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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



CONTEMPLATION AND STRUGGLE

Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé Community coined this phrase some years ago to express the call we all have to both 'stand ready and watchful' - awakened to the presence of God, the sound of His Word and promptings of His Spirit; and to act for justice and truth, peace and freedom wherever there is discrimination, oppression and war.

The Christian is called and anointed in baptism to be a Prophet! To be on fire with love's courage that will be faithful to the radical Gospel and challenge both the Church and the World to transformation in a love that liberates. We are to be equally at home in the silence of contemplation and the din of action, for both serve the Kingdom. Our action needs to be shaped by our contemplation - our prayer to flow from our action! Let God's Fire burn in our bones!

- SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am
Mass with the LGBTI community and friends at 3.00pm - *all welcome!*
- MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30am Service of Word & Communion at 9.00am
- TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Bernard, early Cistercian Abbot, Theologian (1090-1153)*
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St Pius X, Pope and Liturgical Reformer (1835-1914)*
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm
- THURSDAY:** *Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth*
Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Rose of Lima, Lay Dominican. First Saint of the Americas (1586-1617)***
Adoration at 8.15pm *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Bartholomew (or Nathaniel), Apostle***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 12 noon Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [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. He challenges his disciples (that is, us!) to make difficult choices that many, including those close to us, will not understand. He calls us to have the courage to stand for justice, equality, inclusion of all no matter what opposition or vilification we might experience. The fire He brings to the Earth is the purifying fire of God's love poured out in the Holy Spirit - a Spirit that renews the face of the earth. Dare we share the Spirit's work? If we are true to Jesus and the Gospel, if we resolutely stand by the poor and rejected, if we uphold the right of 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. Often that 'persecution' will come from those close to us in the family that is the Church!

[2] We celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen** at 10am Mass

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

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus setting out resolutely on the Road to Jerusalem, the Road to Crucifixion. He embraces the 'narrow door' of radical commitment to an all inclusive love. Why is it that so many religious people are judgemental and excluding - think they know the mind and heart of God - and think it is closed to so many of our sisters and brothers! The narrow door is precisely to challenge of living the infinite breadth of God's Universal Love!

[2] We celebrate **Baptism** today at the 10.00am Mass - and in so doing renew our commitment to living God's Radical and Infinite Love that has been poured into our heart by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, with St Bernadette, Westbury, Wilts, served by Fr Tom Finnegan, and both their communities.

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

Sunday	Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 / Psalm 39 / Hebrews 12: 1-4 / Luke 12: 49-53
Monday	Judges 2: 11-19 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 19: 16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6: 11-24 / Psalm 84 / Matthew 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9: 6-15 / Psalm 20 / Matthew 20: 1-16
Thursday	Judges 11:29-39 / Psalm 39 / Matthew 22: 1-14
Friday	Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 / Psalm 145 / Matthew 22: 34-40
Saturday	Apocalypse 21: 9-14 / Psalm 144 / John 1: 45-51

COLLECTIONS

Env £324.06 + Loose £210.84 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £624.44 - **thanks!**

Covenant with the Poor £30.00 **Project 170** £20.00 **thanks!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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)

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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
12th Oct	Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall 9am leave 6pm return
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>)

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.**

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!***

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. Dates of preparation sessions to be announced.

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.

OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR In the Jubilee Year 2000 we committed ourselves as a parish to be 'in covenant with the poor'. This has led to many projects, but very especially the Borderlands Charity and our Caritas Fund and Food Bank helping those being punished by government decreed destitution, and impoverished by benefit cuts and

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Universal Credit. Our Monthly Covenant with the Poor on the First Sunday of the month (and other Sundays too!) is vital to our Mission to be 'Good News to the Poor'. Thank you for your support. Please continue to support both by gifts of money (Caritas Fund) and by gifts of non-perishable food stuffs and appropriate toiletries (Food Bank). ***At the moment we are in need to tins of meat, tins of vegetables and chopped tomatoes, jars of coffee and hot chocolate, tea bags, tins of fruit and packets of biscuits. MANY THANKS!***

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).

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.***

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'!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL - Saturday 12th October As part of our 170th Year celebrations it was planned that there would be a day pilgrimage. So on October 12th we plan 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 closely 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. It is a beautiful place that played an important part in the survival of the Catholic Faith in England and Wales during those dark times. We wish to 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. If we were to go by coach it would cost £25 per person - we are proposing to organise cars which would keep the cost down to £10 per person. Ten cars could take 40 people. Any thoughts? Any volunteers?

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