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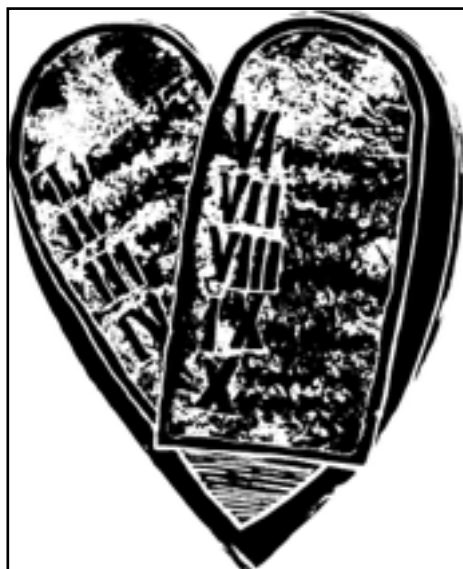
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



FOR GOD, LOVE IS EVERYTHING

A strange command! You cannot 'command' love, only invite it, encourage it, live it. God in this 'three-fold command of love' simply asks us to live our human nature - for we are made by Infinite Love, as the image and likeness of Infinite Love and destined to find endless fulfilment in Infinite Love for all eternity.

This is the heart of our Christian faith, because it is the heart of God in Christ - the only thing that matters is that we love. And love of its very nature has no limits - love always seeks to give more, forgive more, sacrifice more, be more! It is precisely in our capacity for love, given, received, shared, that we discover our divine nature, the imprint of God 'who is Love'. Why do we waste so much time and energy on that which is not Love? To be Love is to be human, is to be Holy!

- SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Rite of Child catechumen at 10.00am
Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3pm - all welcome
- MONDAY:** *Day of Adoration 9.30am to 4.00pm (Lady Chapel)*
Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am *Adoration* 9.30am to 4.00pm
- TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop of Council of Trent (16th cent)*
Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Mass at 6.00pm followed by Scripture Group
- WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.30pm Evening Mass at 7.00pm
- THURSDAY:** School Mass for All Saints at 9.30am
Mass at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm
Reception of Rodrigo Espiritu Santo RIP at 5.00pm
Requiem Mass for Rodrigo Espiritu Santo at 7.00pm
- FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 9.00am Mass at 9.15am
- SATURDAY:** *Feast of St Leo the Great, Pope & Theologian (died 461)*
Adoration at 8.30am *Morning Prayer* at 9.15 Mass at 9.30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30-5.00pm only

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TODAY [1] With the **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year** we see a change in the journey of Jesus - His healing ministry of individuals over He approaches Jerusalem, His Passion, Death and Resurrection to achieve the healing of all humanity, all creation. He sets about confirming, deepening His liberating teaching - that Love is the essence of all things, that what God yearns for is for humanity truly to love with all our being. This is the meaning of the 'Law', the meaning of our Liturgy, the meaning of our lives - true discipleship. It is the nature of true holiness - to let love be everything for us!

[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

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate the Prophet Jesus, lover of the poor who raises them up to teach us true humanity, authentic Christianity. The impoverished widow who out of her poverty gives everything teaches the rich and wealthy who give their 'left-overs' to God! To follow Jesus is to give everything!

[2] It is also **Remembrance Sunday** when we remember all who have perished (both military and civilian) in the carnage of war so often perpetrated on humanity in the past more than 100 years. This year this Remembrance is especially important, being the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. We will offer a Mass for the Peace of the World.

[3] Following Mass we will gather (from 12.45 to 2.45pm) for our **Parish Forum - all invited so that your voice may heard and you can contribute to the growth of our parish life and mission. Please make this meeting a priority!**

[4] **Signed Mass for the Deaf** at 3.00pm.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend, with St Joh Fisher, Frenchay, Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswood, St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul's, Yate, served by Fr Frank Bermingham, Fr Jim Williams, Deacons Michel Belt, John Scanlon and Vincent Calder, parish administrator Bernadette Thomson and all their communities - we pray also for the Prison Chaplaincy at HMP Ashfield.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 / Psalm 17 / Hebrews 7: 23-28 / Mark 12: 28-34
Monday	Philippians 2: 1-4 / Psalm 118 / Luke 14: 12-14
Tuesday	Philippians 2: 5-11 / Psalm 21 / Luke 14: 15-24
Wednesday	Philippians 2: 12-18 / Psalm 26 / Luke 14: 25-33
Thursday	Philippians 3: 3-8 / Psalm 104 / Luke 15: 1-10
Friday	Ezechiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12/Psalm 45/1 Corinthians 3: 9-1, 16-17 / John 2: 13-22
Saturday	Philippians 4: 1-19 / Psalm 111 / Luke 16: 9-15

COLLECTIONS:

21/10/19 Env £126.98 Loose £128.72 S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £346.28 - thank you!

Retiring Collection for World Mission Sunday £46.24 **Project 170** £762.79

Betty Wear's (RIP) Bequest: £10,000 (into Project 170); £2000 (Caritas for the Poor); £1000 (Flower Fund) - many, many thanks to our sister in heaven, Betty.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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10th Nov	Borderlands Trustees Meeting 11.00am to 4.00pm
10th Nov	ACTA Meeting on Pope Francis on Climate Change ('Laudato Si') 10.30am-1.00pm with Mary Colwell
11th Nov	Parish Forum after 10am mass 12.45-2.45pm (for ALL PARISHIONERS)
12th Nov	Mission Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswood 7.00pm
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
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

NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 and more years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives!

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?

PARISH FORUM About four times a year we hold a general meeting of all parishioners so that everyone's voices can be heard - and acted upon as appropriate. This **PARISH FORUM** is a vitally important part of the visioning and shaping of our parish life mission and guiding the agenda of your Parish Pastoral Council. **PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO COME! Next Sunday 11th November from 12.45pm to 2.45pm.** There will be bread and soup available to all staying for the meeting.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES With information about all our parishes and our diocese, on sale today at £5.00 a copy - on the Repository stall.

MISSIO MASS FOR ALL RED MISSION BOX SUPPORTERS Thank you to all who support the world-wide Mission of the Church through these Red Mission Boxes. The Bristol Mass for all Missio Supporters (and anyone interested in learning more about the global Mission of the Church) is at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hanham Road, Kingswood BS15 PX, on Monday 12th November at 7.00pm** - all very welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE TO BE RE-LAUNCHED SOON! Henry has been working on our parish website and we hope to re-launch it soon with a new look, more information, pages on prayer and spirituality and up to date pictures giving a real insight into the life and mission of our parish family here. The web address will remain the same. Many thanks Henry!

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**

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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!

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.

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER at 10am Mass

Second Preparation Session: Friday 9th November at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

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 reflection on the Middle East and the Holy Land as places where this understanding confronts conflict. On **Wednesday 14th Nov beginning 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 emphasizes 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

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'.

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