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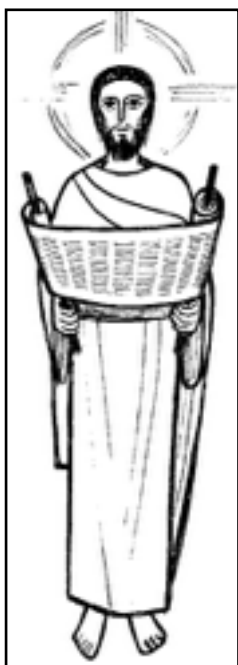
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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR OF LUKE (C)**



#### ***JESUS IN THE SYNAGOGUE!***

Today is **Holocaust Memorial Day** - a sober day for every Christian knowing that the extermination of 7.5 million Jews happened because of centuries of Christian anti-semitism. We have denied our origins and roots in the ancient Covenants we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters. We have forgotten that the Lord Jesus we serve is Jewish. We have ignored that our worship, liturgy and especially the Eucharist owes so much to Jewish worship.

So Jesus goes to His home synagogue ('as he usually did') - proclaims the ancient prophecy, standing in the rich tradition of Old Testament prophets. As He unrolls the sacred scroll He unfolds the fullness of the Word and inaugurates the Age of the Spirit, the Age of the Jubilee.

It all begins in the Synagogue - the spiritual home and school of His beloved People of the Covenant. Our faith begins in the Synagogue - to love Jesus is to reverence our Jewish roots and family.

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Commissioning of Lay Ministers of the Eucharist 10.00am

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

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, Dominic theologian and priest (1225-1274)*  
*Adoration* at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm, followed by Scripture Sharing Group

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm,

**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St John Bosco, priest, founder of Salesian Order (1815-1888)*  
*Mass* at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am *Mass* at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:** *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)*  
*Adoration* at 11.30am *Mass with Liturgy of Light* at 12noon  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

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**TODAY** [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 celebrate the **Commissioning of our new Lay Ministers of the Eucharist and the Recommissioning** our existing Lay Ministers and praying God's blessing upon their ministry of service among us enabling us to feast on Word and Sacrament.

[3] We welcome **Sr Aurora Salgado de Abreu of the Comboni Missionary 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] With the **Fourth Sunday of the Year** we rejoice in Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who loves too much, whose heart is too big for narrow-minded human beings to cope with - despite the thrilling beauty of His words, they quickly see the radical changes they would have to make. It is too much, best et rid of Him! The Cross has already begun to cast its long shadow over Jesus!

[2] We celebrate the **Adult Rite of Catechumen** with Molly and Beryl as they journey towards Baptism (Molly) or Reception (Beryl) and Confirmation at Easter. Please pray for all who are on the Journey of Faith towards Christ's Sacraments of Initiation.

[3] **Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

[4] We welcome **Nigerian brothers and sisters from St Patrick's Parish** who are coming to experience our Mass and explore how they can offer more to their own parish.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of Sacred Heart, Chew Magna and St Pius X, Withywood, served by Fr Michael Healy, Deacon Mark Forge, Parish Administrator Mrs Debbie Forge and both their communities.

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

<b>Sunday</b>	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 / Psalm 18 / 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 / Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28 / Psalm 97 / Mark 3: 22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 10: 1-10 / Psalm 39 / Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hebrews 10: 11-18 / Ps 109 / Mark 4: 1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Hebrews 10: 19-25 / Ps 23 / Mark 4: 21-25
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 10: 32-39 / Psalm 36 / Mark 4: 26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Malachy 3: 1-4 / Psalm 23 / Hebrews 2: 14-18 / Luke 2: 22-40

**COLLECTIONS**

13/01/19 Env £ 142.31+ Loose £292.60 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ 525.49- thank you!

20/01/19 Env £ 159.19+ Loose £201.26 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ 451.03- thank you!

**Caritas (United Service) £241.84 Pax Christi £64.60 Crib Offerings £84.26**

**Cov Poor £10.00 CAFOD £15.00 170 Donations (inc Zimbabwean Community) £85.65**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019**

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 (Assisi 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

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24th Feb	Diverse Open Doors Day ad Faith Trail - St Nicks open to welcome 'til 4.00pm
26th Feb	<b>Bishop Declan celebrates 170 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm</b>
5th March	All Bristol 3 Deaneries meeting at 10.30am
6th March	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>
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	<b>Feast of St Oscar Romero</b>
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	<b>PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>

**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 Committee has cancelled the proposed Pancake Day event due to lack of support. We are seeking to organise a number of events - but we do need more support from the parish community. Too much is being asked of too few people! **PLEASE COME FORWARD AND OFFER TO HELP, ESPECIALLY WITH ORGANISING SOCIAL EVENTS, OR WITH CATERING AFTER SOME OF OUR LITURGICAL EVENTS.** *So there will be a short meeting for all willing to help in some way on Sunday 24th February after Mass at about 12.30pm - please give some time and energy this 170th year!*

**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. We are asking for help with catering after the Mass - finger food (with different cultural flavours!). Also participation from children and from our various cultural communities during the mass and after. **CAN WE ALL MAKE A VERY SPECIAL EFFORT to keep this evening free and come, welcoming our guests (especially our Bishop) and recommit ourselves as a parish community to future years of presence and mission here in Bristol.**

**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](mailto:ashleytardivo@gmail.com)

**A NEW MINISTRY - WELCOMING THE LBGT+ COMMUNITY**

More than a year ago our Parish Pastoral Council wrote to Bishop Declan suggesting that somewhere in the diocese there should be a regular Mass celebrated at which the Gay community (LGBT+ means 'Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans-sexual') can experience welcome rather than rejection, acceptance rather than judgement. A number of bishops in England have authorised such Masses, taking a lead from Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster (who has support-

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ed such a Mass in London for some years). After some prayer, reflection and discussion, Bishop Declan has agreed to this proposal and asked St Nicks (because of our reputation as a welcoming community) to host such Masses and develop a ministry among the Gay community. *As your Parish Pastoral Council we realise that for some, perhaps many, in our community this is a very challenging development and perhaps hard to understand. So many of us have been brought up to judge and condemn those whose sexual orientation is different from most of us. So before we begin celebrating such Masses (the first will be on Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm) we want to give everyone the opportunity to discuss this development, ask their questions, speak their voice and be heard in a mutually respectful way.* So there will be an open meeting after Mass on Sunday 10th February beginning around 12.45pm. Do come to both speak and to listen.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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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