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FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12th July	**Holy Mass – 5pm – Geoffrey Markham – Intention**
Sunday 13th July	**Holy Mass – 11am – For the People of the Parish**
Monday 14th July	**No Holy Mass**
Tuesday 15th July **St. Bonaventure**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am - Sara Mason –Intention** **Holy Rosary**
Wednesday 16th July	**Holy Mass -7pm – Fr. Andrew Marlborough - Intention**
Thursday 17th July	**Holy Mass – 9:30am – For Vocations to the Priesthood** **Holy Rosary**
Friday 18th July **St. Benedict**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am –For the Holy Souls in Purgatory** **Holy Rosary** **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 6am until Benediction at 6:30pm**
Saturday 19th July **Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am – For the Holy Souls in Purgatory** **Holy Rosary & Confessions**

EVENT- ***"CATHOLIC IN A CULTURE OF DEATH"* -** In light of recent House of Commons votes on abortion and euthanasia, Shaftesbury philosopher Daniel Moody will give a short talk on Catholicism, nihilism, culture, and law, followed by a Q&A session and a general discussion. Come along and have your say on these crucial issues. **This will take place in the church hall next Thursday, 17th July at 7pm.** Please write your name on the list in the porch so that we have some idea of numbers. Thank you.

HOLY MASS AND TEA PARTY FOR THE "SENIOR CITIZENS" OF THE PARISH - On Thursday, 24th July at 2pm, Holy Mass will be offered for the senior citizens of our parish and there will be a tea party for them in the hall afterwards. We would like to include people who haven't come in the past, so please join us this year! If you would like to come, please contact Jane Jago on 01747 853329 and do let her know if you need any help with transport. Though this event is primarily for the elderly of the parish, **everyone is invited. Please come and offer your support by your presence and your prayers.** Thank you to the SVP for organising this event.

PETER'S PENCE - RETIRING COLLECTION – Peter's Pence is a collection taken up annually in Catholic churches worldwide, where the faithful offer financial support to the Pope. These funds are used to support the Pope's charitable works, including disaster relief, humanitarian efforts, and support for the Holy See. Historically, it began as an annual tribute from England and spread throughout Europe, evolving into a voluntary contribution from Catholics globally. This collection normally takes place on the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, but to space out our collections we will be having it this weekend 12/13 July.

SEA SUNDAY – 13th JULY – Next Sunday the Church will pray especially for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a retiring collection on 26/27 July for *Stella Maris,* Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. They are away from home and family for long periods and often work for low pay in difficult conditions. For more information about the work of *Stella Maris* visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE - *"O God, Eternal Shepherd, grant, in Your boundless love a bishop for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and show us watchful care. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen."*

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE - CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY – The outstanding work on the church and presbytery is now underway and will last for approximately nine weeks. The cost of the work will be around £28000. Please

contribute - **Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR – Sort Code: 54:41:30. Account Number: 05417953.** Thank you to all those have already given generously to the church.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – If you are not a Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith with a view to being received into the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr. John.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - If you have a child 7 years old or older and you would like him or her to receive the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion next year, please write your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION – 2026 – Should there be any candidates for this Sacrament, our next Confirmation course will begin in October. If you are thirteen years old or older and would like to be Confirmed in 2026 please speak to Fr. John.

FAITH GROUP MEETINGS – Next meeting will be held in the church hall on **Tuesday, 15th July at 7pm.**

YOUTH GROUP -There are meetings once a month in our parish hall for young people from 13 years old: for fun, friendship, a chance to ask questions and to learn more about the Faith. Do bring your friends along - they don't need to be practising Catholics. **The next meeting will be in September after the summer break.**

THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD – The Sons and Daughters of God (I Figli di Dio) is a worldwide community based on prayer. The next meeting will be on **Friday 18th July at 7pm** in the church hall**.** If you would like to find out more please contact Shaun MacLoughlin on 07568942164 or David Minto on 07889035898. See- www.comunitafiglididio.net"

CONFESSION – All devout Catholics go to Confession regularly. Confession is part and parcel of our life in Christ. We do not have to live separated from God by our sins. His mercy is always available to us so that we may live in His light and His peace. This is a priceless gift. We thank and praise God for His merciful love.

THIS JUBILEE YEAR COULD YOU GIVE SOME TIME AS A VOLUNTEER FOR MARY'S MEALS? - Mary's Meals, named after Our Lady, works alongside some of the world's poorest communities to provide daily school meals, attracting children into the classroom where they can gain an education and a brighter future. Here in the UK, we urgently need volunteers to help spread the word about our work and support fundraising and awareness-raising activities. The role is flexible, designed to fit around existing commitments and gives the opportunity to be part of something truly life-changing – for the children we strive to reach, and for you. For more information please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/volunteer or contact Joanna Blake on 0800 6981212; or email info@marysmeals.org. Thank you. - ***Our vision is that every child receives a daily meal in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things.***

JUBILEE YEAR VISITS TO DESIGNATED SHRINES – Bernard Jupp has kindly offered to hire and to drive a mini bus to the Jubilee Year designated shrine in Dorchester. The date will be **Saturday, 23rd August.**
Holy Mass will be offered at 9am followed by Confessions and a guide will be provided. Please sign the form in the church porch (asap) if you intend to go as Bernard will need to give notice to book the mini bus. A plenary indulgence may be gained by entering the church and by fulfilling the usual conditions

THE EVIL OF ABORTION - "*In the newspapers you read numbers of this one and that one being killed, this one being destroyed, but nobody speaks of the millions of little ones who have been conceived to the same life as you and I, to the life of God, and we say nothing, we allow it. - To me the nations who have legalised abortion are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don't want to feed one more child, to educate one more child, the child must die."* - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

GUIDANCE FOR THE SOUL- "*Be aware, that the day of your death is uncertain. One day my spirit will leave my body. When will it be? In winter or in summer? In town or in the country? During the day or at night? Will you have time to make your confession or not? Will your confessor or spiritual father be present to help you? Alas, we know nothing at all about any of these things. Only one thing is certain – that we shall die sooner than we expect."* - St. Francis de Sales.

GIFT AID - UK TAX PAYERS PLEASE HELP.- Please consider increasing your Mass offering by 25% at no extra cost to yourself—gift-aid it. The parish can reclaim tax at the rate of 25p (25%) for every £1 that you donate. Gift aid forms are available in the porch. For further details, please speak to Fr. John or contact our Gift-Aid organiser Victoria Bright on 01963 363289 or email – victoriabright@rocketmail.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Please pray for our sick parishioners: Mary Kalmanovitch, Alexandra van Duivenbode, Lesley Lee, Rory Herbert, Irene Alford, Jenny Ingleton.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – £401.55. Monthly standing orders come to £1524.50. Thank you. - If you want to give by standing order the details are: **Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR – Sort Code 54:41:30. Account Number: 05417953.** Thank you. We need more counters. Please speak to Fr. John or to Jane Jago if you can help.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK - ***"O Lord my God, tell me what you are to me. Say to my soul, I am your salvation. Say it so that I can hear it. My heart is listening, Lord; open the ears of my heart and say to my soul, I am your salvation. Let me run toward this voice and seize hold of you. Do not hide your face from me: let me die so that I may see it, for not to see it would be death to me indeed."*** **- St. Augustine of Hippo**