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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

.See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ministers of the Word: Sarah & Paul R; Chris & Robin; Vin & Janet

Ministers of Communion: Kevin & Peter; Silvana; Gail & Steve E; David & Helen

Eucharistic Prayer Preface III Preface VI

Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People and those who care for them

Ruth Wolseley, Moira McNulty, Marjorie Beard, Madeleine & Howard Goodman, Jeanne Wallace, Bridget Spencer, Catherine Blinman, Brian Harford, Steve Ebsworth., Deborah Gilligan, Hazel Coleman, Michael Clark, Clare Duncanson, Peter Gibbons, Silvana and Lou Whitton

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Raydon Justas Aravinth and his family at the time of his baptism and welcome him into the church family

Bitesize

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.

~Attributed to both Jim Goodwin and Sydney J. Harris

Gospel Reflection For the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Time Out

The younger generation are very good at telling us to “take a chill pill....” and there’s nothing more infuriating. But funnily enough, “taking a chill pill” is something we’re extraordinarily bad at. We are surrounded by twenty first century devices to save us time, such as emails, microwaves and disposable nappies, yet somehow we don’t end up with hours of free time as a result. Quite the contrary, we work faster, travel faster, eat faster and take on more and more work. We feel that we need to fill every waking moment with an extra job. Yet sitting still, for a moment in silence and solitude, whilst the world rushes around us is very important.



Today Jesus understands that his disciples are exhausted by the demands of the crowds and suggests escaping by boat to find a quiet place to rest, recharge and presumably take stock. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowds he had just left behind. If Jesus felt any exasperation he didn’t show it. Moved by compassion, because the people are like ‘sheep without a shepherd’ Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own. It might appear that Jesus was just about as bad at ‘taking a chill pill’ as the rest of us, but the story simply points to his level of compassion and discernment.

Taking time out to recharge and take stock is often more important than fitting in that extra job. Have you ever got to the end of a very busy day and wondered what you have actually achieved? How much worse to get to the end of one’s life and realise that we have achieved little of real importance. Take a chill pill. Remember to retreat from the world from time to time. Remember to regularly ask yourself those all-important life-enhancing questions.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The 'shepherds' that Jeremiah speaks against must have only thought about themselves. It seems that God's people have not been taken care of: the sheep have not been at the heart of the shepherds' mission. Notice who takes over! The Lord will be the shepherd; he will be the one to watch over and care and love and lead... the Lord now sets the benchmark for shepherding. Don't we see that reflected in the familiar psalm? We could use this Sunday's readings to pray for those who shepherd us, who reflect the care of Christ to us and who seek to enable us to find Christ. Let's pray for our priests in their mission of preaching and teaching, and their mission of enabling us to encounter the love of the Lord. Let's pray that they find time for that 'lonely place' to encounter the Good Shepherd, to know his tenderness and look to the example he gives. May our priests know the love of Christ and seek to be like him in the way they radiate Christ's care to those they watch over

Retreats 2018

The Annual Publication of the Retreat Association

Going on a retreat is a must for anyone who feels they need to find new energy and focus. Getting away from it all can bring a different perspective to your life and encourage you to make time for the things you love. The Retreat Handbook amongst other things contains information and programmes for over 230 Christian retreat centres in the UK and beyond. For more information visit www.retreats.org.uk

Summer time Fairtrade Cotton

Sundresses, T Shirts, shorts, beach ware, picnic blankets and beach towels. Whatever you're taking on holiday with you, look out for the 'Fairtrade' logo. Many of the high street shops are stocking Fairtrade cotton this summer so keep your options open.

Sts. Joachim and Ann

"Celebrating Grandparents"

26th July

Whether or not Joachim and Ann are the real names of Mary's parents, this date is a good opportunity to celebrate grandparents everywhere. It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come and it reminds the younger generation that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

Garden Eco Tip

Make a Watering Station for the Bees

This is a great activity for the children. Fill a shallow container with marbles or pebbles and then fill with water so that only the tops of your marbles or pebbles are exposed. This will provide a safe landing spot for the bees when they come to drink. Place the container in a cool, shady spot or near your flower beds.

THIS WEEK

Psalter 2

Saturday 21 st July	5.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation Mass Newent Mass Coleford	
Sunday 22 nd July	9.00am 9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass – Newent Little Church ‘Come with me by yourselves’ It is the last Little Church till summer holidays end but there is equipment available to use. Mass – Cinderford Mass – Blaisdon Mass – Sedbury	Intention: people of this parish
Monday 23 rd July	10.00am	FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET PATRON OF EUROPE Mass	Intention: Blessing for Mark and Reshma
Tuesday 24 th July	10.00am 10.30am	Mass Adoration	Intention: Kevin Quinn
Wednesday 25 th July	9.00am	FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE Mass followed by Coffee and Chat	Training day for GDPR at Brockworth Gail & Fr John
Thursday 26 th July	9.00am	Mass Fr John's day off	
Friday 27 th July	5.30pm 6.30pm	Adoration and Reconciliation Mass	Copy Date for August Newsletter Office: Joan L
Saturday 28 th July	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation Mass Newent	

	6.00pm	Mass Coleford	
Sunday 29 th July		SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Collection Bishops Charitable Fund	
	9.00am	Mass – Newent Baptism of Raydon Justas Aravinth No Little Church but there are things to do and play with in the back room.	Intention Blaisdon: People of this parish
	9.00am	Mass – Cinderford	
	11.00am	Mass – Blaisdon	
	11.00am	Mass – Ledbury	

Next Week's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Ministers of the Word: Craig & Una; Joan & Rosie; Jeremy & Paul

Ministers of Communion: Liam & Tony; Maria G, Jenny H, & Debbie P; Ian & Nicky.

ROTAS FOR PARISH VOCATIONS

Are you a minister? Are you a sacristan? Are you a server? Are you a welcomer? I am putting together the Rotas for August and we now have to think about September. Just because we have to change, our vocations do not necessarily change. Would you please advise whoever does the rota for your ministry whether you will or will not be able to help after September? If you feel that you can only join us once a month or every two months we would still like you to continue your ministry, if possible. If you are someone called to a particular ministry or know of someone else who is called to this ministry, please let Gail or a member of the Steering Committee know.

Looking Forward

PRAYER MEETING

We are proposing to start a prayer group here at the church, which will take place the 2nd Monday of the month. Our first meeting will be on the 6th August 2018 probably at 7.00pm which is to allow for people to go to Noah's Camp. It is planned that we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us through the many and various forms of prayer that the church has to offer. This we hope will lead to smaller groups praying together in between the monthly session. Please come.

ONION FAYRE DONATIONS

Please note that this year we are not collecting books or DVDs as we are not holding a stall, due to the health and commitments of the people who have taken up the church's representation on this day over the past few years. We thank those that have helped in the past for their commitment and work.

RAF CENTENARY

There will be a Centenary Celebration Service in conjunction with the United Reformed Church in Newent 15th September 2018 at 11am. See Tom Heseltine for more information.



PUDDINGS AND PIMMS

Saturday 4th August 2-5pm at Avonhurst Brand Green GL19 3JD. Raising money on behalf of Women V Cancer. Donation of £6 per person. For more information please speak to Paddy.

CYMFed Flame 2019

The biggest Catholic Youth event in England & Wales is back! Young people from across the Clifton Diocese aged 14-25 are invited to join Bishop Declan at Flame in Wembley Arena on Saturday 2nd March 2019. Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry are offering ticket, travel & Diocesan scarf all for just £50 per person. Places are filling up fast, so go to www.cliftondiocese.com or contact your Parish Priest for more details and to book your place.

‘Come to me, all who are weary’

The next **COME AND S.E.E.** is on 2nd August at 7.30pm and we will hear from Rev Pat Phillips whose ministry started in Newent and she has come back to carry on her ministry in retirement; she is a hard person to keep up with but God does some amazing things in her wake.

WEEKEND RETREAT

BELMONT ABBEY HEREFORD HR2 9RZ

September 21st-23rd

Holy Angels and Divine Mercy led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA
Application forms available.



The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage Triduum

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. Clifton Cathedral dates TBC – for updates please see <http://dowrytour.org.uk/> It will come to Belmont Abbey 11th to 13th October, with schools going on the Friday. See the website for further details.

CELEBRATE Bristol - 27th - 28th October 2018

"See, I am doing a new thing!" - Isaiah 43:19(NIV)

A Conference for the whole family! A non-residential weekend including tailored 'streams' for all ages of children and young adults. This year keynote speakers, Michelle Moran, and David Wells, will be 'unpacking' an exciting theme. In addition there will be workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. The event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU.

Further details to be found at www.celebrateconference.org

Fixed Term post for a Schools Project Officer

The Schools and Colleges Department are looking to appoint a suitable person to the above position, ideally from September. The appointed person will be required to support the Director and current officers in shaping the ever - changing educational landscape of Catholic education within Clifton diocese. They will be required to work directly with designated partnerships and schools and other appropriate educational bodies as needed.

The position will initially be for a fixed term period of 2 years and will be on a term time only basis.

Further details are available on the diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com or by contacting the Director, Colleen Collett, on 0117 9025593 colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com

Closing date: midday Friday 10th August. Applicants should indicate their availability for interview during August.

A WORD FROM CAFOD

I would like to thank you for your prayers and support over the last year. Without your support and that of your parish, we couldn't reach out to the communities we currently do, to help transform lives. I'd also like to take this opportunity to feedback on recent activities, and let you know about some resources that can be used in the parish that you might find useful as we approach the autumn.

Lent 2018

I am delighted to tell you our Lent donations 2018 from all sources exceed £4.2 million. This is truly wonderful because every Family Fast Day offering will be matched by the UK Government. We have planned projects to help 245,000 people in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea. This will mean that fewer parents will struggle to grow vegetables to help feed their families and more children will become healthier and more likely to attend school.



During Lent, volunteers spoke in more than 750 parishes to encourage others and during the last year, over 240 volunteers have visited 1000 Catholic schools. The fruits of this faith witness are truly appreciated. Geoff O'Donoghue, from CAFOD, recently shared a ['Thank you' message](#) from someone he met in Niger, who told him, *"when the help arrived I knew I was not alone, we bless them and pray for them so that they know they are not alone"*.

INVITATION

Fr John's last Mass will be at Blaisdon at 11am on Sunday 2nd September, 2018. He will be travelling to Ireland the following day. Blaisdon are inviting us all to join them for a bring and share lunch to say a special good bye to Father. For further information watch this space or contact Clare Viner.



WEBSITE

We are revising the website under the guidance of the Diocese and are adding pictures that are in the office onto a flick account. It will be streamed to our website when it is complete. We have found a few of some of the events here and in Blaisdon. If you have any photos that you feel should be added please forward them to the office. If you want to have a look at the photographs of our community www.flickr.com – newent catholic. You may be surprised!