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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Gospel (Matthew 22: 15 – 21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



Reflection

Jesus is very clear that we are called to serve God and be a good citizen at the same time. God works in and through every stratum of society to build community. We are instruments of God's love and desire for unity.

Rarely, except in situations of social justice, do we find ourselves in conflict with what the law asks of us and what our conscience is telling us. When we do, we must speak out, but with compassion, with love and with respect.

God needs each one of us to serve the wider community, to build relationships wherever we are. Witnessing to God's presence by my own life gives dignity and worth to those around me.

Opening of our Churches for Private Prayer

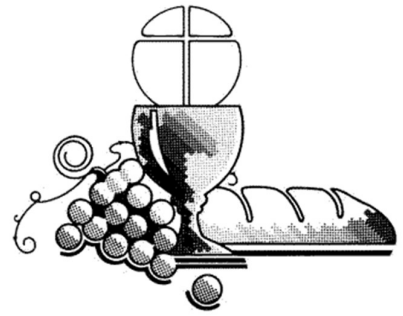
St Dominic's Church will be open for individual private prayer on Thursdays, 2 pm to 3 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Dominic's Church on Saturdays 3.30pm to 4.00pm or by arrangement

Celebration of Mass

We will be celebrating Mass again at St Joseph's at 5.30 pm on Saturdays and at St Dominic's at 11 am on Sundays and at 9 am on Wednesdays



Because we are following the guidelines set down by the bishops, whose chief consideration is to create a safe environment for everyone, fewer people will be able to attend the Mass each week.

As numbers will be limited, you will have to contact the Church Office in advance with your name and contact details: 542039 or dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com

Be sure to arrive early for the Mass; stewards will be on hand to help with the seating

You will need to bring a mask and wear it

Becoming a Catholic

We shall be starting a group for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith, with a view to being received into the Church. They are known as 'enquirers'. There is no commitment involved in joining the group. It is an opportunity to discover more, ask questions and discuss. The time of meetings will be arranged to suit participants.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining, do encourage them to get in touch. They might like to contact Father Philip for an informal chat.

World Mission Sunday: 18 October

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!'. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

Diocesan Prayer Link: St George, Westbury

Churches Together Prayer Rota: St Mark, Dursley

Parish Prayer Rota: Members of the UCM

Pat's Hymn Challenge: Update

Pat Uglow has now successfully completed the challenge she set herself: to play 84 hymns on the organ, one for each year of her life! We congratulate her – well done!

The aim was to raise money for our Parish Charity, Clifton Refugee Sponsorship, and so far the amazing total is **£1909!**

There is still time to give before the closing date of Sunday 25 October

The preferred way of sponsoring Pat is through *JustGiving* at

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stdominicsdursley?utm_id=1&utm_term=m38QW7Q5N

Other ways of donating are by cheque (made out to M P Uglow) or by cash left in the basket at church after Mass or posted to church at any time – if you pay using either of these methods please indicate clearly that the donation is for CRSS

Many thanks to Pat for undertaking this marathon for our Parish Charity!



Rebuilding our Common Home in the light of Coronavirus

An Advent Reflection for Religious and Religious Communities

You are warmly invited to join us for an online afternoon of reflection in preparation for the Season of Advent

Thursday 19 November – 1pm for a 1.15pm start

(the event is expected to finish at 4.30pm)

Please register in advance here (by 1 November):

<https://rebuildingourcommonhome.eventbrite.co.uk>

(You will need a computer or mobile phone with Zoom installed)

St. Joseph's. School

We still have vacancies for two Foundation Governors.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to act on his behalf and that of Clifton Diocese. They need to be committed Catholics, interested in Children' Education. Computer skills are necessary and a willingness to work with others for the good of the School.

If interested and needing further information, please contact the School by phone, 01453 860311 or Email: admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk