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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Turning the Tables - God's Upside-down Kingdom

Who are the nameless ones of today's world? The victims of hunger dying of famine, victims of war dying of barrel bombs and napalm, victims of the refugee journey to freedom, drowning in the Mediterranean! Countless nameless ones in the world of the poor.

But for God? The nameless one is the man who lost himself in his riches that blinds him to human suffering: so stuffed with self and satisfaction with wealth and feasting that he has lost sight of his humanity in not seeing his impoverished brother. In this parable of Jesus, the poor has an honoured name - Lazarus - the name of a friend, while the rich man and self-centred one has no name - is anonymous in the Kingdom.

How different life with Jesus is! He inverts everything. The real question for us and the Church: is it true for us - are we 'turning the world upside down?' If not, why not?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am, followed by Refreshments in Parish Hall - all welcome

MONDAY: *Feast of St Jerome, Priest and First Scripture Scholar (342-420)*
Adoration at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite nun, 'Doctor' (Teacher) of the Church*
Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm
followed by Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels*
Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: **Service of Word and Communion** at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH POOR OF THE EARTH**
Adoration at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: **Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Deacon & founder of Franciscan Orders (1181-1226)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30pm

29/09/2019 [1] On the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year**, we celebrate Jesus, God's Option for the Poor made Flesh. Luke alone records this parable of Jesus. True disciples of Christ, who seek to live the call of their baptism fully, live not for themselves, but for the poor of the world, to raise them into Life in all its fulness. Will we be such disciples?

[2] Thank you to Fr Mark van Beuwmens MSC who presides at our Sunday Masses while I am away. I thank him for his support of our community.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for all University, College and School Chaplaincies, for all priests, deacons and lay chaplains that support the Gospel mission in these places of education, and for all who are served by them.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday Amos 6: 1, 4-7 / Psalm 145 / 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 / Luke 16: 19-31

Monday Zechariah 8: 1-8 / Psalm 101 / Luke 9 : 46-59

Tuesday Zechariah 8: 20-23 / Psalm 86 / Luke 9: 51-56

Wednesday Nehemiah 2: 1-8 / Psalm 136 / Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

Thursday Nehemiah 8: 1-12 / Psalm 18 / Luke 10: 1-2

Friday Baruch 1: 15-22 / Psalm 78 / Luke 10: 13-16

Saturday Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29 / Psalm 68 / Luke 10: 17-24

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - CAFOD SUNDAY

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen** at 10am
PARISH FORUM - Shape your parish's development 12.30-2.30pm - all invited
Mass with Clifton Association of Catholics with Special Needs at 3pm

MONDAY: **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Adoration 8.15am **Morning Prayer** at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm *followed by Scripture Group*

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of St John Henry Newman, priest and Theologian (1801-1890)**
Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Paulinus, first Bishop of York (584-644)**
Mass at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: **Feast of St John XXIII, Reforming Pope who called Vatican Council II**
Adoration 8.15am **Morning Prayer** at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Morning Prayer** at 9.00am
Leave for Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall at 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

6/10/2019 [1] We celebrate on the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year** Jesus the Faithful Servant of the Kingdom. Yes we can level mountains of injustice, and uproot trees of war

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and conflict - if we have faith in the God of the Impossible and a heart willing to give ourselves in service of a better world - a New World and a New Humanity. Be faithful to the call of Christ in your life and you will see miracles, if you have eyes to see and a heart to love!

[2] We rejoice to welcome children and families preparing for Baptism with the **Rite of Catechumen** - please pray for them.

[3] **Retiring Collection for CAFOD** - Harvest Collection for the poorest of the Earth.

[4] **ALL ARE INVITED to share in the Parish Forum** - the meeting where everyone in the parish has a voice to help shape parish policy, priorities and events. **This is a very important meeting (about every quarter)** when you have your say and can influence the future direction of the parish - come and be part of it! 12.15pm to 2.30pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all Chaplaincies to HM Forces in the diocese their chaplains and other staff and all served by them. Pray also for the Peace of the World.

THUGHT FOR 27th SUNDAY

No Spirit of Timidity!

For too long we as Catholics have hidden our faith behind our closed doors or in our private convictions: even boasting that our neighbours and friends did not know we are Catholics! Pope Benedict has challenged us - fan into a flame that our society can see - the Spirit of Power, Love and Self-Control! We are called to be witnesses, letting Jesus be seen in our lives, identified in our communities and heard in our words. God is always the God who speaks, the God who 'appears' in our humanity (in Jesus and in us!).

If our society does not know God or experience the joy and fullness of life that is faith in the Living God - then maybe it is in part because we have been too timid in our faith and suppressed the Spirit who gives us the eloquence of faith and prophets!

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Habakuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 / Psalm 94 / 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17: 5-10
Monday	Jonah 1: 8-14, 22 / Responsorial Jonah 2 / Luke 10: 25-37
Tuesday	Jonah 3: 1-10 / Psalm 129 / Luke 10: 38-42
Wednesday	Jonah 4: 1-11 / Psalm 85 / Luke 11: 1-4
Thursday	Malachy 3: 13-20 / Psalm 1 / Luke 11: 5-13
Friday	Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2 / Psalm 9 / Luke 11: 15-26
Saturday	Joel 4: 12-21 / Psalm 96 / Luke 11: 27-28

SUNDAYS' COLLECTIONS - to be published 13th October

Env £ Loose £ S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

4th Oct	First Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
6th Oct	Rite of Child Catechumen (Welcoming) at 10am Mass
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)
11th Oct	Second Parents Baptismal preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
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>)
1st Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY - HolyDay of Obligation Masses at 9.00am & 7.00pm
2nd Nov	All Souls Day: Day of Special Devotion & Prayer for the dead Mass 12noon
15th Nov	Meeting for Parents of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation children 2.30pm
16th Nov	SW Regional Gathering Church Action on Poverty - Victoria Methodist, Bristol

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24th Nov Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday
 24th Nov 'Vision of Hope' a multi-Faith Event of music, art and poetry - St Nicks 1-5pm

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

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.

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

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?

'WOMEN AT THE ALTAR' - Annual meeting of the Catholic Womens Ordination Group 'CWO' is holding its annual meeting in Birmingham on 5th October (1.30pm to 4pm). A lecture titled 'Women at the altar? The evidence' will be delivered by Dr Ally Kateusz, Research Associate of the Wijngaards Institute and it will answer some of the questions about the history of ordination of women in the Church. Booking is essential, and must be done by email at info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk. From our parish, Marta will attend, so get in touch with her if you are thinking of going (individuals of all genders are welcome).

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.

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