

MASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow (S)

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday evening 15th Aug: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**. INTENTION: Repose of soul of Eloise Hannah Mace

Sunday morning 16th Aug. **9 am Mass (S)**. INTENTION: Mark Zorab, ex Anglian Priest to be received into the Church today at the Assumption-tide Mass at St. Francis Xavier & St. David, Lewis, Usk.

Mon. 17th: **9 am Mass (S)**. Weekday in OT. INTENTION: Repose of soul of Maureen Hassett.

Tue. 18th: **10 am Mass (B)**. Weekday in OT. INTENTION:

Wed. 19th: **9 am (S)**. St. John Eudes, Priest. INTENTION: For more vocations to the Priesthood

Thur. 20th: St. Bernard. **NO MASS AT BOURTON TODAY. 11.30 am Funeral of Pauline Janka, Our Lady & St. Kenelm.** Please let me know if you are coming, to monitor social distancing numbers.

Fri. 21st. **9 am (S)**. St. Pius X. Pope. INTENTION: that more baptised Catholics may come regularly to Mass.

Sat. 22nd. No morning Mass, as usual.

NEXT SATURDAY SUNDAY 22/23rd

August: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday evening 22nd Aug. **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**.

SUNDAY MASS 9 am (S)

All Sunday Masses are recorded or live streamed. The link goes out each Sunday to all who have asked to be on our email data base. If you are *not* on the data base but would like to be, please email me: sulharcomb@aol.com

CHURCH FOOTPATH from Sheep Street, Stow to Our Lady and St. Kenelm

A huge thank you to **Stuart Dewar** from Adlestrop, who has done a massive clearing and tidying job to make the footpath much more accessible and congenial for those who use this route to Church. It was a much bigger task than he (or I) expected and I am very grateful to Stuart.

BUILDING WORK has started at the Presbytery now; they are about to start knocking the walls around. The site is under the care of John Jones, from NKS Home Builders, Tewkesbury. The project is being managed by Lindsey McCullum and Geoff King from the Diocesan property office.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

A licence is being obtained for our Grand Christmas Draw. The emphasis will be on prizes that are fun and/or worthwhile to win.

So far, we have the following prizes:

Family ticket to **Cotswold Farm Park**; a delightful **original painting by Charles Mosley**, (b. 1948) of a man and a woman (apparently) in a French street, (see adjoining panel); **5 hours private tuition in Italian or French; £100 in cash**; Morning on the **Gallops followed by breakfast or lunch** hospitality or a day at the races; a **Wheelbarrow of booze**.

As a parish I am sure we can treble this list.

The aim is to have the tickets and a list of prizes available by the **end of October**, and we will hold the draw at a convivial social evening on the **Twelfth night of Christmas**.

Keep the prizes coming in please. If some articles are more suitable for auction, we can do that too.

This initiative replaces our May Fayre 2020, which was cancelled, of course.



Original painting by Charles Mosley

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We have one adult who is preparing for **Baptism and Reception** into the Church. If you know of anyone else who would like to join and learn about the Catholic faith – baptised or not – they would be very welcome.

Please see importance notice on page 2 concerning Schools. Fr. Stephen

Dear Parish Priests of the Diocese

I hope you're all keeping safe & well at this time.

Please could I ask for your help relating to two different important educational matters at the start of the new school year. These are;

1 – As usual, we want to try to ensure that parents of Catholic children who are due to start school, apply for a place at the right time. Every year some parents unfortunately miss the closing date or forget to provide their child's baptism certificate and so may miss out on a place at a Catholic school.

Please would you therefore kindly help parents, by including the following notice in all your newsletters from **1 September 2020 to 10 January 2021**:

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **[INSERT NAME OF YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL(S)]** Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2021**.

Please remember to delete the text in red font above, and to insert the name(s) of the Council(s) that covers your parish(es). Select from Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire, as appropriate.

2 – As I'm sure you're aware, there are many schools in the Diocese who are operating without their full quota of Foundation Governors. To help address this, we would be very grateful if could also include the following notice in all your newsletters throughout **September**, even if any school in your parish(es) does not currently have any vacancies.

Could you be a School Governor? The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Many thanks for your assistance with this, which is much appreciated.
Just let me know if you've any queries.

Best wishes

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