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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



LOVE IS THE LAW AND THE GLORY

What is God's Glory filling Jesus? The Cross is the moment of Glory - and the Cross is the power of love transforming hate. God's Glory is God's Love!

So we glorify God not by splendid liturgies and churches, we glorify God by the splendour of our humble, gentle, strong and prophetic loving.

A new commandment that is beyond commandment for it is the magnetism of love not the compulsion of law. Law limits whereas Love liberates and opens us to an infinite vista where the impossible becomes the normal!

In the end love is always the answer: love re-shaping itself in a million different ways in response to the need for love that cries out: whether it is a friend in pain or a continent starving; whether it is an addict needing acceptance or the Church needing challenging! Always the answer is love - and then more love!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS for a deepened sense of Vocation at 10.00am
Mass with the Catholic LGBT+ community at 3.00pm - **all very welcome**

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Mexican Martyrs (1920's)*
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Rita of Cascia, wife, mother Augustinian nun (born 1381)*
Adoration at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Aldhelm, monk and bishop (7th century)***
Adoration at 8.15pm *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Bede the Venerable, monk of Jarrow, historian, theologian (673-735)***
DAY ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF BL CHARLES DE FOUCAULD
Session One 10.00am-11.45am **Mass** at 12 noon **Session Two** 2.00pm-4.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30-5.00pm only

TODAY [1] The **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we rejoice in the Glory with which Jesus is glorified! What is this 'Glory'? It is the victory of Love that raised Him from the tomb of death; it is the Love that fills the Body of Christ, the community of disciples, US! speaking loudly the Gospel; it is the Love that draws people to new birth in Christ Jesus; it is the Love that is fashioning a 'New Heaven and New Earth', gathering all creation into Christ.

[2] **Retiring Collection for the Priests Retirement Fund** - supporting the increasing proportion of our priests who are now retired and who served us throughout their lives.

[3] **Mass with the LGBT+ community at 3.00pm - all very welcome.**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we celebrate Jesus Who promises to send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Who always 'reconnects' us with Jesus and brings us His Peace. Jesus and the Father come (through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit) to make their home deep within us - we are God's home, the place where God loves endlessly!

[2] There will be a **short meeting for all Lay Ministers of the Eucharist** after 10am Mass - to clarify one or two procedures. Please try to be there, especially our new Lay Ministers - thank you!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Dunstan, Keynsham, served by Fr Tibor Szende and all their community.

WORD OF GOD FOR FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27 / Psalm 144 / Apocalypse 21: 1-5 / John 13: 31-35
Monday	Acts of the Apostles 14: 5-18 / Psalm 113 / John 14: 21-26
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 14: 19-28 / Psalm 144 / John 14: 27-31
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-6 / Psalm 121 / John 15: 1-8
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 15: 7-21 / Psalm 95 / John 15: 9-11
Friday	Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-31 / Psalm 56 / John 15: 12-17
Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 16: 1-10 / Psalm 99 / John 15: 18-21

COLLECTIONS

05/05/2019 Env £153.76 + Loose £353.04 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ 597.38 - **thanks!**

12/05/2019 Env £321.81 + Loose £251.42 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £663.81 - **thanks!**

Project 170 £130.00 (from Zimbabwean Choir) **Cov with Poor** 10.00

Retiring Collection - Clergy Training £71.90 - **many thanks**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

19th May	LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm
22nd May	Eucharist Parents meeting at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
25th May	A Retreat Day led by Little Sisters of Jesus on charism of Bl. Charles de Foucauld
30th May	Feast of the Ascension - Holy Day of Obligation Masses 12 noon & 7pm
31st May	First Parents Baptismal Preparation session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
2nd June	Rite of Child Catechumen (Welcoming in preparation for Baptism) 10am Mass
5th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm (after 6.00pm Mass)
6th June	National Meeting of Catholic Migrant Officers (Birmingham)
6th June	St Nick's Governors meeting at 5.30pm

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6th June	Parish Finance Committee meeting at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
7th June	Second Parents Baptismal Preparation session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
8th June	Mass with Bishop Declan for all newly baptised & received at Easter 10.30am
8th June	Borderlands Trustees meeting 11am-4pm
8th June	Vigil Mass of Pentecost at 8.00pm
9th June	FEAST OF PENTECOST
11th June	All Bristol Deaneries Meeting
16th June	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
16th June	LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm
19th June	Annual Visit of Downside students to St Nicks
21st June	Study Day for clergy on Lay Pastoral Assistants and the future of the Church
23rd June	Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday
3rd June	Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm
28th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
30th June	Feast of Ss Peter and Paul
6th July	Diocesan Family Day on Prasyer at St Brendan's College 9.45am-4.15pm
14th July	Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Mary, Mother of God, invites you to come on pilgrimage to the shrine of Lourdes in France for a week of prayer, friendship, fun and community. **August 23rd to 30th.** For further information, tel: **01179025590** or email: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com Pilgrimage Director Deacon Paul Thompson, led by Bp Declan

LITTLE SISTERS OF JESUS LEAD PRAYER DAY INSPIRED BY BL CHARLES DE FOUCAULD Another initiative as part of our Year of Prayer and our 170 Anniversary Year as a parish: on **Saturday 25th May** the **Little Sisters of Jesus** will lead us in a day of reflection upon the life, charism and witness of Bl little brother Charles de Foucauld. He lived his life among the most abandoned of peoples in the heart of the Sahara Desert, gave his life in love for Christ and the Muslim Toureg people among whom he lived and prayed. He spent hours each day in Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and never closed his door to the needs of the poor around him. His story has long inspired me personally in my life, prayer and ministry. The Day will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 4.00pm and will include a presentation of his life, teaching about his charism, time of Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and Mass - bring food to share for lunch.

DO YOU HAVE ROOM TO STORE SOME BELONGINGS? One of our community, who is seeking asylum, has need of a small room in which to store his belongings - where he is staying is too small accommodate them all. Has anyone got space wither in a dry safe garage or a small room in their home? Please contact Richard.

WELCOME TO ANDREW - ANGLICAN ORDINAND ON PLACEMENT WITH US We are delighted to welcome Andrew Avramenko who currently preparing at Sarum College (Salisbury) for the Anglican Ministry. He will be with us for about six weeks, exploring ministry and mission in our parish and how it relates to our worship and faith. He is married with two children, whom we might also be able to welcome from time to time.

CAROL & KAMILA'S PIETY STALL - ORDER ITEMS NOW! Because of the cost of postage, it is necessary to order in bulk, so Kamila asks that if you wish to order items not currently in stock (eg books, statues, candles etc) please do so either today or next Sunday - especially any items for First Eucharist Sunday. The piety stall is in the hall each Sunday during the coffee morning after Mass.

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

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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. In the Diocesan Year of Prayer - come and discover the Bible as our first and greatest 'prayer book'! Every Tuesday after 6.00pm Mass.

THANK YOU FROM 'MISSIO' - SUPPORTING MISSION THROUGH 'RED BOXES'

Missio have written to thank the parish for raising £710.34 - they write: 'Thank you from Missio APF and Mill Hill. As a Red Box holder or an Annual Member, you are a missionary, helping spread God's Word and share God's love for all His people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayer for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. As a member of the APF-Mill Hill family you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio's chapel in London. Find out more about what your gift contributes to at missio.org.uk

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES FOR 2019 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 16th JUNE (Trinity Sunday) at 10am Mass

Preparation Sessions: Friday 31st May & 7th June at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 2nd June at 10am Mass

Future dates of Baptismal Sundays: 25th August and 24th November (Feast of Christ the King) - at our 10am Parish Mass. Dates of preparation sessions to be announced.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER All our diocesan family are invited to gather with our bishop at St Brendans College on **Saturday 6th July, beginning 9.45am and concluding (after Mass) at 4.15pm**. There will be many workshops exploring different aspects of prayer as the energy for mission and witness to Christ. **PLEASE COME!**

CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS

At a meeting in London this past week of Catholic Migrant Officers (and European national chaplains) from around England and Wales (sponsored by the Bishops' Conference), we examined the arrangements for all EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK) after 'Brexit'. Although clearly there is now doubt about 'Brexit', nevertheless it is vitally important that those concerned (which includes for instance people from Latin America holding Spanish passport and from Angola, East Timor etc holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31st December 2020. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the **'EU Settlement Scheme' from April 2019 and before end of June 2021**. We are going to explore how our parish community can support our sisters and brothers in applying for Permanent Settled Status. Meanwhile, for more information visit: www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status

DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE? Help from 'Carers Support Centre' More and more people are looking after someone - because of ageing, dementia, disability of one kind or another. They can feel very isolated and unsupported. If this affects you in any way, please see the posters and leaflets in the church porch from **'carerstrust'** - helpline: 01179652200; email carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk or visit their website www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk - and also let us know how we as a parish community can help.

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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