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30th Sunday in OT
25th October
Year A

This week:

Date	Masses / Services	Feast/ Saint	Also taking place
Sunday 25th Oct.	8.30a.m. Mass Yatton 10a.m. Mass Clevedon	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday 26th Oct.	10a.m. Mass	Optional Memorial of Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops	12noon RIP Chris Simpson, Our Lady of Lourdes, Weston 6-7p.m. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 27th Oct.	10a.m. Mass		7.30p.m. Rosary and St Anthony's devotion
Wed'sday 28th Oct.	10a.m. Mass	Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles	
Thursday 29th Oct	10a.m. Mass		7p.m. Choir Practice
Friday 30th Oct.	10a.m. Mass		
Saturday 31st Oct.	10a.m. Mass 10.30-11.30a.m. & 5.30-6.15pm Confession 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass	Our Lady on Saturday	4.30pm Night of Light at St Joseph's, Portishead
Sunday 1st Nov.	8.30a.m. Mass Yatton 10a.m. Mass Clevedon	Solemnity of All Saints	

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	
Monday 9th November	7pm PPC Meeting—Retro Choir
Thursday 19th November	2pm Greyfriars Friendship Club—Greyfriars Hall
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: Exodus 22: 21—27

Ps. 18 (17): *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

2nd reading: St Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians 1: 5c—10

Gospel Accl'tion: *Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, an my father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34—40

Gospel Reflection: In 2011, when the Twin Towers in New York were attacked killing over 3,000 people, many again declared that this was a sign of God's judgement. This kind of misguided thinking is not new: the same was said in Jesus' day when Pilate suppressed an insurrection killing some Galileans and when a tower collapsed in Jerusalem (near the Pool of Siloam) killing eighteen. In our own lives, too, when something tragic happens or we undergo a period of suffering or anguish, we torment ourselves that we are being punished in some way. This way of thinking is simplistic and inaccurate. The Bible reveals that God loves everyone. His sun shines and his mercy falls on every human being: those dying of AIDS, those caught up in terrible catastrophes, and those suffering challenges and trauma in their personal lives. Only God can judge justly; only God can bring true justice, and mercy always triumphs over justice. The idea that God punishes through tragedy and suffering is to deny the revelation that God is loving and merciful, kind and compassionate. Every human person is in God's hands and God has a plan for each of our lives. In the mystery of that plan terrible things happen which are hard to understand and fathom, but, as Jesus makes clear in today's Gospel, they must not be viewed as God's punishment or judgement. Jesus taught that our response to such events should be to turn to him in repentance, having been reminded that our lives on earth are also brief and transitory. *" The liturgy also urges to give visible expression to the gift of conversion of heart, showing to us how to converse with God. Attentive listening to divinely-inspired Holy Scripture, constant prayer, interior and exterior fasting, works of charity that concretely express solidarity with our brothers and sisters: these matters cannot be avoided by those reborn to new life by Baptism, no longer intent to live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." (Pope St John Paul II)* *~ excerpt from Bible Alive*

10 a.m. Mass Hymn Numbers

Entrance	**75**	**Holy Holy**	**Christ the Saviour**
Pen. Rite	**Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison**	**Acc. of Faith**	**CtS—When we eat…**
Gloria	**Christ the Saviour**	**Great Amen**	**Mass of Creation**
Ps. 96(95)	***I love you, Lord, my strength***	**Lamb of God**	**Christ the Saviour**
Gospel Acc	**679**	**Communion**	**353**
Offertory	**527**	**Recessional**	**65**

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: St Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol with St James Priory
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.
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. 3rd Nov., Greyfriars Hall, Clevedon, BS21 7PP.** More details: Deacon Didier on 07895 885315 or by emailing here.
Carol Service Yatton Chapel: You are all invited to the annual Carol Service which will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 15th December. All are welcome along to enjoy the singing, the readings and the refreshments. We look forward to seeing you. Queries to Peter Kehoe 01275 462287 or email here.
Faith-sharing Group: on Sat. 31st Oct. at St. Joseph's 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 3pm. 5 consecrated Polish Koinonia brothers & sisters are joining us. Please bring food for sharing & let Mike know if you are coming; email here. Please invite all!

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 Award: for Volunteering this Award requires participants to give regular time to help others and make a positive difference in their local community. Why not sing in the Choir, be an Altar Server or clean the Church? To arrange, 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 4 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.
PLANTS DONATIONS: we would love to receive any plants you may have ready now for the Friary Fayre. All donations gratefully received.
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.
Applying for schools children born from 1 Sept. 2022 to 31 Aug 2023: 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. Secondary School places deadline is 31/10/26. Visit online our local Catholic secondary: St Bedes
100 Club October winners: 1) £40 - No 68 Harriet Bradley, 2) £20 -No 63 Wendy 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: 18th October: £170.50, GA env.s: £76.00, S.O. donations: £995 per week. Thank you.

Second Collections:

Last Sunday (18th October): World Mission Sunday (Missio): £298.85, GA-£20.00, The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio (his world mission charity) through prayer, solidarity and giving. This cause 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/
Next Sunday (1st November): The Cathedral Appeal
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:

"Let us walk humbly with Christ, seeking neither power nor glory, but only His will." St.Chad of Lichfield (Bishop) Feast: 26th October