



# NEWSLETTER

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Hazel (Holly) Grimoldby, Paul Kruss, Matthew Upham, Sylvia Hughes, Frank Bertorelli, Peggy Ridge.

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Sheelagh Garton, Joyce Heywood, Allana Clarkson, Elizabeth Mary Wiggins, Kay Baguley, Antoinetta Del Grosso, Denis McDonald, Kevin Conway, Myrna Russell, Winifred Parker, Elsie Payne, Marie Stalker, Doreen Morse, Robert Sutton, Frank Manning, Anne Moysten-Eyre, Maureen Baker, Harry Harrison, Florence Hill, Charlotte Jones, Angelo Morelli, Edwin Murphy, Elsie Shipp, Winifred Friend, Maurice Ronayne, John Manders, John Crisp, Joan Bell, Peter Missen, Thelma Beach, Lawrence Bushery, Barbara Boyce, Nicol Allan, Jean Duff, Kathleen Brennan.

### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Toomey, Brian Toomey, Elizabeth Smart, Brian Smart, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Sue Atkins, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margarita Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am	St George	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nigel Duke RIP
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St George	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lottie, Harold and David Jones
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Marian Ring-Birthday
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	St George	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Robert Sutton RIP
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	In Honour and For the Most Holy Trinity, Mother Mary, St Joseph, all angels and saints, souls in purgatory and all sinners everywhere.
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Memorial of St Agatha	Jean Duff RIP
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Memorial of St Agatha	Margery Hart
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa	Memorial of St Paul, Miki and Companions	Mr James Reid
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Corazon Baylen RIP
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maureen Murphy RIP
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm	St George	Taize Service	

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It is difficult not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and the desire to understand them and welcome them ever more fully is righteous. The Beatitudes provide the "identity card" of Christians — this is our identity card — because they outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living.

Let us now frame Jesus' words within a wider context.

First of all, how the proclamation of this message occurred, is important: seeing the multitude that followed him, Jesus scaled the gentle slope overlooking the Sea of Galilee, sat down and, turning to the disciples, announced the Beatitudes. His message was thus addressed to his disciples. However, the multitude, that is, all of humanity, was on the horizon. It is a message for all of humanity.

Moreover, the "mount" recalls Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful.... These "new commandments" are much more than a set of rules. Indeed, Jesus does not impose anything but reveals the way of happiness — his way — by repeating the word "blessed" eight times.

Each Beatitude is composed of three parts. Firstly, there is always the word "blessed". Then there is the situation in which the blessed find themselves: poverty of spirit, affliction, hunger and thirst for justice, and so on. Lastly, there is the reason for the beatitude, introduced by the conjunction "because": "Blessed are they because, blessed are those because...". The eight Beatitudes are like this and it would be good to learn them off by heart so as to repeat them, to have this law that Jesus gave us, precisely in our minds and hearts.

Let us pay attention to this fact: the reason behind the Beatitudes is not a current situation, but rather the new condition that the blessed receive as a gift from God: because "theirs is the Kingdom of heaven", because "they shall be comforted", because "they shall inherit the earth" and so on.

In the third element which is the reason for happiness, Jesus often uses the future passive voice: "they shall be comforted", "they shall be satisfied", "they shall be forgiven", "they shall be called children of God".

But what does the word "blessed" mean? Because each of the eight Beatitudes begins with the word "blessed". The original term does not mean one with a full belly or one who is doing well, but rather it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in God's grace and progresses on God's path: patience, poverty, service to others, comfort.... Those who advance in these things are happy and shall be blessed.

In order to give himself to us, God often chooses unthinkable paths, perhaps the path of our limitations, of our tears, of our defeats. It is the paschal joy of which our Oriental brothers and sisters speak, the one that has the stigmata but is alive, has been through death and has experienced the Power of God. The Beatitudes always bring you to joy. They are the paths to reach joy. It will do us good to read the Beatitudes today — perhaps a few more times throughout the week — in order to understand this very beautiful path, so sure of the happiness the Lord offers us.

**POPE FRANCIS**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ST JOHN FISHER:** there will be four Lenten Lunch discussion groups at St. John Fisher. The first will be on Wednesday 25th February; the second on Wednesday 4th March. They will start at 12 and finish at 1.30. The dates of the two other discussions will be later in March. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. If you have a Sunday missal please bring it with you, though this is not essential. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

**TAIZE SERVICE:** 3.30pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, St Georges Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. If you would like to play an instrument or sing in the choir there will be a practice in the Church from 2.30pm prior to the service, please can you let the Parish Office know.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED:** We are recruiting a Parish Administrator to oversee all parish office tasks and support the Parish Priest in the day to day running of the parish. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will have excellent verbal, written and communication skills. They will be organised and pro-active with the ability to work alone and prioritise work demands. Excellent knowledge of Microsoft 365 programmes and computer skills. Experience in a similar role would be desirable. For further information and an application form please email [taunton.stgeorge@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:taunton.stgeorge@cliftondiocese.com) or visit the Parish Office.

**ST TERESA:** thank you for your Crib donations of £61 which have been sent to CAFOD to help the Middle East in their time of need.

**CONFESION TIMES:** At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am;

Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm

At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am at St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm

**ADORATION TIMES:**

At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;

Wed 6:30am-8:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am – 9:00pm

Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);

St John Fisher: Wed 5pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

**BENEDICTION:** 7pm Fridays at St George's Catholic Church

**PARISH COMMUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:**

**LEGION OF MARY:** meet Thursday 6:30-pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP:** meet the first Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

**PINOT CLUB:** meet the third Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

## **NOTICES**

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with Lavington.

**Standing Orders: 25/01/2026**

St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92

St John Fisher: £176.08

**Offertory Collection: 25/01/2026**

St George: £566.96 St Teresa: £368.05

St John Fisher: £168.45

**BOOK GROUP:** will next meet on Wednesday 4th February at 2.00 pm at St George's Presbytery. We are reading "Searching for Normal" by Sami Timimi. New members are very welcome to join our stimulating group. More details from The Parish Administrator.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Please register for confirmation now via our website under the "Sacraments" tab. The deadline for registration is the **18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

**FAIRTRADE:** available at:

St John Fisher's on Saturday 14th Feb.

St Teresa's on Sunday 15th Feb

St George's on Sunday 22nd Feb

All proceeds to the project in Malawi.

Thank you for your support.

## **PRAYER GROUPS:**

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** every Wednesday 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre

**Led Holy Hour:** St George's on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm

**Mother's Prayer:** Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

**Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

**Pray the Rosary:** Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES:**

1st weekend each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George.

Appointments are available by mail: [healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com](mailto:healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com)