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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



LOVE - MEANING OF THE WORD, NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Where is our 'home' - the house we live in? The part of the world we come from? The heart of a friend?

Jesus says 'Make the Word your home ... as God makes you His home'. That does not mean memorise the Bible (though a better and deeper knowledge of our Scriptures is certainly needed!). It means let Jesus be our home - make His Heart, His Mind, His Life, His Truth, His Way ... our home! Because the Word is not His words - but Him, the Eternal Word of the Father forever spoken into the void to create and redeem - and the Word is Love, made flesh, tangible, touchable in Jesus.

So, make Love your Home and you have made the Word, Jesus, your Home ... and God has made you His Home! And our 'home place' is where we can truly be ourselves, with no masks to hide or conceal; a place where I can speak my heart and know it will be heard and held reverently; a place where I can grow and become, a place where I find and live my freedom. The Church is meant to express that Home, that place of freedom, healing and loving - the place of Jesus! Does it?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury (died 604)*
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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

THURSDAY: *FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Holy Day of Obligation*
Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm
Adoration at 6.30pm Evening Mass at 7.00pm, followed by the Grand Iftar

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GREAT NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS

FRIDAY: **FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE MARY TO ELIZABETH**
Adoration at 8.15pm *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: **Feast of St Justin, Martyr, first Christian Philosopher (110-165)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [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!

[3] **We welcome little sister Catharine and little sister Pavla** to our Mass today. They shared with us yesterday the charism and spirituality of Bl Charles de Foucauld and the Jesus Caritas fraternities, of which the little sisters of Jesus are a founding group. They are going to share with us at Mass and afterwards.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Seventh Sunday of Easter** celebrates the Risen Jesus who unites all humanity, indeed all creation in himself. He reconciles all things - all reality in His Risen Body. So he prays for the unity of all his disciples - the Church is called to be the Sacrament of Unity in the heart of the world - a sign and living prophecy of all creation eventually united in divine love that is the 'New Heaven and the New Earth'. What a vision - what a mission - what a responsibility!

[2] It is also **World Communication Sunday**. In the midst of the great Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost, the Spirit that is dialogue and communication and empowerment, we pray for and financially support this new medium of Evangelisation that is the world of IT, social media and all forms of modern communication. How can we ensure this genius of our modern world is used responsibly and in the service of the Gospel? **There is a Retiring Collection for this Mission.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Marlborough, with Holy Family, Pewsey and St Joseph's, Wroughton, served by Fr John Blacker, Fr Gary Brassington and (retired) Fr Nicholas Tranter and all their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29/Psalm 66/Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23/John 14: 23-29
Monday Acts of the Apostles 16: 11-15 / Psalm 149 / John 15: 26-16: 4
Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 16: 22-34 / Psalm 137 / John 16: 5-11
Wednesday Acts of the Apostles 17: 15, 22-18: 1 / Psalm 148 / John 16: 12-15
Thursday Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11 / Psalm 46 / Ephesians 1: 17-23 / Luke 24: 46-53
Friday Zephaniah 3: 14-18 / Responsorial Isaiah 12: 2-6 / Romans 12: 9-16 / Luke 1: 39-56
Saturday Acts of the Apostles 18: 23-28/ Psalm 46 / John 16: 23-28

COLLECTIONS

Env £225.70 + Loose £227.73 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £544.01 - **thanks!**

Project 170 £111.20 (from LGBT+ Mass) **Retiring Collection - Clergy Retirement** £98.14 - **many thanks**

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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
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 Prayer at St Brendan's College 9.45am-4.15pm
14th July	Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage

WONDERFUL NEWS OF FREEDOM Two Sundays ago we rejoiced with Pamela as she was unexpectedly released from Immigration Detention Centre. Today we rejoice with Azeem as he too was unexpectedly released - and furthermore given 30 months 'Discretionary Leave to Remain' by the Home Office. **ALLELUIA!** This I am sure is because of the combination of prayer and determined action for Pamela and Azeem. Azeem's case drew so much attention thanks to the e-petition and media coverage. It is also an example of the power of modern media to bring Gospel values and our mission of liberation to a place where it 'can bear much fruit'. **Thank you everyone for your support, action and prayer.** I want to pay tribute to the great work of Woodlands Church and their pastor, David, with whom we here have been working and who enabled to internet campaign to get underway. Different Christian churches and traditions working together in mission! ***Please keep praying for those still in fear of the Home Office and detention, and especially for all our asylum sisters and brothers who do not have strong communities of faith to support them - they are so vulnerable to our abusive asylum system and the torture of detention.***

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@cliftdiocese.com** Pilgrimage Director Deacon Paul Thompson, led by Bp Declan

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.

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 -

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especially any items for First Eucharist Sunday. The piety stall is in the hall each Sunday during the coffee morning after Mass.

JOINING OUR MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS DURING RAMADAN

We are all invited to the **GRAND IFTAR in St Mark's Road, Easton, BS5 6JH, on Thursday 30th May**. People are invited **from 7.30pm** and the actual **breaking of the fast is at 9.18pm**. There will be talks and speeches of welcome and explanation. The Anglican Bishop of Bristol will also be there. Ramadan is a bit like our Christian Lent - a time of fasting, prayer and 'alms giving', or generous charity. It is a time for purification of the inner spirit and a drawing back to God. During the month of Ramadan Muslims are invited to fast from all food and drink (including water) from dawn to dusk. The Iftar is the breaking of the Ramadan Fast each evening as the sun goes down signalling the end of the day's fasting. There are special prayers and food. It is a real community celebration, and our Muslim community has invited to share it with them. I hope many will join with me there, to strengthen our friendships and community bonds between Christians and Muslims and between the diverse people of our one Bristol community.

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!**

CALL TO ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE The teenager **Greta Thunberg** said:

"It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage, it will take fierce, fierce determination to act now, to lay the foundations where we may not know all the details about how to shape the ceiling. In other words, it will take cathedral thinking. I ask you to please wake up and make change possible."

David Attenborough said "We need to fall in love again with the earth"

Pope Francis said "God of Love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth" and "teach us to care for our common home."

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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