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16th September 2018

### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Ministers of the Word:** Would Ministers of the word please step in?

**Ministers of Communion:** Silvana Whitton – Jenny Heseltine - Mary Cameron

**Prayer Ministry:** Silvana W & Mary F

### **Eucharistic Prayer Preface III Preface III**

### **Second Collection: Home Mission Sunday**

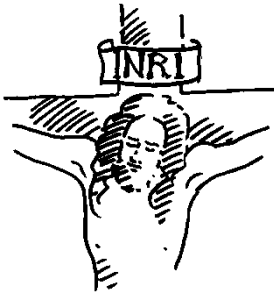
**Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People  
and those who care for them**

**Ian King, Steve Ebsworth, Bridget Spencer, Marjorie  
Beard, Ruth Wolseley, Paddy Arnold, Peter Gibbons.**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US**

## ***Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time***

### **Choosing Your Crosses**



We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If

any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear....." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.

## **Home Mission Sunday**

### **(England and Wales)**

### **16th September**

In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

## **International Day of Peace**

### **21st September**

The International Day of Peace provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. A Peace Day event can be as simple as lighting a candle or meditate on Peace on September 21. It can be as complex as organising a Peace Concert for thousands of people. In between, there is a whole scale of events on different levels that might fit your family, group, class, or community.

## **Saint Matthew**

### **21st September**

What is God's call on each of our life? Jesus chose Matthew to be his follower and friend, not because Matthew was religious or learned, popular or saintly. Matthew appeared to be none of those. He chose to live a life of wealth and ease. His profession was probably the most corrupted and despised by everyone because tax collectors made themselves wealthy by over-charging and threatening people if they did not hand over their money to them. Reflecting on St. Matthew's calling, Pope Benedict said that "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvellous effects in their own lives."

## **World Car Free Day**

### **22nd September**

Use this day as part of your observation of 'Creation Time' (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October). Make this day a day to consider leaving the car at home whenever there is a reasonable alternative. Save money, get fit and improve the air we breath.

If you really cannot do without your car, think about ways of greener driving. Did you know that an idling car produces air pollution, even though the car is not going anywhere. Only ten minutes of idling per day adds more than 50 pounds of carbon monoxide, particles, nitrogen oxides, and other toxic gases to the air per year. If you idle more than 30 seconds, your car will emit more air pollution than if you turn it off and on again.

## **Bitesize**

They gave him a manger for a cradle, a carpenter's bench for a pulpit, thorns for a crown, and a cross for a throne. He took them and made them the very glory of his career.

*W.E. Orchard*

## Twenty Fourth Sunday

A FUTURE  
FULL OF HOPE

It's easier to tell someone what others think of them rather than tell someone what *you* actually think of them. Peter, speaking for the Twelve, nails colours to the mast: 'You are the Christ!' Jesus then unfolds for the Twelve exactly what that means – he will suffer, he will die and he will rise again. That's not

something Peter wants to hear. He's happy to 'believe' in the Christ who will save God's people, who will champion God's people, who will liberate God's people... but a Christ who will suffer? That's not on his radar, nor does it fit his image of the Christ. They are harsh words spoken to Peter in calling him *Satan* but they wake him up to the fact that we cannot make God in our image! Suffering, difficulty, rejection and abandonment are part of that image and they are part of the disciple's life, too. And even when they are – in some great or small way – we mustn't forget the 'rising from the dead'. God does not abandon us when we suffer, when we face rejection or difficulty. He is there and he walks with us, alongside of us, just as the psalmist has confidence in the presence of God in the midst of everything. Wherever we are, whatever we face this week, know God is there at our side.

### THIS WEEK

### Psalter 4

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Collection Home Mission Society</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Taize	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30pm	Bible Study – the Big Picture – Watery Lane	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Mass	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	<b>Mass with Coffee and Chat</b> <b>Reconciliation Available after</b> <b>Mass.</b>	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	<b>Prayer and Praise</b> St Peters Gloucester Rev Brendan Vaughan-Spruce (deacon at St Patricks church Brockworth. On The light shines in the darkness –	

	7.30pm	John 1:5 Music Ministry by Tony Wadley The Bible Course – St Mary's Newent Week 2 of 8 week course.	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September		FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Belmont Abbey Residential Retreat 23 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fr Peter Prusakiewicz	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	6.00pm	Mass Lydney	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.00am 11.00am	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent	

**Next Week's Readings:** Wis 2:17-20; Ps 53; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Ministers of the Word:** Gillian Johnson – Robin Notley

**Ministers of Communion:** Gail Ebsworth – Steve Ebsworth – Helen Hunt

**Prayer Ministry:** Jen M & Mo B

## Looking Forward

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or contact your Parish Priest for more details and to book your place.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, with schools going on the Friday. See the website for further details.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

13<sup>TH</sup> October 10am to 1pm at Apostle Room Clifton Cathedral.

This formation morning welcomes all those who work to enable the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the word of God through Children's Liturgy. For catechists and children's workers. All welcome.

## **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, David Wells and Sue Whitehead 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](http://www.celebrateconference.org)



# CELEBRATE

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC EVENTS SERVING THE CHURCH

## **BLAISDON MASS**

Blaisdon, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 7pm MASS.

First Friday Mass at Blaisdon

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - Mass will be celebrated at Blaisdon village hall at 7pm, to be followed by a soup and bread supper.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

**A key has been found in the church it seems to be a door key. It has a heart and anchor on the keyring. Please see Gail in the office.**

## **COMING SOON – “CATCH THE FIRE”**

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Book in your diary, for a weekend of Encouragement and Enlightenment with Dan Davison and his team. More information to come. See Julian or Jeannette for further details.

## MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK NEAR HERE

Church	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our Lady of Lourdes Newent		Alternate weeks 9am	10am Coffee & Chat after.	Alternate weeks 9am		
St Peter's Gloucester	9.30am	7.00pm	6.30pm	12noon	9.30am	10am & 6pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Churchdown	9.15am	9.15am	6.30 Exposition 7pm Mass	9.15am	9.15am	
St Patrick's Brockworth	9.15am	9.15am	9.15am	9.15am	9.15am	10am
Forest Churches	Check their website as this changes <a href="http://www.forestrc.co.uk">www.forestrc.co.uk</a>					
		4 <sup>th</sup> September Coleford 9am			7 <sup>th</sup> September Sedbury 9am	
Holy Trinity Ledbury	10am	10am	7pm	10am	10am	10am
Robinswood Parish churches	St Augustine's 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass	English Martyrs 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass	10am Mass		10am	
St Joseph's Tewkesbury	Check their website for details.					
St Mary's Church Monmouth	9.15am		9.15am		9.15am	
St Frances of Rome Ross-on-Wye		7pm		10am		

Correct at 28/08/2018

### COLLECTION

The collection for w/e 2/9/18 was £233-58.

The collection for w/e 9/9/18 was £124-80.

The second collection for the Catholic Education Service was £56-25.

### SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEAL PANEL MEMBERS

The Department for Schools and Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals. The appeals generally take place during the months of May, June and July. However, there are popular schools across the diocese who also have a few in-year appeals during the academic year.

As a panel member you will receive regular training and can claim for travel expenses. During the bulk appeals (May – July), or when there are several appeals to be heard in one day, then lunch and refreshments are also provided.

Every appeal panel consists of both lay members and education members.

A lay panellist is (someone without personal experience in the management of any school or provision of education in any school (except as a school governor or in another voluntary capacity). Education panellists are people who have experience in education, who are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or who are parents of registered pupils at school.

Our panels are made up of three members, with one member also chairing the hearings.

If you would like to find out more about how appeals are conducted and what is involved, please contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599 or by e-mail to:

[Jenny.fitzgerald@clifondiocese.com](mailto:Jenny.fitzgerald@clifondiocese.com)



**THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE HELPING WITH CAKES AND HOSPITALITY IT IS REALLY APPRECIATED.**