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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



WHERE IS OUR TREASURE?

'We brought nothing into the world ... and we will take nothing with us when we leave this world - except the person we have become!' Yet we spend so much of our energy, especially in our Western consumerist Capitalist world accumulating more and more, seeking to grow in wealth: yet the real treasure, the real riches is the heart of love we become...our humanity!

How do we grow rich in Gods sight? By sharing who we are and what we have with one another, but especially the poorest. Let us give riches to our children - not game boys and computer games, but time, love and security - and the example of hearts open to the struggles and poverty of so many of our brothers and sisters.

When we possess we are so poor - when we share we become so rich in the only thing that in the end really matters - love and relationships. Sounds idealistic? In fact it is the only realism - Jesus is right!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Jane Frances de Chantal, wife, mother and nun (1572-1641)*
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest & martyr of Auschwitz*
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: *FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY*
Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm
Evening Mass at 7.00pm (*Adoration at 6.30pm*)

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FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.00pm *Morning Prayer* at 8.30am **Mass** at 8.45am

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 **Nineteenth Sunday of the Year** Jesus continues to challenge us as to 'where our treasure is - for there is our heart!'. Luke is constantly presenting us with the Jesus who is the Prophet of the Poor, calling us to a life of Faith and ready for action! The 'action' is to build the Kingdom of Justice, of Peace, of Love and Healing in our world of today. He calls us to be a 'servant church' always serving the poor first in order to build this new humanity, this new world He calls the Kingdom. This demands a leap of Faith.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Twentieth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Prophet who knows the cost of witnessing to the truth - so often rejection and persecution. If we are true to Jesus and the Gospel, if we resolutely stand by the poor and rejected, if we uphold the right for the LGBT+ community to be true to themselves and their identity - then we too must expect to pay the price of discipleship, the cost of being true to our baptism, when we were anointed as Priests of creation, Builders of the Kingdom and Prophets of God's all-inclusive and universal love. And often that 'persecution' will come from those close to us!

[2] **Mass with our LGBT+ sisters and brothers** at 3.00pm - all are welcome

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Sacred Heart, Tisbury with All Saints Chapel, Wardour, served by Fr Robert Miller, and all the community. Fr Robert also has a wider responsibility for 'Rural Ministry'.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY *Resurrection Glory - His or ours?*

Jesus famously said of His Father and also of his disciples: 'Everything I have is yours and everything you have is Mine!' He also said 'I have come to bring you Life in all its fullness'. The Assumption of Our Lady is the fulfilment of these words. His Resurrection, however wonderful, would be a meaningless miracle had it not been also our resurrection, our coming to the fulness of Life. The Assumption is Mary, our sister, our fellow disciple as well as our mother, the great 'type' or exemplar of the what it is to be Church, shining with the glory of the Resurrection we all will share. Like so much about Mary, it is not that she is uniquely privileged but rather that God shows us through her all that we are called to become. Her Assumption is the pledge of Christ's promise to 'Raise you up' to Eternal (ie fullness of) Life. His Victory over death is truly ours because it is hers!

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

Sunday	Wisdom 18: 6-9 / Psalm 32 / Hebrews 11: 1-2, 9-19 / Luke 12: 32-48
Monday	Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 / Psalm 147 / Matthew 17: 22-27
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31: 1-8 / Responsorial Deuteronomy 32 / Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 / Psalm 65 / Matthew 18: 15-20
Thursday	Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 / Psalm 44 / 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 / Luke 1: 39-56
Friday	Joshua 24: 1-3 / Psalm 135 / Matthew 19: 3-12
Saturday	Joshua 24: 14-29 / Psalm 15 / Matthew 19: 13-15

COLLECTIONS

Env £228.86 + Loose £305.31 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £624.75 - **thanks!**
CAFOD £10.00 **Project 170** £10.00 **Bishop's Charitable Fund** £23.18 **thanks!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

15th Aug **Feast of the Assumption of Our Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses 12noon & 7.00pm**

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18th Aug	Mass with LGBT+ community at 3.00pm
25th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
29th Aug	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
1st Sept	Mass with the Catholic Fellowship of 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
8th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino, concluding 170 celebrations
8th Sept	Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
10th Oct	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
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
13th Oct	Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
15th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
20th Oct	Baptismal Sunday (NB <i>instead of 25th November</i>)

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?

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO ENDING YEAR 170 We will draw our Year of Celebrations of 170 years of Presence and Mission to a close at our **Parish Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino on Sunday 8th September**, with a special Mass of Rededication at 10am. It will be followed by a multi-cultural meal and much singing and dancing in thanksgiving for both our history and our future as a parish of Mission. **PLEASE KEEP THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY FREE AND BOOK IT INTO YOUR DIARY.**

EMMAUS GROUP - A NEW INITIATIVE IN ST NICKS Our new support group every Tuesday at 7pm in the New Room of the Assisi Centre. The group is 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 supports 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.

SOME FINANCIAL NEWS As we know well in our inner city parish, Jesus calls us to be 'Good News to the Poor', and as a community of Mission and Prayer we are inspired by our Patron St Nicholas of Tolentino. He devoted himself to the poor all his life, giving away the food of his monastery, and encouraging the better off of Tolentino to share with and give to the poor of the area. **THIS IS WHAT WE DO HERE, THANKS BE TO GOD.** But there is a cost and the current account of the Parish is very low at the moment, in part at least from the amount of support we offer through our Caritas Fund. ***So I invite us all to think what we can give so that as a parish we can continue to be 'Good News to the Poor' - and you can do so either by increasing your giving to the parish through the offertory or the Project 170 Fund, or by donating directly to our Parish Caritas Fund. THANK YOU!***

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. Volunteers to help with CLOW always needed - please see Mary Hopper.

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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 20th October - at our 10am Parish Mass. Dates of preparation sessions to be announced.

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. Venue: St Brendan's Sixth Form College; date: Saturday September 7th. If unsure whether this day is for you please see Robert (in the Parish Office).

UPDATE ON WILLOW TREE IN CAR PARK The good news is that the tree can be made safe - the bad news is that it has cost us in excess of £1000! To make it safe the willow tree has been reduced in height by 4-5 mtrs and reduced also in extent (width) by 4-5 mtrs. *If anyone wishes to make a donation to this cost, the parish would be most grateful.*

BORDERLANDS NEWS A number of things to report:

[1] The Trustees of the Charity decided to 'redefine' the Charity as formally a Christian Charity, and wished a formal link with the parish into the future - two trustees from the parish community with membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. This was agreed by the Parish Pastoral Council. In fact four current members of the PPC are Trustees - Richard, Margaret Ulloa, Mary Hopper, Andrew Bent - and additionally John Patrick Njau also sits on the Borderlands Board.

[2] Staff changes: Congratulations to our Mentoring Manager (on maternity leave) who has just given birth to her first child. A gifted person will soon take up her post for one year (maternity leave cover). Two Assistant Drop-in managers have been appointed who have already begun their great work. April, our director for the past two years, is leaving us to do very important research work in the inter-connection of climate change, migration and the hardening of national borders against refugees. We will miss April and value the great work she has done, but also recognise the very specialist work she is commissioned to do, so timely for our age. The Trustees have appointed a new Director who begins with us in mid-September. *Please pray for Borderlands in this important time of staff changes, but know we have a great team!*

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 want to remind their parents that it must be the young person's own decision, not that of his or her parents. I am delighted also to announce that **Bishop Declan has agreed to come to St Nicks to 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.*

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.

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