



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH
Next coffee mornings are on **Saturday 8th June & Saturday 13th July**

Please speak to **Pat O'Rourke**
for more information.



===== PRISON OUTREACH =====

Do we have a Romanian or Romanian speaking parishioner in the parish?

There is a Catholic prisoner at Eastwood Park who speaks no English and is therefore very isolated.

Any help with translations or visiting would be much appreciated.

Please contact Phil Collings at collingsphilippa@gmail.com or at 11.00 Mass.

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST PAUL'S (11.00 a.m.)



An opportunity for a drink and chat with fellow parishioners.

If you can help out then please speak to Father Jim's secretary who can draw up a rota.

Office hours Tuesdays 8.30am-1.30pm

CLIFTON DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese Safeguarding team seeks a volunteer with in-depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, health and mental health. You'd need to commit to a 2-hour meeting roughly five times a year for the Safeguarding Committee and Risk Allegation Review meetings either in person or online and do some pre-reading. If you wish to volunteer or discuss further, contact Janice Pearson, Safeguarding Coordinator, on janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or 07887 990385.

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, face another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to **CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal** in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal



Your donation will help CAFOD's partners support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuild water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. Donations can be given using the contactless card reader at the back of the church or you can text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

*Texts cost the donation amount plus a standard network rate message and you'll be opting to hear more from us. If you'd like to donate, but not hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.*

Reflections for Trinity Sunday Year B

1st Reading from the book of Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40.

The book of Deuteronomy is one of the most influential books of the entire Old Testament. The set up is a second reading of the Law, given by Moses, and happens just before the People of God enter the Promised Land. It could be argued that the text constitutes Israel as People of God. The format is that of a treaty drawn up in the Ancient Near East between a potentate and their vassals. The text we have before us is describing how God has made a special choice of Israel as his own people. We hear the proclamation that the "Lord your God is God, there is no other beside him." "He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath, and there is no other." Moses encourages the people to keep God's laws and commandments, as Moses delivers them to the people, so that the people and their children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever. This is the preamble to the setting out of the treaty or Covenant, as we best recognise it. It really is an amazing document, forming the foundation of the relationship of mutual respect between the Lord God, his people and each other.

Psalm 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20.

It is almost a hymn in praise of the Lord for establishing the people of God. It emphasises the greatness of God and his Divine Mercy and love for us. Then that beautiful exclamation, "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you." Bishop Declan was always emphasising how we need to be a people of hope. Bishop Bosco calls us not to be afraid, and this psalm tells us exactly why we need not be afraid.

2nd Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17.

St. Paul tells us exactly what the Spirit gives. It is a move out of slavery, fear and death, into freedom and adoption as sons and daughters of the Lord God. It stems from the Roman and Greek household whereby the eldest son usually inherited, but where there was no heir, the master could adopt a slave or a member of another family. Here we see Paul adapting that image to the Father, whose Spirit not only ransoms us but adopts us as heirs also. The Romans would have understood fully what Paul was trying to explain to them the function of this Holy Spirit moving through the Church.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28: 16-20.

This is a very powerful scene with which to conclude this remarkable Gospel. It is noteworthy that there are only eleven disciples, a reminder that one of the intimate friends had betrayed the Lord. They follow the instructions and go to the mountain in Galilee, which has figured prominently throughout this Gospel. They show the proper response to the Lord and worship though like all disciples there is uncertainty. Jesus reveals a further clue as to his true identity, "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Then we have the instruction to, "go out into the world and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." And teach them to keep everything that I have commanded you. Then we have this wonderful promise, "And look! I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." What a wonderful way to conclude the Gospel of Life, with such an intimate presence of the Lord amongst us now and always.

May we never cease to thank the Lord for his Goodness to Us All. Deacon Vincent.

** I fully acknowledge the assist given me by Nicholas King's Study Bible in this and all my reflections.*

*For his insight into the books and writings of the Holy Bible. He has been my inspiration and insight into the wonders of Holy Scripture. **

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children

All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage you to access these policies, which you can find in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages.

Parish website: <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliftondiocese.html> <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/safeguarding.html>



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