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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

HOSPITALITY OF HEART

'Make hospitality your special concern' wrote St Peter. He clearly knew that if our heart is not open to the stranger, then our heart is not open to God!

Abraham discovered that the strangers from the desert brought him the Promise of God, the Gift of God. In these strangers Abraham received the Visitation of God. They brought life in abundance and the hope of the nations in the gift of Jacob, the son of the Promise who would become the 'Father of the Nations.'

The Bethany friends of Jesus - Martha, Mary and Lazarus - they opened their hearts and their home to the young rabbi and found a hope that overcomes even death! And Jesus found friends among whom He could simply be ... no demands, no challenges to be messiah, wisdom and healer! He could simply be Himself, a Bethany place where He could be restored and healed, valued and loved. Bethany is that shared Hospitality of Heart that gives life! As (soon to be) St John Henry Newman said "Heart speaking to Heart".

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS** at 10.00am
Mass with the LGBT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

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

TUESDAY: ***Feast of St Mary of Magdala and St Mary of Bethany***
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: ***Feast of St Sharbel Makhluf, Maronite Lebanese monk & priest (19 Cent)***
Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: ***Feast of St James, the Apostle***

We are called to be both Martha and Mary - to serve by loving prayer, and by faithful service

Mass at 12 noon, *followed by* ***Adoration*** *until 1.30pm*
Special celebration Mass at St James Priory at 6.00pm - **all welcome**

FRIDAY: ***Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary***
Adoration at 8.15pm ***Morning Prayer*** at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

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

TODAY [1] On the **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who seeks to make his home among us, and within us. Welcomed into the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, we too have the joy of welcoming, serving and listening to our brother and friend, Jesus, God made Human! What and amazing gift He brings us! Let foster a real hospitality of heart in ourselves, our families , our parish community and our nation!

[3] **Mass and Ministry with the LGBT+ community and family & friends** - all very welcome to come and share.

[3] **Retiring Collection for Apostleship of the Sea** - the Church's mission among some of the most vulnerable workers who serve major transport of people and goods around the world, as well as the fishing fleets - often exploited, and separated from their families (as well as their faith community) for many months at a time - please support generously.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**, we give thanks for Jesus the Teacher of Prayer. In this 'Year of Prayer' in our diocese, we recognise that Luke gives us great insight into Jesus as a man of Prayer - a prayer that is intimate ('Abba' meaning Daddy - when speaking to God!), that is persevering and does not give up, a prayer that is expectant - knowing that God will answer - often in the most surprising ways!

[2] All are invited to share in the **Senior Citizens Mass & social time** at 3.00pm - and offers of help with transport and catering (particularly savoury finger food) to Andrew or Caroline please. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter's, Swindon and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Basset, served by Fr Michael Saunders, Fr Lucas Rodriguez SFX, and Parish Administrator Mr Gabriel Sexton and both their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (weekday Cycle One)

Sunday	Genesis 18: 1-10 / Psalm 14 / Colossians 1: 24-28 /Luke 10: 38-42
Monday	Exodus 14: 5-18 / Responsorial Exodus 15: 1-6 / Matthew 12: 38-42
Tuesday	Song of Songs 3: 1-4 / Psalm 62 / John 20: 1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15 / Psalm 77 / Matthew 13: 1-9
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15 / Psalm 125 / Matthew 20: 20-28
Friday	Exodus 20: 1-17 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 13: 18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24: 3-8 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 13: 24-30

COLLECTIONS
23/06/19 Env £267.01 + Loose £455.97 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £813.56 - **thanks!**
30/06/19 Env £221.87 + Loose £177.49 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £489.94 - **thanks!**
7/07/19 Env £222.22 + Loose £190.13 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £503.93 - **thanks!**
14/06/19 Env £158.73 + Loose £173.07 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £422.38 - **thanks!**
Glastonbury Pilgrimage Coach fares £332.50 (actual cost of coach- £550)
Retiring Collection for 'Peter's Pence' £43.51 **Project 170** £59.50 **CAFOD** £20.00

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

21st July	LGBT+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm
23rd July	Bristol East Clergy Deanery Meeting at 6.30pm
28th July	Senior Citizens Mass at 3.00pm
6th Aug	**Feast of the Transfiguration and Anniversary of Hiroshima Atomic Bomb**
15th Aug	**Feast of the Assumption of Our Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses 12noon & 7.00pm**
25th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
5th Sept	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm - full attendance please
6th Sept	'Come and See' - first meeting of Journey of faith 2019-2020 6.00pm
6th Sept	Healing Mass in honour of St Nicholas of Tolentino Feast at 7.30pm
8th Sept	**Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino, concluding 170 celebrations**
6th Oct	Parish Forum - ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED! 12.30pm - 2.30pm
15th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm

JOURNEY OF FAITH We will begin this 2019/2020 Journey of Faith on **Friday 6th September at 6.00pm.** This is for all who want to discover more about the Catholic Faith we share, or who may be thinking of becoming Catholic Christians. It is also suitable for those who want to deepen and renew their faith, whether they come every Sunday or have been away from Mass for some years, as well as those adults who have never been Confirmed. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

EMMAUS GROUP - A NEW INITIATIVE IN ST NICKS We have a new support group starting in the parish on Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm in the New Room. The group will run at the same time every Tuesday of the year and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are affecting them and listen to others. The group will support those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or robertvh@hotmail.co.uk. Or, just come along.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD As we usually do, there will be a break from CLOW for all Sundays in August - recommencing CLOW on Sunday 1st September. (There is CLOW this Sunday and next - in July). Volunteers to help with CLOW always needed - please see Mary Hopper.

PARISH SITE MAINTENANCE TEAM - volunteers please! There are many needs for site maintenance - from cleaning to minor DIY jobs, to weed control in the car park and in the entrance area to the church. Andrew and the Friday cleaning team do a great job - THANK YOU! But there is a need for more volunteers. So the Parish Pastoral Council is calling for a Maintenance Team led by Andrew to be formed. Volunteers would be asked to give 2-3 hours from time to time, possibly on a rota basis or as appropriate for the work required. Please see Andrew or Richard or Margaret THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

PARISH FOOD BANK NEEDS! We always need tins of meat, tuna and other fish, fruit, custard, and other vegetables; also packet soups, 1 litre bottles of cooking oil, long-life milk cartons, jars of coffee and drinking chocolate, packets of biscuits and bottles of juices, Coca Cola etc. WHAT WE DO NOT NEED AT THE MOMENT!! pasta, rice, tins of soup, cereals. Thank you for supporting our foodbank - a life-line to so many.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES FOR 2019 Seeking the baptism of your children? please inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher & Epiphania Chipato or Richard. 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.

FUND RAISING EVENING FOR THE RESTORATION OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH
On Friday 2nd August, 8pm until late at Bedminster Down Ex-Service Club, Winford Grove, Bristol, BS13 7DY – an evening of fun and entertainment with music by Chris James & co. Tickets £8 and available on the door or from Cath on 07966308138. Please come along to support our first fundraising event for the restoration of our beautiful church.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL The past year has been challenging for our parish school. So the Parish Pastoral Council is issuing a call to prayer in support of the Mission of the Church in the area of education through our school - to pray for children and their families, and all the staff and Governors of the school. **We are designating Adoration on each Tuesday evening - 5.30-6.00pm - as a special time of prayer for the various needs of St Nicks school. Please try to come and if you are unable try to join us in prayer from your own home or wherever you, or pray at another time for this important intention.**

A NEW DIOCESAN INITIATIVE - 'CURIAL CONFERENCE' Sept 7th This is a day of workshops for those who volunteer in the parish or the diocese in areas of Parish Administration and Catechesis - and for those interested in supporting the parish in these ways. Why is it called 'Curial Conference' - the 'Diocesan Curia' is made of all those Departments in the diocese that support the work of mission, education and finance (and other areas!) in our parishes and our diocese as a whole. The Curial Offices are in our parish - at Alexander House in Pennywell Road. The day will be at St Brendan's Sixth Form College on Saturday September 7th - times to be confirmed. If you are unsure whether this day is for you or not - please consult Richard, or Robert (in Parish Office).

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE? Please read on!
A three day Vocations Discernment Retreat organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October, 2019. The talks during the Retreat will consider all vocations; the consecrated life; priesthood; and lay life. Speakers include Sr. Elizabeth Mary Mann, Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP, Prof. Gavin D'Costa and Fr. Colin Mason, the newly appointed Director of Vocations for Clifton Diocese. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser rinabird@outlook.com Your Parish Priest has the full programme should you wish to see it. The last Discernment Retreat attracted nearly 40 young Catholics who found the weekend hugely beneficial, so do please join us!

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST IMMIGRATION DETENTION I shared at the Catholic Migrant Forum meeting recently our & Borderlands' concerns and experience in supporting parishioners who have been detained. Bishop Paul McAleenan, Bishop with Responsibility for Migrants has been taking action on this, including writing to a number of MPs asking them to support the introduction of a time limit on immigration detention, and following up on this he has created an e-action which helps people write to their MPs on this issue, which you can access at http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/immigration-detention – you can also see the accompanying press release at http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Immigration-Detention . This follows a number of visits to centres made by Bishop Paul as well as public interventions on this issue, and conversations with the different chaplains to centres & other organisations who support people in detention.
Please everyone, write to your MPs – at this time 85 MPs have backed an amendment to the Immigration and Social Security Bill (you can see the list of MPs who have supported it here). It would also be really useful to hear about the experiences you are seeing so they can inform the interventions Bishop Paul makes.