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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Humility among the Humiliated

How often Jesus uses the image of the table - the shared meal, the celebration banquet. He teaches us that the best place is the lowest place! Then you can never look down on anyone. The lowest place is the only exalted place in the Kingdom of Heaven - how unlike the kingdoms of the earth! To look down on another, to despise or to feel superior is to lose your humanity. That is why Jesus took the towel and water of the humblest servant and knelt at feet looking up - at us! 'Therefore God raised Him above every name!'

Our guests, honoured and welcomed, are to be those beautiful people scarred by poverty, humiliated by injustice, pushed down by brokenness. Invite them to our table, kneel at their feet, raise them up as well look up to them. St Vincent and St Louise always said 'the poor are our masters!'

SUNDAY:

PARISH MASS at 10.00am

Mass for the Association of Catholics with Special Needs at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY:

Monthly Day of Adoration

Service of Word & Communion at 9.00am, followed by **Adoration** until 4.00pm

TUESDAY:

Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Theologian, Apostle of England (540-604)

Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY:

Feast of St Cuthbert, monk & Bishop of Lindisfarne (634-687)

Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

THURSDAY:

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

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FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 7.00pm **Healing Mass of St Nicholas** at 7.30pm

SATURDAY: *Morning of Prayer in Honour of St Nicholas of Tolentino & 170 Years of Mission-Adoration* at 10.00am to 12 noon **Mass** at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 12 noon Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] With the **Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year**, we celebrate the Jesus who takes the lowest place, among the poorest. This is the message of the Incarnation - that the Eternal Word and Son of God takes humanity from and among the poorest of Nazareth. Being a disciple of this Jesus means becoming 'downwardly mobile' opting for the poor (as God does!) and 'walking humbly with our God' among the poor of the Earth. That way we find true happiness and fulfilment and profound communion with our God.

[2] **Children's Liturgy of the Word** begins again during the 10.00am Mass, for children between 4 and 8 years old.

[3] Meeting of the **170 organising Group** after Mass - all welcome!

[4] **Mass with the Association of Catholics with Special Needs** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We have the joy of celebrating the **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO WITH OUR MASS OF REDEDICATION**. This is made even more special as it formally closes our 170th Anniversary Year. During this Mass we will solemnly consecrate our new Icon of our Patron Saint, so beautifully painted and donated by Patrick Tossell of Clevedon. We will also be blessing the traditional St Nicholas Bread. *Please come in great numbers to rededicate ourselves as a parish in Communion for Mission, to be Good news to the Poor as was St Nicholas.*

[2] Please come to 10am Mass in your national/cultural dress, and bring your cultural food to share (in the hall by 9.45am please). Let us celebrate in the parish hall our diversity and unity with song, dance and food.

[3] **Signed Mass for the Catholic Association of the Deaf** at 3.00pm (Lady Chapel)

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St Joseph, Weston-super-Mare, served by Canon Tom Gunning, Deacons Stephen Munday, Michael Roberts, Thomas Moffatt, Parish Administrators Louise Kolbeinson and Maricis Magbuana and all their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29 / Psalm 67 / Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24 / Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Monday 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 / Psalm 95 / Luke 4: 16-30
Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11 / Psalm 26 / Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday Colossians 1: 1-8 / Psalm 51 / Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday Colossians 1: 9-14 / Psalm 97 / Luke 5: 1-11
Friday Colossians 1: 15-20 / Psalm 99 / Luke 5: 33-39
Saturday Colossians 1: 21-23 / Psalm 53 / Luke 6: 1-5

COLLECTIONS

Env £234.73 + Loose £332.82 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £678.13 - **thanks!**
CAFOD £20.00 **Donations to Tree Surgery** £95.00 (still open) **thanks!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

1st Sept Mass with the Association of Catholic with Special Needs at 3.00pm
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

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8th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino, concluding 170 celebrations
8th Sept	Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
13th Sept	First meeting of Confirmation Young People at 5.30pm (Assisi Centre)
15th Sept	Mass with the LGBT+ community at 3.00pm
6th Oct	Parish Forum - ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED! 12.30pm - 2.30pm
6th Oct	Mass with the Catholic Fellowship of Special Needs at 3.00pm
10th Oct	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
12th Oct	Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, leaving 9.30am, returning 6pm
13th Oct	Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
15th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
19th Oct	Diocesan Year of Communion Preparation Day with Fr James Hanvey SJ 9.15am-2.30pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College
20th Oct	Baptismal Sunday (NB <i>instead of 25th November</i>)

A CALL TO PRAYER MARKING 170 YEARS AND PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO

[1] Please come to our special **Healing Mass on Friday 6th September at 7.30pm** - St Nicholas's life and ministry overflowed with healing, especially to the poor. We celebrate this with our Healing Mass. Come and be part of this ministry, come and bring your friends and family (either physically or in your heart) to the healing love of Christ Jesus.

[2] There will be a special **Morning of Prayer and Adoration on Saturday 7th September beginning at 10am and concluding with Mass at 12 noon**. During these two hours of prayer our prayer and intercession will be guided by the major aspects of St Nicholas's life and ministry - a constant inspiration for the ministry and mission of our parish.

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. Suitable for those who want to renew their faith or have been away from Mass for years, and for **adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES FOR 2019 Seeking the baptism of your children? please inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher & Epiphania Chipato or Richard. Next Baptismal Sunday will be 20th October - at our 10am Parish Mass.

First Parents Preparation Session: Friday 4th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming) Sunday 6th October at 10.00am Mass

Second Parents Preparation Session: Friday 11th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Baptism celebrated: Sunday 20th October at 10.00am Mass

OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - OUR FOOD BANK AND 'CARITAS FUND'

We are a parish to be 'in covenant with the poor'. This is expressed now very especially the Borderlands Charity and our Caritas Fund and Food Bank helping those being punished by government decreed destitution, and benefit cuts. Our Monthly Covenant with the Poor (First Sunday of the month) helps us be 'Good News to the Poor'. Thank you.

Please continue to support with money (Caritas Fund) and gifts of non-perishable food and appropriate toiletries (Food Bank). At the moment we are in need to tins of meat, tins and packets of soup, tinned vegetables (eg peas, carrots, potatoes etc) and chopped tomatoes, 1 kilo bags of sugar, small/medium jars of coffee and hot chocolate, tea bags, tins of fruit and packets of biscuits and 1 litre bottles of cooking oil. MANY THANKS!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

We are calling all young people the age of 13 years and over who have not yet been Confirmed to a **first 'Come and See' Meeting on Friday 13th September at 5.30pm at the Assisi Centre**. While we encourage our young people to take this step of deeper commitment to Christ we

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want to remind their parents that it must be the young person's own decision, not that of his or her parents. **Bishop Declan will celebrate Confirmation with us on Sunday 23rd February at 10am Mass.** I and our catechists look forward to meeting with and working with our young people towards this very important step in their lives. *Adults not yet confirmed are invited to join the Journey of Faith Group which restarts on Friday Sept 6th.*

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION? The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final step in 'Initiation' into the Body of Christ - the Holy Spirit coming to empower the Christian for ministry in the Body of Christ and mission to the world in the name of Christ. It is an essential part of our growing into Christ. Because of this the Western Church has separated Confirmation from Baptism for those baptised as children, celebrating it as part of our growing maturity in Christ and shouldering a more adult responsibility for the life and mission of the Church - serving the growth of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit comes with charisms and gifts to equip us as co-workers with Jesus Christ in the great but fulfilling task to building up God's Church in love, proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News, bringing healing and hope to the broken and oppressed, and ultimately 'renewing the face of the earth'!

CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK or there is a danger that if travelling abroad you might not be allowed re-entry to UK. Because there is now a real danger of 'Brexit' without an agreement, **it is very advisable to make your application before Oct 31st.** It is vitally important that those concerned (including 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' **before end of June 2021.** For more information visit: www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL - Saturday 12th October As part of our 170th Year celebrations there is a day pilgrimage on October 12th to go to Harvington Hall in Worcestershire (about 90 minutes drive by car). This house is over 500 years old and where for 200 years of persecution Mass was secretly celebrated. Two of our martyrs - St John Wall (priest) and St Nicholas Owen (carpenter) are associated with this place - the latter constructing a least six "priests' hiding holes" - where a priest would hide when the building was being searched for evidence of Catholic practices, which for those years were illegal and punishable by death. A beautiful place that played an important part in the survival of the Catholic Faith in England and Wales during dark times. We will honour not only the martyrs of our land but also the martyrs of all our countries of origin - eg The Uganda Martyrs, the El Salvador Martyrs, the Congolese martyrs - and to pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers today. By traveling by car it will cost only £10 per person. So far we have 5 drivers and cars who have volunteered (20 pilgrims). Ten cars could take 40 people. Any more volunteers?

SVP TRIP TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE - Date Thursday 19 September 2019 The Annual Free Trip to Weston is organised and a 35 seater coach has been booked. Please see Minette or one of the SVP members (or the list in the porch) to book your place. 1st pick up on Muller Road at 10:00am; 2nd pick up at Sevier Street at 10:15 am; 3rd pick up 10:30am at St Nicholas of Tolentino. Return from Corpus Christi Church at 6:00pm. Bring a packed lunch.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND GIFTAID Do you use the Offertory envelopes to plan your giving? Also if you pay income tax please sign a Gift Aid to benefit the parish. Your signature on the form means for every £1 you give, the government pay us the 25p tax you pay on that £1 - your £1 is then worth £1.25 and costing you not a penny more! If every tax payer signed a GiftAid form, the parish would benefit by about £3000 per year! **We must increase our income!** Please see Debo or Richard for information & forms.

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