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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR OF LUKE (C)



DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!

According to the profound if non-historical story of the origin and reality of sin in the world we find in the Book of Genesis, trouble always begins we are too proud 'to do whatever He tells' us. 'Don't eat the apple' and of course that is all we want to do.

Imagine a world where we heed His words and lovingly obey (to obey means 'to listen together'). Christians would be known by our love for one another and we would be so One that the world would be inspired to believe and to love. Nations would beat swords into pruning hooks, spears into ploughs, missiles and bombs into health-care and food for all. Peace would reign and the Church would be united.

Mary is mother of Jesus, mother of the Church and mother of all the world (Queen of Peace) - she knows what she is saying when she tells us - 'Do whatever He tells you!' She lived these words faithfully and so brought the world saving hope and healing love - her Son and our brother Jesus - so will we if we do likewise!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS for Christian Unity at 10.00am
UNITED SERVICE FOR 170th ANNIVERSARY AND WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at 4.00pm - please come and welcome others

MONDAY: Feast of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (dies aged 13 in 305)
Adoration at 8.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 9.00am

TUESDAY: Feast of St Vincent, Deacon and First Martyr of Spain (3rd Century)
Adoration at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm, followed by PFC & Scripture Sharing Group

WEDNESDAY: Requiem Mass for Robert Weclawski, RIP at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm, followed by 170 Committee

THURSDAY: Feast of St Frances de Sales, Bishop, Spiritual Teacher (1567-1622)
Mass at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle***
Adoration at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am
Taizé Prayer around the Cross for Christian Unity at 7.30pm

SATURDAY: ***Feast of Ss Timothy and Titus, first known bishops, disciples of St Paul***
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING 9.30am to AFTER MASS
Adoration at 9.30am *Morning Prayer* at 10.00am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] On the **Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus shows forth the Glory of God by bringing transformation to us and our world, expressed in water being turned into wine. Filled with the Holy Spirit and living out our baptism in cleansing waters, we are transformed into His New Wine to be poured into wounded humanity. For Jesus is the Bridegroom drawing us into the immense love of God, betrothing forever the Divine Lover with the Bride, the Church and all humanity.

[2] Being the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the **Mass will be for the Unity of All Christians for the proclamation of the Gospel in the service of the Kingdom** - by our love for one another will all know we are Christians!

[2] In this **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, we have invited many ecumenical friends to celebrate with us 170 years of Mission here in the Inner City **TODAY at 4.00pm**. Please make a special effort to attend this event and welcome our friends who come to give thanks with us for '170 years of Mission - More Justice, More Love'. Guest preacher Rev Peter Barnett (formerly vicar of St Pauls, Bristol).

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Third Sunday of the Year** we proclaim the beginning of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Jesus Messianic Mission - to bring perpetual Jubilee of freedom and justice to all the world. Such a Gospel, such a Mission is Good News to the Poor, but too often Bad News to all who cling to status, wealth and power. Which are we??

[2] We welcome **Sr Aurora Salgado de Abreu of the Comboni Missinary Sisters** who will preach the annual Mission Appeal, sharing with the great Call to Mission - a mission both local and global - inviting us to support the work of the Gospel through her sisters by our prayer and by our giving to the **Retiring Mission Collection**. Please be generous.

THE YEAR OF LUKE With the beginning of 'Ordinary Time' in the Church's Liturgy the Sunday Gospels are 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! Luke also emphasises Jesus the healer and the Man of Prayer: our diocese this year asks we reflect upon & deepen our prayer-life. Prayer is the energy for Mission and the source of our Vision.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gregory the Great with St Thomas More, Cheltenham and Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings, served by Fr David Mills, Fr Tony Pazhayakalam CST, Fr Mark Moran, Deacon Robin Littlewood, Parish Administrators Mrs Mary Challis and Mrs Linda Portwain and both their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF THE YEAR ('ORDINARY TIME' - Weekday cycle 1)

Sunday	Isaiah 62: 1-5 / Psalm 95 / 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 / John 2: 1-11
Monday	Hebrews 5: 1-10 / Psalm 109 / Mark 2: 18-22
Tuesday	Hebrews 6: 10-20 / Psalm 100 / Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17 / Ps 109 / Mark 3: 1-6

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Thursday	Hebrews 7: 25-8: 6 / Ps 39 / Mark 3: 7-12
Friday	Acts of the Apostles 22: 3-16 or 9: 1-22 / Psalm 116 / Mark 16: 15-18
Saturday	2 Timothy 1: 1-8 / Psalm 95 / Titus 1: 1-5 / Mark 3: 20-21

COLLECTIONS

23/12/18 Env £278.47 + Loose £288.22 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £657.27 - thank you!
 30/12/18 Env £135.00 + Loose £214.29 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £439.87 - thank you!
 6/01/19 Env £111.50 + Loose £250.68 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £452.76 - thank you!
 13/01/19 Env £ + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ - thank you!
170 Donation £2000 Terry's Fundraising £264.05 CAFOD £25 Cov with Poor £15.00
Other 170 Donations (inc Zimbabwean and East Timorese Communities £1074.78)

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

20th Jan United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.00pm (St Nicks - 170 event)
 22nd Jan Parish Finance Committee 7.00pm (Presbytery)
 23rd Jan 170 Committee meeting at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
 25th Jan Holocaust Memorial Civic Event at City Hall 1.00-4.30pm - all invited
 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
 27th Jan Annual Mission Appeal - this year by the Comboni Sisters
 30th Jan First Eucharist Parents Meeting at 4.00pm (Assis Centre)
 30th Jan East Bristol Deanery meets at 6.30pm
 3rd Feb Visit of St Patrick's Nigerian Community to St Nicks Mass (10am)
 6th Feb Training Day and Evening on Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (St Nicks)
 10th Feb Open Forum to discuss new ministry to LGBT+ community - after 10am Mass
 15th Feb Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick at 7.30pm
 23rd Feb Borderlands Trustees meet 11am to 4.00pm
 26th Feb **Bishop Declan celebrates 170 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm**
 5th March All Bristol 3 Deaneries meeting at 10.30am
 6th March **ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS**
 12th March Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.00pm
 13th March Ashley Churches Together Serving meet 12.30pm (Parkway Methodist Church)
 17th March Mass for the LGBT+ community at 3.00pm - all welcome.
 24th March **Feast of St Oscar Romero**
 28th March Governors Meeting at St Nick's School
 30th March Celebrations of First Reconciliation with our children 11.00am and 2.00pm
 14th April **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

HEALING MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th *'Jesus the Good Samaritan heals wounded humanity - Go and do likewise!'* Come to this special **Healing Mass for the World Day of the Sick in this Diocesan Year of Prayer** here at St Nicks on Friday **15th February at 7.30pm**. To offer or receive Healing Prayer is a very special experience, as Jesus touches another with healing love through you (or to you through another). Jesus' Word of Healing is an event of transformation as we pray with and care for the sick and housebound, the troubled and anguished. We become the Father's Mercy reaching into the wounds of humanity with wine of compassion & peace. Come yourself and bring others to Healing Prayer in the name of Jesus and let Him change you!

COMMITTEE 170 The 170 Committee meets on Weds 23rd Jan at 7.00pm - and is looking for volunteers to organise a **family-fun event on Sat 2nd March (working name 'Pancakes day')**. We are looking for ideas from all our different cultures who celebrate the last days before Lent in different ways. What do you do in your country for Shrove Tuesday (or Mardi Gras)? Any ideas what to organise for children and families last Saturday before Lent? Let Marta know (07854457744)

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BISHOP COMES TO CELEBRATE 170 YEARS OF MISSION HERE I am delighted to announce that Bishop Declan will preside at a **Mass of Thanksgiving** and Recommitment on the occasion of our 170th Anniversary Year on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm**. We will be inviting many from around the diocese to join us for this important celebration.

BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AT ST NICKS

WE NEED MORE volunteers from our parish to support this important part of our Mission. We are hosting our homeless sisters and brothers each Wednesday from 20th Feb to 27th March. Three shifts each night: Evening 5.30-10pm / Overnight 9.30pm - 7.00am / Morning 6.30-9.30am. For all volunteers, it is **very important that you attend training - cannot volunteer without this training - for your good and our guests!** CONTACT ASHLEY TARDIVO (07584375049) or ashleytardivo@gmail.com

JOB VACANCY IN DIOCESAN FINANCE TEAM - OPAS Support Administrator

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Curial Finance Team! The Diocese is currently rolling out a new online accounting system (OPAS) for all of its 107 parishes. Additional support is needed in the Finance team over the next twelve months to help train and support parishes with the new system, as well as general administrative support within the Finance team to allow other members of the team to work on this project. Full training on OPAS will be provided. The role is a full-time, fixed term contract for twelve months, salary up to £22,000 depending on experience. Interviews will take place in late January/ early February. Ideally the successful applicant will be in post by the end of February. The role is based at Alexander House, Bristol but there may occasionally be a need to travel to parishes throughout the Diocese. **The deadline for applications is Monday 28th January. email Parish Office for Application Forms**

" TWO EVENTS TO HELP US COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019

The illegal trade in human misery - Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery - is the third biggest illegal trade world-wide, after the illegal arms trade and illegal drugs. The Catholic Church has been working with governments, police and church communities around the world to form a global response, called the 'Santa Marta' Group. A global trade in human suffering which is also local to you. Victims of modern slavery and trafficking are to be found in our rural areas, our country towns, our quiet suburbs, our inner cities, indeed everywhere. This is an issue for all of us wherever we live and work. So you are invited to come to one or other of these two events to be held at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE on Wednesday 6th February. They have been jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Clifton, St Nicholas of Tolentino Church and the (national) Santa Marta Group and are being offered to clergy and members of all Christian traditions, ecumenically. Come and learn from speakers who experts in the field. We at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, celebrating 170 years of welcome, presence and mission, look forward to welcoming you! "

[1] FOR CLERGY AND CHURCH WORKERS (ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES): A Day training event at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, with registration and refreshments from 10.00am, for 10.30am start, lunch provided and concluding at 3.30pm (please note pre-booking is essential for catering purposes)

[2] AN OPEN EVENT FOR CHURCH MEMBERS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: A evening event at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, arrivals from 6.30pm (refreshments) beginning at 7.00pm, concluding at 9.00pm - to raise awareness of the issues and explore what we can do together to combat this crime and support its victims (booking not necessary)

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