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29th Sunday in OT
18th October
Year A

This week:

Date	Masses / Services	Feast/ Saint	Also taking place
Sunday 18th Oct.	8.30a.m. Mass Yatton 10a.m. Mass Clevedon	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	FHC Celebration Mass World Mission Sunday (www.missio.org.uk)
Monday 19th Oct.	10a.m. Mass	Opt. Memorial of Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues	6-7p.m. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 20th Oct.	10a.m. Mass		7.30p.m. Rosary and St Anthony's devotion 7.30pm Journey in Faith (St Joseph's, Portishead)
Wed'sday 21st Oct.	10a.m. Mass		
Thursday 22nd Oct	10a.m. Mass	Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope	7p.m. Choir Practice
Friday 23rd Oct.	10a.m. Mass—RIP Eileen Perham	Memorial of St John Capistrano, Priest	10.30-12noon Busy Bees Toddler Group
Saturday 24th Oct.	10a.m. Mass 10.30-11.30a.m. & 5.30-6.15pm Confession 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass	Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	
Sunday 25th Oct.	8.30a.m. Mass Yatton 10a.m. Mass Clevedon	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Morning Prayer: 9.45a.m. in the church daily except Sunday
Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: 10a.m.-11.30a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Our Lady of Fatima calls us to pray for world peace & make reparation for sin.
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am & 5.30-6p.m. in Clevedon or by appointment

Advance notice	
Sat. 31st Oct. 4.30p.m.	Night of Light for Children-St Joseph's. Portishead
Sunday 1st November	Solemnity of All Saints
Sat. 21st Nov. 12noon—3p.m.	FRIARY FAYRE—Clevedon Community Centre
Weblinks	
Parish Website www.clevedoncatholics.org.uk	Diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com
Parish Facebook www.facebook.com/ofmclevedon	Franciscan website: www.friar.org
St Francis Primary School www.st-francis.n-somerset.sch.uk	St Bede's Catholic College www.stbedescc.org

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Ps.96: *Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.*

2nd reading: St Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians 1: 1—5b

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15—21

Gospel Reflection: As the Gospels record, Jesus was the master of the riposte. He amazed and confounded with his ability to think on his feet and handle his verbal jousters. His response echoes down the centuries: 'give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's' (Matthew 22:21). The Pharisees were political in that they were ardent nationalists opposed to Roman rule, while the Herodians, as their name implies, supported Roman rule. These opposing parties joined forces to trap Jesus. Their question - 'Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?' (v. 17) - was intended to catch him out. If he said "No', the Herodians would report him to the Roman governor and he risked being executed for treason. If he answered 'Yes', the Pharisees would denounce him as a traitor to the Jewish nation. Oh, what wicked webs men do weave! The common Roman coin, the denarius, had a picture of the Emperor Tiberius on one side and on the other it carried the inscription "Tiberius Caesar Augustus son of the divine Augustus'. The coin was issued by Caesar and was used for paying tax to him. Jesus used it as a teaching aid to highlight that it was the duty of citizens to render to Caesar what was his and to God what was his, thus evading their trap and highlighting personal conscience. Each person has to decide to render unto Caesar what Caesar is due and to God what God is due. The same is for us today. We render to the State (Caesar) what the State is due but also render to God what God is due. Sometimes, however, matters of conscience arise which make this compliance impossible and we need to make a stand for example, regarding our opposition to abortion or assisted suicide. In fact, in these instances we resist the State, and both pray and work to change minds and hearts in order to amend the law with regards to abortion but keep the present law in the case of assisted suicide! *Lord, grant me wisdom to speak, the prudence to be silent and the humility to listen to your voice.* *Bible Alive*

10 a.m. Mass Hymn Numbers

Entrance	**257**	**Holy Holy**	**Christ the Saviour**
Pen. Rite	**Christ the Saviour**	**Acc. of Faith**	**CtS—Save Us, Sav.**
Gloria	**Christ the Saviour**	**Great Amen**	**Mass of Creation**
Ps. 96(95)	***Give The Lord Glory, Glory &***	**Lamb of God**	**Christ the Saviour**
Gospel Acc	**679**	**Communion**	**419**
Offertory	**468**	**Recessional**	**235**

Prayer for Refugees Dear Lord, you inspired St Francis to care for the poor and the lame and those on the edges of society. As we contemplate the plight of refugees forced from their homelands, help us to be inspired to show our brothers and sisters from lands afar a helping hand.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Prayer requests

Diocesan Prayer: Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym with St Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol and St Anthony, Henbury

CTIC Prayer Link (October): All Saints

The deceased: For all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased and their nearest and dearest friends and family members: **RIP Chris Simpson**, his funeral will be on Monday 26th October at 12noon at Our Lady of Lourdes, Weston-s-Mare

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Please pray for: Fran Bainbridge, Margaret Norris, Pam Dingley, Ryan Rees, Dominic Shelley, Colin Hall, Jo Hickey, Maureen Youde, Chris Browne, Carmelo Scuncio, Janet Mages, Katerina Nash, Fred Youde, Elisabeth Loveridge, John McCarthy, Rosemary Rich, Neil Rees, Seamus Mulholland, Honore Ahearne, John Kehoe, Helen Chaplin, Olive Turner, Brenda Ellis, Thea Barnett, Pat Brennan, Lynda Bearne, Terry McDonnell, Arlene Pawley, Ajeesh George, Eileen Cawley, Vivien Hunter, Anne-Marie Mitchell, Joe Norman, Daniela Jimenez Lopez, Hilda Ana-Carreno, Linda Parrott, Philomina Lapinski, Susan O'Neil, Elizabeth & Patrick Dillon, Catherine Pritchard, Richard Mages, Andrew Mages, Rosie Rich, Salvadora & Barry Paddington, Andrew Gibbons

Prayer and Growing Our Faith

Reflections on the life of St Francis by Fr Tony can be read on the leaflet by the door of church and chapel. Please feel free to take one.

First Holy Communion 2026/27 – if you have a son or daughter in Yr 3 this school year who would like to receive First Holy Communion, please find a registration form in the Narthex. Please contact June—click here to email her—or ring the Parish Office. The FHC Celebration Mass is on 11th October at 10am.

Journey in Faith: come & explore the Faith together, whether Catholic or not. Relaxed & informal atmosphere; refreshments & laughter assured! Tues. evenings from 7.30 to 9pm. All are welcome. All 3 parishes of Clevedon, Nailsea & Portishead continue on **Tues. 22nd Oct.-St Joseph's hall, Portishead, BS20 6LN**. From **3rd Nov. the meetings will be in Greyfriars Hall, Clevedon, BS21 7PP.** More details: Deacon Didier on 07895 885315 or by emailing here.

Koinonia Community (Faith-sharing Group): Gathering on Saturday 31st October at St. Joseph's RC Church hall, Portishead. Tea and coffee from 9:30 for 10am start. Mass, Praise and Worship prayer, teaching and small group work, followed by food & fellowship, finish about 2:30-3:00pm. 5 consecrated Polish Koinonia brothers & sisters are joining us. Please bring food for sharing & let Mike know if you are coming; email Mike here. Please hand on the invitation!

Community and Social

Harvest Thanks: thank you for all donations to the Foodbank & Julian Trust. On behalf of the Julian Trust, I thank you for the very generous Harvest food donations which were gratefully received. Also thank you all parishioners who donate to the Julian Trust regularly throughout the year. *Wendy Sidney*

Parish census: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed the census. The boxes are now being removed from the church but forms can still be handed in to the parish office or completed on line by clicking this link.

Duke of Edinburgh: the Volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh

Award requires participants to give regular time to help others and make a positive difference in their local community. These can be as Choir members, Altar Servers or Church cleaners. To arrange any of the above, please contact Vicki McHugh - email her by clicking here.

DBS Check Help – Sunday 1st Nov. after 10am Mass we have the privilege of welcoming David Arbues to help with the DBS process: checking volunteers for clearance to work with children & vulnerable adults. If you need help understanding or completing online DBS forms or setting up for the automatic update service, please come to Greyfriars after 10am Mass. Liz: 07455047496

*** **Friary Fayre—Saturday 21st November—only 5 weeks to go !!!** ***

Please leave all donations of good quality second-hand goods (toys, gifts, **handbags**, bric-a-brac, etc.) in Friary garage along with bottles for tombola.

Christmas Decorations Why not have a sort out and donate any surplus, pre-loved, good quality decorations to Friary Fayre? If needed, collection can be arranged through Parish Office or see Sarah King after the 10 am Sunday Mass.

St Carlo Acutis Young People's Group: we meet on Friday afternoons (4.15-6pm) once a month to share craft activities, games, snacks, drinks and a laugh! For more details, contact Tom in Parish Office (email here). Our next gathering will be on Friday 13th November at 4.15pm in Greyfriars.

GARDENERS: unless the hot summer turned your gardens into deserts, please save cuttings, divided plants, seedlings and any other plant material this Autumn for Plant Sale next May. Big thank you in advance. Vicki McHugh

Time to start school? If you have a child born from 1 Sept. 2022 to 31 Aug 2023, then apply for a place at school now to start from Sept. 2027 onwards. Complete an application form available from the school admissions team of North Somerset Council. You must apply by closing date: 15 Jan. 2027. If your child is Catholic, provide a copy of baptism certificate to school by 15/01/27.

100 Club October winners: 1) £40 - No 68 Harriet Bradley, 2) £20 -No 63 Widney Sidney, 3) £10 - No 54 Les Carey. For more details about the 100 Club, please contact Martin & Suzanne: call 01934 527181 or by email here.

Finance

Offertory Collections: 11th October: £231.10, GA env.s: £10.00, S.O. donations: £995 per week. Thank you.

Second Collections:

4th & 11th October: CAFOD—Gift Aided: £55.00, non-GA: £314.10. Thank you!

Last Sunday (11th October): PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) - £10.00

This Sunday (18th October): World Mission Sunday (Missio) The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio (his world mission charity) through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share God's life-transforming and healing love. To donate, use Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk/

Online payments: A/C: Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, Account number: 68476558, Sort code: 52-10-03. Please add a reference (e.g. 'Missio'). Or scan this QR code to donate via web.

Words from a Saint:

"It is a great grace of God to practise self-examination, but too much is as bad as too little." St.Teresa of Jesus (Virgin & Doctor of Church) Feast:15th October