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FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ALL CREATION



BEHOLD THE KING!

Strange King, crowned with thorns, enthroned on a Cross, washing feet like a slave! Yet, 'I was born for this!'

Born to serve, born to gather all humanity into unity, born to die on a Cross so that we might stop killing each other, born to redefine forever authority, born to reign in the human heart where no King, Queen or President can ever enter, born to bring salvation to the very creation itself - the whole Universe! Salvation is Cosmic!

And this King makes you and I 'a line of kings and priests to serve our God'. Far from possessive of His Royal Power or Dignity, He freely shares it by pouring out His Spirit upon us. He shares His throne with us - both the Cross of serving our broken sisters and brothers, and the Heavenly Throne at the right hand of His Father

So let us enthrone Him and serve with Him the Kingdom of Justice, Love & Peace

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS for National Youth Sunday at 10.00am

MONDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.00pm Evening Mass at 5.30pm followed by Scripture Group
Evening Prayer for Year of Prayer with Bishop Declan at Clifton Cathedral at 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 7.00pm Evening Mass at 7.30pm

THURSDAY: Mass at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland*
Adoration at 8.15am Morning Prayer at 8.45am Mass at 9.00am
Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

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SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Alexander Bryant, & Bl Charles de Foucauld Priests and Martyrs***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] Our Liturgical Year comes to an end with the **Feast of Christ, King of the Universe**. This is a feast of truly Cosmic proportions - the vision of the destiny of the whole Universe journeying, evolving into the Body of Christ as Jesus Christ **becomes** 'all in all' ... 'the fulness of all creation'. The whole universe is destined to be alive in the glory of Christ, as alive as the Risen Christ on Easter Day, filled with divine glory. The mission of the Church is to work towards this universal transformation, as the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace flourishes and heals all creation. An immense mission of love!

[2] It is **National Youth Sunday** and we are hoping our young people will fulfil the many Liturgical Ministries that day - welcoming, Proclaiming the Word, taking up the Offertory, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, refreshments after mass. Please see Henry and see what you ministry you can fulfil on that day!

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We begin a new Liturgical Year (**Year C cycle - the Year of Luke's Gospel**) with this **First Sunday of Advent**, echoing the great cry of the first Christians 'Come Lord Jesus, Come soon!' Stay awake Jesus insists - watch, work, prayer for the Final Coming of Christ that will transform all creation into His Body, for he is the Fulness of all Creation when He comes 'all in all!' Let us be awake for His coming every day!

[2] Today is a **Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees** - a prayer and work close to our hearts in this parish. Over 66 million refugees and displaced peoples world-wide - the greatest human disaster and tragedy the world has known! And yet so often we turn a blind eye and deaf ear to the cries of pain - while we allow our governments to build walls of brick, barbed wire and even harder hearts!

[3] We will have **Special Advent Prayer each Sunday at approximately 1.00pm** - this Sunday it will be dedicated to praying for our refugee and asylum sisters and brothers.

[4] **Retiring Collection today for the Poor Missions of Clifton Diocese** - please be as generous as you can.

[5] Being the **first Sunday of the month**, we have our **Covenant with the Poor Offertory** - please give gifts of money in the special envelopes and gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs (especially pasta, rice, tins of tomatoes, fruit, fish and meat, and pasta sauce, UHT milk, small jars of coffee and hot chocolate, packs of biscuits and breakfast cereals etc etc). Please be generous as the demands on this fund is very heavy indeed.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Anthony, Henbury, and Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, served by Fr Colin Mason, and parish administrators Jo Savery and both their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Daniel 7: 13-14 / Psalm 92 / Apocalypse 1: 5-8 / John 18: 33-37
Monday	Apocalypse 14: 1-5 / Psalm 23 / Luke 21: 1-4
Tuesday	Apocalypse 14: 14-19 / Psalm 95 / Luke 21: 5-11
Wednesday	Apocalypse 15: 1-4 / Psalm 97 / Luke 21: 12-19
Thursday	Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3,9 / Psalm 99 / Luke 21: 20-29
Friday	Romans 10: 9-18 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 4: 18-22
Saturday	Apocalypse 22: 1-7 / Psalm 94 / Luke 21: 34-36

COLLECTIONS:

Env £79.10 + Loose £295.75 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £464.43 - thank you!

Donation £100.00 Project 170 (Zimbabwean Mass) £50.19

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th Nov	Feast of Christ the King - Last Sunday of 'Ordinary Time'
27th Nov	Evening Prayer to launch Year of Prayer at Clifton Cathedral at 7.00pm
28th Nov	Three Bristol Deaneries Meeting at Emmaus House at 10.30am
30th Nov	Meeting for Parents of Children for 1st Eucharist & 1st Reconciliation 2.15pm
30th Nov	Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm
1st Dec	New Altar Servers Training 10.30-11.30am
2nd Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR OF LUKE BEGINS
4th Dec	Committee 170 planning co-ordinating Group meets at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
6th Dec	Meeting of Diocesan Migrant Officers in London
8th Dec	New Altar Servers Training 10.30-11.30am
8th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12th Dec	School Nativity Plays at 1.30pm and 5.30pm (in the Church)
13th Dec	Senior Citizens Christmas Meal at 6.00pm (parish hall)
15th Dec	New Altar Servers Training 10.30-11.30am
16th Dec	Commissioning & Re-commissioning all Altar Servers at 10am Mass
24th Dec	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.30pm
25th Dec	CHRISTMAS SOLEMN MASS OF THE DAY at 10.00am
31st Dec	New Year's Eve Watchnight Mass at 10.30pm (agape after)
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1st Jan	FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEARS DAY
6th Jan	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
6th Jan	Senior Citizens Christmas Mass at 3.00pm, followed by Tea
12th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session One 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
13th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday
15th Jan	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
16th Jan	First Eucharist programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4.00pm (Assisi Cent)
18th Jan	First Reconciliation programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4pm (Assisi Cent)
19th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Two 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
20th Jan	United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.00pm (St Nicks - 170 event)
26th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Three 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
27th Jan	Commissioning & Re-commissioning all Lay Ministers of Eucharist at 10am Mass
6th Feb	Training Day and Evening on Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (St Nicks)

THE YEAR OF LUKE With a new Liturgical Year (Sundays Year C) nearly all the Sunday Gospel will be taken from Luke's Gospel. Luke, a disciple of St Paul, expresses especially the Gospel as Paul preached it to the Gentile (non-Jewish) world: a Gospel that was Good News to the Poor, a Gospel of Mercy and Forgiveness, a Gospel filled with the Holy Spirit and Hope, a Gospel of Joy, a Gospel of equality for women - a Gospel for our Age!

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN TO BE PREPARED FOR SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

The Church recommends that children of about 7 years of age should be prepared for First Eucharist. Please do not unnecessarily delay your child from receiving Jesus in the Bread of Life and Cup of Love! There is a first **Parents Meeting for both for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Programmes on Friday 30th November at 2.15 in the Assisi Centre**. If you have not already please return the reply slips to the presbytery, school or Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

JOURNEY OF FAITH We continue the Journey of Faith meetings each **Friday at 6.30pm** Who will you encourage to come and see what being a Catholic Christian means? Or come for a renewal of faith? Or seek Baptism and/or Confirmation?

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS As we draw near Christmas, can we think again about giving friends and family the gift of a **CAFOD WORLD GIFT** -

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and so our giving helps the poorest of the Earth? Leaflets available in the porch today. **Our Children's Liturgy Group will be collecting once more for World gifts this Advent!**

SUPPORT St NICKS 170 FUNDRAISING THIS CHRISTMAS! Please support your parish community by also including our 170 T-shirts and mugs in your Christmas gift shopping. There will also be our special calendars also! All will help us repair the church and re-decorate it in this 170th Year!

NOW YOU CAN GIVE TO ST NICKS BY CARD & PAYPAL! Thanks to our Henry! we now have the facility to welcome donations or buy Year 170 items (t-shirts and mugs) or items from the Piety Stall by card. It is available from today onwards.

LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING I have called a number of our parishioners to serve our community as Lay Ministers of the Eucharist. The training Sessions will be in the New Year: **Saturdays: 12/19/26 January from 9.30am to 1.00pm (including 12 noon Mass); Commissioning & Re-commissioning of all Lay Ministers Sunday 27th January at 10.00am Mass.**

BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AT ST NICKS

We need volunteers to support this important part of our Mission as a parish community. We are hosting our homeless sisters and brothers each Wednesday from 20th Feb to 27th March. There are three shifts each night: Evening 5.30-10pm / Overnight 9.30pm - 7.00am / Morning 6.30-9.30am. There are also other ways you can support. For those volunteering for a shift, it is **very important that you attend training - you cannot volunteer without this training - for your own good as well as that of our guests!** PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY TARDIVO (07584375049) or ashleytardivo@gmail.com **There will be an extra training session here at St Nicks after Mass in the New Year - date to be confirmed!**

If you cannot volunteer to do a shift but want to be involved you can:

- [1] volunteer to cook food for both guests and volunteers - see Patience Bird (07411406411)
- [2] donate toiletries, male/female underwear and socks, hats, gloves, scarves, towels, duvet covers, pillowcases.
- [3] do the laundry of duvet covers, pillowcases and towels (once a week for 6 weeks or a rota).
- [4] become part of prayer circle to pray during the course of project.

NEW LITURGY COURSE FOR 2018/19 - YEAR OF PRAYER

To accompany our Diocesan Year of Prayer, the Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. Seeking to enable us to enter more deeply into the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS INVITED TO TRAIN

We wish to recruit new altar servers to be trained and commissioned before Christmas. All girls and boys who have celebrated their First Eucharist are welcome to apply. Please see Fr Richard, Mary Hopper or Sam Masenya. Training Sessions: **Saturdays: 1st Dec/8th Dec/15th Dec 10.30-11.30am with Commissioning of ALL ALTAR SERVERS on Sunday 16th December at 10am mass**

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER BEGINS ADVENT 2018

Evening Prayer at Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Declan to Launch the Year of Prayer on Tuesday 28th Nov at 7.00pm. Our Mass will be at 5.30pm so that we can share in this special Prayer Service.

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