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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



'MASTER, LET ME SEE AGAIN!'

Jesus sets out on the road to Jerusalem for the last time, to face suffering and death. As He sets out with frightened disciples, He stops to work His final healing - giving sight to a blind beggar. All humanity cries out in this man: heal our blindness, let us see the world in truth, not illusion. Let us no longer remain blind to the suffering we inflict on the innocent, the poor, the outcast, the powerless, the child.

Jesus, let us see the world in its beauty and behold you at the centre of everything! Open our eyes to see the beauty of Your Presence in beggar at the door, the addict in our streets, the stranger in our midst. Open the eyes of our hearts that we might gaze with insightful eyes of love and bring healing to a world locked into structures of selfishness and greed that dispossess the poor of the world from their rightful share in the world's resources and the world's hope! Master, give us the courage to see! Really to see! And

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am
ONE WORLD UNITED SERVICE at City Road Baptist Church at 5pm

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Mass at 6.00pm followed by Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 6.30pm Evening Service of Word and Communion at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 12 noon Adoration until 1.30pm

Adoration at 6.30pm Evening Mass at 7.00pm

FRIDAY: COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS (DAY OF DEVOTION)

Adoration at 8.15am Morning Prayer at 8.45 Mass at 9.00am

Adoration at 7.00pm Parish Requiem Mass at 7.30pm

SATURDAY: Feast of St Martin de Porres, Dominican Brother (Peru, 1579-1693)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

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TODAY [1] With the **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the healer and liberator - He heals our blindness that we might see the world, its beauty and its challenges, its exploitations and its poor and oppressed, with eyes of Jesus - and seeing, the ACT IN THE STRENGTH OF FAITH! Jesus' last healing is of the blindness of Bartimaeus of Jericho as Jesus 'sets his face towards Jerusalem'. This healing gathers in and expresses so much of the Mission of Jesus to enlighten our darkness.

[2] We join our Christian sisters and brothers for our **One World Service at City Road Baptist Church at 5.00pm** - please come and support so that standing together, praying together in the rich diversity of Christ's Body the Church, we may work for unity in the Church and for Justice and equality in our One World, this One Planet that is our 'Common Home'.

[3] **PLEASE NOTE - THE CLOCKS CHANGE ON SATURDAY NIGHT - AND WE GET AN EXTRA HOUR SLEEP! - NO EXCUSE FOR BEING LATE FOR MASS!**

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that God is Love and nothing other than Love - and the great Divine Command is simply to love ... to love with everything in us, to love at all times and in every circumstance. Love is the divine nature we carry and love alone carries us through death into the fulness of life for all eternity. Why do we spend so much energy on what is not love, is destructive, rather than on what is love, creative, healing and caring? Working for Justice is the beginning of Love!

[2] We celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen** during our 10am Mass - preparing our children and families for the immense Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them.

[3] There is a **Retiring Collection for the repair and upkeep of our Cathedral Church** - the Mother Church of our diocesan family.

[4] Mass for the **Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Holy Cross, Bedminster and St Mary-on-the-Quay with St James Priory served by Fr Rupert Allen, Fr Vincent Mbu'i SVP and Fr Paul SVD, parish administrator Robert von Hawrylak and both parish communities - we pray also for the work and witness of St James Priory,

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTIETH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 / Psalm 125 / Hebrews 5: 1-6 / Mark 10: 46-52
Monday	Ephesians 4: 32-5: 8 / Psalm 1 / Luke 13: 10-17
Tuesday	Ephesians 5: 21-33 / Psalm 127 / Luke 13: 18-21
Wednesday	Ephesians 6: 1-9 / Psalm 144 / 1 John 3: 1-3 / Luke 13: 22-30
Thursday	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 / Psalm 23 / Matthew 5: 1-12
Friday	Isaiah 25: 6-9 / Psalm 26 / Romans 5: 5-11 / Mark 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6
Saturday	Romans 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29 / Psalm 93 / Luke 14: 1, 7-11

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th Oct	United One World Week Service at 5.00pm (City Road Baptist Church)
1st Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY - HolyDay of Obligation (Masses 12 noon & 7.00pm)
2nd Nov	ALL SOULS DAY - Day of Devotion (Masses 9.00am & 8.00pm)
2nd Nov	Parents pre-Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
4th Nov	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass
9th Nov	Parents pre-Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
10th Nov	Diocesan Day introducing Year of Prayer St Brendans 10.00am-3.00pm
10th Nov	Borderlands Trustees Meeting 11.00am to 4.00pm
11th Nov	Parish Forum after 10am mass 12.45-2.45pm (for ALL PARISHIONERS)
13th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
14th Nov	InterFaith Dialogue on Peace - Clifton cathedral 7.15pm
18th Nov	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
24th Nov	Diocesan Youth Gathering at St Brendans Sixth Form College 10am-3.30pm

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24th Nov Charismatic Day of Renewal led by National Service Committee for CR
 25th Nov **Feast of Christ the King - Last Sunday of 'Ordinary Time'**
 28th Nov **Evening Prayer to launch Year of Prayer** at Clifton Cathedral at 7.00pm

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?

ARCHIVE MATERIALS FOR HISTORY OF ST NICKS AND EXHIBITION John Flannery is preparing an updated History of St Nick's Parish as part of our 170th birthday celebrations. **Thank you, John.** Also Tosin, Francis and Margaret are working on preparing an exhibition about the parish, its history and its present mission, **Thank you Tosin, Francis and Margaret.** Both would be grateful for any photos, stories, experiences that could contribute to either or both the written History and the exhibition. Please contact them.

SUPPORT PROJECT 170 *In this 170th Year of our Parish's mission* we must repair and so secure our buildings to be a place of welcome and healing to the poor and marginalised of our city for decades to come. But this Year of memories must be even more a Year of Dreaming God's Future. We have spent so much money on supporting the impoverished but now we need also to raise funds to ensure we have buildings available to them in the future. Our buildings are missionary buildings. the annual footfall through our buildings is at least 55,000 visits - 55,00 people! **You can support the fund raising part of Project 170!** Please buy (and encourage others to do the same) the T-shirts and commemorative mugs, **We are asking a donation of £5 for the children's T-shirts, £10 for the adult ones.** They are made of fair-traded and organic cotton. **We also ask a donation of £5 for the special mugs** (made of recycled plastic). So we have ensured we are eco-friendly and just!

CELEBRATE BRISTOL 27-28th Oct "See, I am doing a new thing!" - Is 43:19 A Conference for the whole family! A non-residential weekend including tailored 'streams' for all ages of children and young adults. Keynote speakers: Michelle Moran, David Wells and Sue Whitehead. Also workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU. Further details: www.celebrateconference.org

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES FOR 2018 Parents seeking the baptism of their children this year are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism course and celebration:

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER at 10am Mass

Preparation Sessions: Friday 2nd & 9th November at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 4th November at 10am Mass

POPE, POETRY AND PROSE - the Wisdom of 'Laudato Si' - with Mary Colwell Mary was a leading member of the Natural History Unit of the BBC (based here in Bristol) and has reflected much on ecology and Catholic faith. A superb multi-media presenter, she is coming to **St Nicks on Saturday 10th Nov 10.30am to 1.00pm** (as a guest of ACTA) to speak on the subject above. I highly recommend anyone not going to St Brendan's for the Diocesan Day to come and share this event - all are welcome!

INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE ON 'PEACE IN OUR DIFFERENT FAITHS' As part of National Multi-Faith Week, leading scholars of the Christian, Jewish and Moslem faiths come together to offer us insights into how each of our Faiths understand peace and how this understanding is expressed in our relationship with God and the world around us. Chaired by Prof Gavin D'Costa there will also be some reflection on the Middle East and the Holy Land as places where this understanding confronts conflict. On **Wednesday 14th Nov beginning**

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at 7.15pm in the Apostle Room of Clifton Cathedral, all are welcome and this event is highly recommended, especially for our parish which has so many mosques and a synagogue.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER BEGINS ADVENT 2018 [1] **Diocesan Day** to introduce the Year of Prayer to all the parishes of the diocese. Luke's Gospel emphasises Jesus as a person of prayer, and we begin Luke's Gospel in Year 3 in the Sunday Liturgical cycle. It will be on **Saturday 10th November (10am to 3.00pm)** at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Broomhill Road, BS4 5RQ. It is important that we are represented there, so I hope at least some of the Parish pastoral Council will attend.

[2] **Evening Prayer at Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Declan to Launch the Year of Prayer** on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00pm. Please keep that evening free and try to come and share in this special Prayer Service.

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING: Young people aged 12-25 are invited to come to our Diocesan Youth Gathering on **Saturday 24th November at St Brendan's College**, Broomhill Road, Bristol. BS45RQ. The day begins at 11am and finishes at 4pm. There will be a celebration of St Oscar Romero & the Synod, great speakers, music and activities, including the launch of our new Diocesan Youth Forum. The day will finish with Mass & commissioning of young people. **I really hope that some of our young people will be there - please see Richard, Mary or Henry.** Under 18's must have a parental consent form, available to download from www.cliftondiocese.com Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. To book a parish group or individual place, email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

ARE YOU STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE? Do you know where to turn - who could help you? I hope as a parish community we are open and caring and healing in a way that you could entrust your pain to us. *But also (and very importantly) there is an organisation that could help you - British Victims of Abortion.* Call them on their helpline **0845-603-8501** between 7pm and 10pm seven evenings a week.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP I would like to encourage regular participation in this group so that we can deepen our love for and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. It would be ideal for all Lay Readers and Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders. In this Year 170 this would be an excellent way of sharing together and deepening our faith, rooted in the Bible. Every Tuesday after 6.00pm Mass).

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS Thank you to all who help each Friday from 10.00am. **But we need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Faniel (07475654032) who is now co-ordinating this ministry.

GLOBAL HEALING - a national faith response to Pope Francis Letter 'Laudato Si' Launched on 'Creation Day' (1st September), resources are released by our Bishops to encourage us to reflect upon the urgency of changing direction and life-style in order to heal our planet of the damage we have done through the careless exploitation of our environment. How do we live in communion with creation? Watch this space for opportunities to discuss together what we can do as individuals and as a parish to contribute to 'Global Healing'.

POPE FRANCIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS Pope Francis stated the following last November: *'Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession... genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian effects of any employment of nuclear devices and the risk of accidental detonation as a result of any kind of error, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned. They exist in the service of a mentality of fear.'*

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