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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD!

Jesus emptied himself, becoming a servant, a slave condemned on a Cross - to make us rich! He embraced our poverty and lived among the poorest of the world, an oppressed people, victims of corrupt dictatorships - to set us free! He had nowhere to lay his head and wandered from place to place - that we might find our home, our true self, in God's love!

If we say 'Jesus is Lord!' then he is the true possessor of all we own. Do we surrender to His use all we have as well as all we are? Is He Lord of our wallets, our time, our future? Do we find our security in Him, or in our possessions?

He died for us so that we might die to ourselves and live for Him and His Kingdom - for His poor! All the world is His - especially that bit of the world we think is ours to do what we like with! Being 'Rich in the sight of God' means being rich of heart, not of pocket, rich in love, not filled with possessions! Be poor to be rich!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am

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

TUESDAY: **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm Mass for Peace at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Dominic, founder of Order of Preachers (Dominicans) (13 cent)**
Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Martyr of Auschwitz***
Adoration at 8.15pm *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am *Mass* at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, Lover of the Poor (died 258)***
Adoration at 11.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 12 noon Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] With the **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**, Jesus teaches us to put our faith in goodness and care for others - not in all we accumulate for ourselves. Strong words about greed and avarice, and a self-centred life. Jesus comes as 'servant', calls us to be a 'servant Church' seeking always to raise up the poor. Each of us has responsibility use our gifts, our energy and our wealth to serve the raising up of the downtrodden, the precious ones of the Kingdom of God. We celebrate Jesus who calls us to let go of the riches of this world in order to become rich in the sight of God. In a world that pays £1million a week to a footballer, with an ever growing gap between the rich and the poor, Jesus is once again counter-cultural, a prophet challenging the assumptions and attitudes of his own age and ours! He calls us (in the words of Pope Francis) to be 'a church of the poor, a church for the poor' - our true riches [2] We will take the **Retiring Collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund** today, helping him to 'dispense the charity of the churches' in the name of our diocese.

NEXT SUNDAY [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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Thornbury and Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge, served by Fr George Malecki SDS, Deacons Kingsley Fulbrook and Lawrence McCarthy, and Parish Administrators Lesley Morrissey and both their communities.

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

Sunday	Ecclesiastes 1: 1, 2: 21-23 / Psalm 89 or 94 / Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 / Luke 12: 13-21
Monday	Numbers 11: 4-15 / Psalm 80 / Matthew 14: 13-21
Tuesday	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 96 / 2 Peter 1: 16-19 / Luke 9: 28-36
Wednesday	Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29, 34-35 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 15: 21-28
Thursday	Numbers 20: 1-13 / Psalm 94 / Matthew 16: 13-23
Friday	Deuteronomy 4: 32-40 / Psalm 76 / Matthew 16: 24-28
Saturday	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13 / Psalm 17 / Matthew 17: 14-20

COLLECTIONS

Env £137.72 + Loose £233.54 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £461.84 - **thanks!**
 CAFOD £30.00 Project 170 £11.57 Covenant with the Poor £5.00 **thanks!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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
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

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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
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13th Oct	Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
15th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
20th Oct	Baptismal Sunday

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.

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.

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.

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 in-

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formation 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!

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 tree specialist has inspected the tree and has recommended that: it is reduced in height by 5 mtrs; that the part of the tree that overhangs the school play ground needs to be cut back to reduce the weight of the overhanging branches - all round the tree by 4-5 mtrs; that tree surgeons need to carry out cutting back at least every three years. Then the tree will be safe for all concerned. This is of course a cost for which we had not budgeted, but will have to do so for the future. However the good news is that the tree has a safe future.

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 pst for one year (maternity leave cover). Two Assistant Drop-in managers have been appointed. 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.

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.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IS ALSO HIROSHIMA DAY! Tuesday marks one of the great Feasts of the Lord - His Transfiguration on the mountain of glory - when Jesus' humanity shone with glory of God and the Father's voice spoke of Abba's great love for His Son, Jesus, and the cloud of divine glory (the Holy Spirit) overwhelmed the three apostles. The Glory of God is humanity fully alive: this is what we behold on the mountain, and His Glory is also ours, embedded within our humanity. The Spirit overshadows us so that we too might be 'fully alive' and life-giving. It is one of the most tragic ironies that Hiroshima was destroyed by the first Atomic Bomb on this day - destruction and death on a Day of Life!

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