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PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



LOVER OF GOD, LOVER OF THE POOR

St Nicholas, lover of children, born like Samuel, Samson and John the Baptist of barren parents, the gift of God and his parents gift to God.

St Nicholas, who learnt to break bread with the poor long before he learnt to break the Bread of the Eucharist - risking his future in obedience to the God of the Poor and disobeying the voices of those who knew not the poor man of Nazareth.

St Nicholas, man of prayer who entered Love's silence in order the proclaim Love's Saving Word.

St Nicholas, vessel of God's healing love, from whom healing and life flowed in all abundance, raising the dead, healing the wounds, setting free.

St Nicholas, God's compassion to the prisoner, God's protector and rescuer of the prostitute, listening with an gentle heart and open mind.

St Nicholas, reaching in praying love beyond the bridge of death, holding the Departed in the purifying love of God. **St Nicholas, inspirer of our mission, healer of our wounds pray for us!**

- SUNDAY:** **PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS of Rededication at 10am**
followed by Parish bring and share multi-cultural lunch in Parish Hall
Signed Mass for the Deaf at 3.00pm
- MONDAY:** **Adoration at 8.30am Service of Word & Communion at 9.00am**
- TUESDAY:** ***Feast of Bl Frederik Ozanam, Founder of SVP (19th Cent France)***
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** **Beginning of Year School Mass of St Nicholas of Tolentino at 9.30am**
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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

FRIDAY: *Feast of St John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople, theologian (d 407)*
Adoration at 8.15am Morning Prayer at 8.45am Mass at 9.00am

SATURDAY: **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
Adoration at 8.30am Morning Prayer at 9.15am Mass at 9.30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [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. **Let us come and rededicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, a parish of many nations united in Christ, valuing each other's cultures, healing each other's wounds, reaching out to the poor and marginalised around us and throughout the world.** This Mass of Rededication to the future mission of our parish could not be more timely as we seek together to embrace the Ministries and Mission of Christ to build up His Body (each other) so as to transform the world around us into the Kingdom of God!

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

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year** celebrates the Jesus who comes looking for the strayed, the wounded, the outcast, the rejected - to bring them home to the Father's love and mercy which is inexhaustible. In bringing us home to God He brings us home to our real selves. The Church is called to be that home of unconditional love and endless mercy that flings wide open its heart to all the Earth's children. The question remains: are we that kind of person, that kind of Church?

[2] Very appropriately it is also **Home Mission Sunday** - when we pray that we will be truly a missionary community, welcoming home all who are searching for God, meaning, purpose, hope and healing in their lives. May God continue to challenge us and gift us to be His Heart, His 'home-place' for the searching and wounded, the lost and forsaken. There is a **Retiring Collection** supporting this Home Mission nationally.

[3] **Mass and Ministry with the Catholic LGBT+ community and family and friends** at 3.00pm - all very welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton, with St Mary's, Mere, St Mary the Virgin, Bruton, Castle Carey and Milbourne Port, served by Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk, Deacons Paul White and Michael Hughes, Parish Administrator Mrs Joanna Bentley and all their communities.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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| Sunday | Wisdom 9: 13-18 / Psalm 89 / Philemon: 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14: 25-33 |
| Monday | Colossians 1: 24-2: 3 / Psalm 61 / Luke 6: 6-11 |
| Tuesday | Colossians 2: 6-15 / Psalm 144 / Luke 6: 12-19 |
| Wednesday | Colossians 3: 1-11 / Psalm 144 / Luke 6: 20-26 |
| Thursday | Colossians 3: 12-17 / Psalm 150 / Luke 6: 27-38 |
| Friday | 1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14 / Psalm 15 / Luke 6: 39-42 |
| Saturday | Numbers 21: 4-9 / Psalm 77 / Philipians 2: 6-11 / John 3: 13-17 |

COLLECTIONS

Env £235.21 + Loose £201.11 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £536.90 - **thanks!**

Cov with Poor £5.00 **Project 170 £10** **Donations to Tree Surgery** £105.00 (still open)

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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| 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 |
| 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>) |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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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