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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



NAZARENE CARPENTER TEACHES GALILEAN FISHERMEN TO FISH!

Jesus knows where the fish are even more than the experts! That is why our mission must always be guided by His Holy Spirit, not only empowering but also directing and leading. After all - it is His Mission, which he entrusts to us. Experts will give us schemes and programmes promising the world! Jesus will give us hearts and minds sensitive to the Spirit's presence and promptings, and lead us to a humility in our mission that will live with a grateful heart.

And Jesus is in Simon Peter's boat - Jesus entrusts Himself, His Word, His Mission to us, His Church. While we and the Church have many failings (let us be humble and honest!), we have the rich treasure of His presence and His Gospel that He sends us to proclaim!

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS** with Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist at 10.00am
Signed Mass for the Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*
Adoration at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm, followed by Scripture Sharing Group

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.30pm *Mass* at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe*
Mass at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: *World Day of the Sick - pray for all involved in healing & caring*
Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick at 7.30pm - all welcome

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SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] On the **Fifth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus calling his disciples and apostles to proclaim the Good News to all the world. He calls Simon (to be called Peter) and his brother Andrew, together with James and John to leave fishing nets and boats and rather journey with Jesus as missionary disciples, 'fishers of people', building a new future not just for the Church but for the world!

[2] Appropriately, we call our children and their families to the **Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist** - please hold them especially in your prayer.

[3] It is **Racial Justice Sunday** so I invite you to come in your national dress and if you wish to bring small flags of your country of origin, these can be brought up in the Offertory. There is a **Retiring Collection** for the Church's mission combatting Racism

[4] After Mass (about 12.45pm) we will have our **Open Parish Meeting** to discuss the LGBT+ Mass and Ministry to be established here at St Nicks - please come and share your thoughts, questions, issues. See the Bulletin item below for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Sixth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus the prophet who heralds an 'upside down Kingdom' where the poor are exalted and rich take a lower place. Jesus' beatitudes in Luke are very different from those in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount - challenging the rich and satisfied to change radically so that there really will be Good News for the Poor (and today for Creation, for our planet). Are we this Good News?

[2] We call our children and their families to the **Liturgy of Enrolment for First Reconciliation** - please hold them especially in your prayer. as they journey to this Sacrament of Mercy, Growth and Healing.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury and St Michael, Tetbury, served by Fr Isidore Obi, Fr Martin Griffiths MSFS, Deacon Steve Broughton, Parish Administrator Mrs Elaine Wright and all their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Isaiah 6: 1-8 / Psalm 137 / 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 / Luke 5: 1-11
Monday	Genesis 1: 1-19 / Psalm 103 / Mark 6: 53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1: 20-2: 4 / Psalm 8 / Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17 / Ps 103 / Mark 7: 14-23
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 13: 46-49 / Ps 116 / Luke 10: 1-9
Friday	Genesis 3: 1-8 / Psalm 31 / Mark 7: 31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3: 9-24 / Psalm 89 / Mark 8: 1-10

COLLECTIONS

Env £ 203.00+ Loose £289.72 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ 583.30- thank you!

CAFOD £20.00 **Pax Christi** £30.12 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

10th Feb	Liturgy of Enrolment for 1st Eucharist families at 10.00am Mass
10th Feb	Open Forum to discuss new ministry to LGBT+ community - after 10am Mass
13th Feb	1st Eucharist Parents Meeting at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
15th Feb	1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
15th Feb	Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick at 7.30pm
16th Feb	Zimbabwean Mass (in Shona) at 1.30pm
17th Feb	Liturgy of Enrolment for 1st Reconciliation families at 10.00am Mass
19th Feb	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.00pm (Presbytery)

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21st Feb	Planning Group for LGBT+ Ministry & Mass at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
23rd Feb	Borderlands Trustees meet 11am to 4.00pm
24th Feb	Diverse Open Doors Day ad Faith Trail - St Nicks open to welcome 'til 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.
19th March	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
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 15th *'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 We are preparing for this special **Mass of Thanksgiving and Recommitment** on the occasion of our 170th Anniversary Year on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm**. Bishop Declan is joining us and we have invited 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!) Paula Murphy (07971934560) and Susan Wanjiho (07886539219) have agreed to co-ordinate this - thank you!** 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.**

BIG CLEAN UP OF THE CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR 26TH FEB I am asking people to respond generously with their time and energy to prepare our church building and environment for the many visitors (including our Bishop) who will be with us on February 26th. **So there will be a big clean up on Friday 22nd Feb starting after Mass - about 10.15am.** Thank you to Luke who is redecorating that part of the church that has been most affected with damp - he is doing a great job! And we are getting cleaners in to shampoo all the chairs in the church - this has never been done in 10 years!

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY - A NEW MISSION! A very big thank you to all who worked so hard in the planning and arranging of this very special Day for our parish and for the diocese. There is a report of the Day on our parish website. But what became so clear both on the day and in the reflections at our weekday Masses afterwards, that the plight of 40 MILLION enslaved people world-wide and possible 140,000 in UK - this is the call of Jesus Christ (who died a slave's death on the Cross) - a call to us to open our eyes and see, open our ears and hear, open our hearts and love! AND ACT DECISIVELY to combat this trade in human misery and 'set free the captives' among us. This is part of our mission as a Church and as a parish. I will be inviting people to come together to discuss how we can develop this Mission of freedom, this 'Jubilee Mission'.

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

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 supported 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 today 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 18th February. email Parish Office for Application Forms**

PIETY & 170 GOODS STALLS IN PARISH HALL We have a wide variety of new stock, including statues, cards, and children's and adults prayer books, rosaries, candles etc. And also we have the T-shirts and Mugs for Year 170! Come after Mass, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with friends and have a look to see what can help your and your family's faith grow!

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