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### **Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Ministers of the Word:** Ann Hickey- Mo Blinman

**Ministers of Communion:** Tony Hickey - – Kevin Gilligan- Debbie Page

**Prayer Ministers:** There are no designated Prayer ministers today but feel free to speak to Jenny, Jen, Mo, Silvana, Mary F, and Gail.

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Jealousy Club!**



It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like-minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not

without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.

# **Feast of the Guardian Angels**

**2nd October**

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

## **St. Francis Of Assisi**

**4th October**

Here are three top tips to try on this, the feast day of St Francis patron saint of the environment

- Don't use the oven to cook just one thing, use the energy for something else in your meal too
- Turn your thermostat down by 1°C; this could save you £40 a year on your energy bill
- Wear more cotton. Cotton absorbs CO2 as it grows, as opposed to polyester which generates it. Try to buy FARITRADE/organic cotton where possible.

## ***New book by Bishop David Atkinson***

### ***Hope Rediscovered***

One of Operation Noah's patrons, Bishop David Atkinson, has recently finished a new book entitled *Hope Rediscovered: Biblical Wisdom for an Anxious World*, published by Ekklesia.

Among the many causes of anxiety in today's world are global concerns to do with social and economic inequality, the importance of sustainable development, and climate change. These raise human – that is moral and spiritual – questions about who we are, our destiny, how we can be helped to flourish, and what we hope for.

Like his followers, Jesus was beset with conflicts within 'the world'. The first century Christian community, to which the Gospel was addressed, discovered how to live hopefully in the way of Wisdom, energised by God's Spirit. The focus of this timely book is deep, practical wisdom for a troubled world.

Bishop David Atkinson undertook research in organic chemistry before being ordained. He served as Fellow and Chaplain of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He was a Canon of Southwark Cathedral and Archdeacon of Lewisham before becoming Bishop of Thetford in 2001. He retired in 2009.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

**(England and Wales)**

**Friday 5th October**

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help others. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can.

## THIS WEEK

## Psalter 2

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	<b>FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS</b> Mass Coleford	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am 11.00am	<b>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent	
Monday October 1 <sup>st</sup>	14:30am 7.30pm	Bible Study – the Big Picture – Watery Lne Parish Pastoral Council	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10am 8pm	<b>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</b> <b>Mass – Newent</b> Stroud Charismatic Prayer Meeting Beeches Green Stroud	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	8.30- 9.00am 10am	<b>United Church Prayers at St Mary's</b> <b>Mass with Coffee and Chat</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	<b>COME &amp; SEE – Jenny Heseltine – 'Roots and Branches'</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	Mass – Blaisdon Cafod Family Fast Day	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	Mass Lydney	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am 11.00am	<b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent	

**Next Weeks Readings:** Gn2:18-24; Ps 127; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10: 2-16

**Ministers of the Communion:** Pat Milsom – Rosa Hockley – Silvana Whitton

**Ministers of Word:** Sarah Rowe – Paul Rowe

## **Bitesize**

Could Hamlet have been written by a committee, or the Mona Lisa painted by a club? Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps from the finger of God to the finger of Adam.  
*Alfred Whitney Griswold*

## **Looking Forward**

### **COLLECTION**

The collection for w/e 9/9/18 was £112-65.

for w/e 23/9/18 was £136.14

The collection for Home Mission Sunday was £59-47.

### **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.

**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.

### **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.

### **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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC EVENTS SERVING THE CHURCH

## **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)

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

**24<sup>TH</sup> July to 2<sup>ND</sup> August 2019 Age 18 – 35**

Estimated cost £1000 put together with Downside Abbey and the Diocese of Clifton.  
Contact Matt Anscombe for further information.

## **Trust and Grant Applications Officer**

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Diocesan Finance Team for a Trust and Grants Applications Officer. This role will involve working closely with parishes to identify fundraising opportunities and researching trust and grant funding organisations to find suitable funding for projects. The role requires experience of preparing and writing funding bids as well as excellent communication skills to deliver fundraising support throughout the Diocese.

The role is full-time and based at Alexander House, Bristol. Salary £27,000 per annum.

The deadline for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

An application form can be found on the Clifton Diocese Website under "Diocese/Working for Us" or speak to Gail in the office she has the details.

# 'Catch the Fire'

A special day of Enlightenment  
and Encouragement

at

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent on

Saturday 13th October from  
10am - 6pm.

Come and be inspired and see how we and our church can grow, guided by the Holy Spirit



(There will be lunch provided, but we need to know numbers to advise the caterers, so please phone Gail on 01531821647; or Julian on 01989 721215.)"

**WE WELCOME JENNY HESELTINE**  
**THURSDAY 4th October**  
**AT 7.30PM**  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
**ROSS ROAD**  
**NEWENT GL18 1BG**



**ROOTS**  
**AND**  
**BRANCHES**

Jenny Heseltine is thinking that no one will come  
Let us surprise her



Come and SEE—(Spiritual Enlightenment and Encouragement. Program for 2018/19 for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm)

A series of talks about people's journeys with prayer and how it helps them in their vocations and life.

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## **CONGRATULATION AND THANKS**

We thank Mary Francis, Sue Felton, Steve Ebsworth, and Chris Roy for their commitment over the past year and congratulate them on receiving their certificates for catechetics.

## **CAFOD BRING AND BUY TABLE**

Please come and have tea and coffee after Mass, there is a bring and buy table for Cafod which will be there for the month of October. We thank Mo and Michael for all their hard work and we hope that people of the parish will support them and Cafod.