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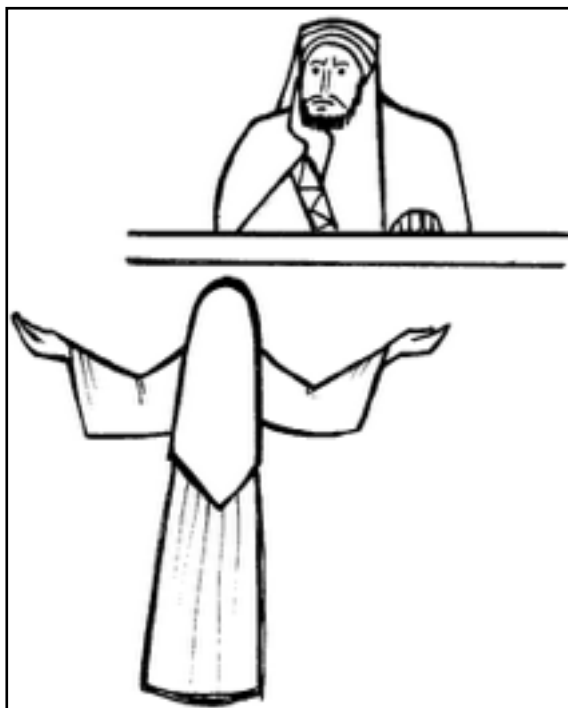
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29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



HOW LONG BEFORE THERE IS JUSTICE?

A vulnerable woman pleads for justice before a system of justice that is male dominated. She has to keep pleading and pleading, wearing down the obstinate judge! Sounds familiar?

Jesus' parables speak into the real world not only of His time, but of every time! 'How long, oh Lord, how long?' before the women of the world or the Church get justice, before their pleas are heard? It is a principle of law that justice delayed is justice denied. The long struggle of our asylum sisters and brothers to have the pain recognised, their danger heard and their freedom granted? How Long, God?

God is not slow in granting justice - but we are! We refuse to hear the cries of the poor and change our systems and rid the world of poverty and oppression. Yet we must never give up, either praying for or struggling for the Justice of God in the world. **This is our mission ... in the world and to the world. This is building the Kingdom!**

- SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Child Baptisms at 10.00am
Mass with the Catholic LGBT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - *all welcome*
- MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30am Service of Word & Communion at 9.00am
- TUESDAY:** *Adoration (intention - our school)* at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm
- THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, Founder of Claretians (died 1870)*
 Mass at 12 noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm
- FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am Mass at 9.00am
 Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

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SATURDAY: **Adoration** at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] On the **29th Sunday of the Year**, we celebrate Jesus the man of prayer who exhorts us never to give up praying, bringing our own needs but even more the needs of a world wounded by injustice, inequality, war and poverty ... to our ever-loving Abba (Father). Let us bring him the needs, not our wants, bring him the problems not our solutions - and bring them in an ever-deepening faith.

[2] This is **World Mission Sunday** when we recognise the awesome and joyful responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel and serving the Kingdom in word, in prayer, in life-style and in action of service and witness. We are all called to be 'missionary disciples'. There is a **Retiring Collection for the Church World-wide Mission** - please be generous.

[3] Appropriately, as we reflect upon the mission of the Church, we celebrate the **Baptism of some of our children** - baptised into a missionary Body of Christ. Please pray for them

[4] **Mass with the LGBTI community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **30th Sunday of the Year** celebrates the unconditional and reconciling Love of God, as Jesus gives us the parable to the Pharisee and the tax-collector (the 'religious' man and the sinner) - the one trusts his religious observance, the other trusts only the mercy of God. Only Luke records this parable of Jesus - part of his Gospel of Mercy! We see God's heart and serves as a warning to all who might be proud about how good and religious they are or who might be judgemental of those whose lives are locked in chaos!

[2] We have our bi-monthly **Mass for Senior Citizens and friends** at 3.00pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall - all are welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury, served by Fr Saji Matthew and all their community

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Exodus 17: 8-13 / Psalm 120 / 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2 / Luke 18: 1-8
Monday	Romans 4: 20-25 / Responsorial Luke 1 / Luke 12: 13-21
Tuesday	Romans 5: 12, 15, 17-21 / Psalm 39 / Luke 12: 35-38
Wednesday	Romans 6: 12-18 / Psalm 123 / Luke 12: 39-48
Thursday	Romans 6: 19-23 / Psalm 1 / Luke 12: 49-53
Friday	Romans 7: 18-25 / Psalm 118 / Luke 12: 54-59
Saturday	Romans 8: 1-11 / Psalm 23 / Luke 13: 1-9

COLLECTIONS

Env £195.00 + Loose £201.13 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £486.71 - **thanks!**

REMEMBER ... IT COSTS £350 PER DAY TO RUN OUR PARISH AND MISSION!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

20th Oct	Baptismal Sunday
20th Oct	Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome!
27th Oct	Senior Citizens Mass at 3.00pm - all are welcome
27th Oct	One World United Service at 4.00pm at St Agnes, St Pauls - all invited
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
3rd Nov	Mass for Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome
8th Nov	Parents Preparation for Child Baptism Session 1 at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
9th Nov	November Mass for all buried or cremated at South Bristol at 11.00am
10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday - 80 anniversary of outbreak of World War II
10th Nov	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass

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14th Nov	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
15th Nov	Meeting for Parents of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation children 2.30pm
15th Nov	Parents Preparation for Child Baptism Session 2 at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
16th Nov	SW Regional Gathering Church Action on Poverty - Victoria Methodist, Bristol
17th Nov	Mass with the LGBTI community & friends at 3.00pm - all welcome
22nd Nov	Evening Prayer with Bp Declan to launch 'Year of Communion' 7.00pm
24th Nov	Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday- also Baptisms
24th Nov	'Vision of Hope' a multi-Faith Event of music, art and poetry - St Nicks 1-5pm
29 Nov to 1st Dec	Advent Retreat at Ammerdown, led by Richard and Mary
1st Dec	First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year.
1st Dec	Mass for Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome
6th Dec	Parish Concert - 'The Many Voices of Justice and Love' 6.00pm

JOURNEY OF FAITH The Journey of Faith continues every **Friday at 6.00pm in the Assisi Centre**. 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?

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 of almost everything! 1 kilo bags of rice and pasta, cereals, tins of meat and fish (esp tuna), 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 etc etc. MANY THANKS!**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE All young people over 13 years old are invited to explore preparation to be confirmed in the Holy Spirit for Ministry and Mission. The group meets **every Friday at 5.00pm 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. **Bishop Declan will celebrate Confirmation with us on Sunday 23rd February at 10am Mass. Adults not yet confirmed are invited to join the Journey of Faith Group which restarts on Friday Sept 6th.**

LAUNCHING THE 'YEAR OF COMMUNION' On **Friday 22 November** at 7pm in our **Cathedral**, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the *Year of Communion* starting Sun 1st December. As with the *Year of Mission & Year of Prayer*, each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

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 sim-

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ple 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

FUND RAISING CONCERT FOR PROJECT 170 All are invited to take part in 'The Many Voices of Justice and Love'- cultural concert, Friday 6th December at 6pm. Please put this date in your diary, and invite as many friends as possible. We are aiming to replicate the success of last year's entertainment, food and conviviality to raise much needed funds for our building. If you would like to contribute with a performance, talk with Sherrie or Caroline; if you would like to contribute with food, talk with Ashley; if you would like to contribute in any other way, talk with Marta or Patience. There will be food available from 6.00pm and concert proper will start about 7.00pm. **THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL THE PARISH FAMILY AND OUR MANY FRIENDS** *Servite domino in laetitia [serve God in joy]*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID 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.

NOVEMBER MASS FOR THE DEAD AT S. BRISTOL CREMATORIUM CHAPEL

November is the month we remember to pray for the Dead - our families, friends, parishioners, those who have no-one to prayer for them. **The Annual Mass** for all buried or cremated at South Bristol Cemetery will be on **Saturday 9th November at 11.00am in the Cemetery Chapel**. Come and pray for our deceased family and friends, especially if their funerals were celebrated at S Bristol.

EDUCATION MASS - COMMITMENT TO CHURCH'S MISSION OF EDUCATION

Education Mass **Tuesday October 22nd at 7pm** with 'Missio' at Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Declan - **An invitation to all Governors, Staff, Parents, Pupils and Parishioners** This year our schools have been supporting 'Missio'. To recognise this work, and as October is also the Extraordinary Month of Mission, we are being joined at this Mass by members of the Missio team. Everyone is welcome at this special celebration. Many other schools will be taking part in the liturgy. We would really appreciate your support for our schools through your prayers and, if possible, presence. Refreshments in the Apostle's room after Mass.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to mark this November as a very special Month of Prayer, Action and Giving, contributing to and supporting the world-wide Mission of the Church. Each of us is called by our baptism and empowered by our Confirmation to be 'Missionary Disciples'. To be a missionary is not an optional extra for some, but a divine command on us all. But to be a Missionary is a call to joy - the joy of sharing the Good News of Jesus in word and action with our world; the joy of speaking the name of Him whom we love most - Jesus; the joy of standing up for justice, equality, humanity. As St Irenaeus said in the Second Century - 'the Glory of God is Humanity fully alive'. Jesus said 'I have come that you may life in all its fulness'. From Mongolia to the Amazon, from Alaska to Papua New Guinea, from Bristol to Nairobi - every place is a place of Mission, and every Christian is a missionary.

PRAY EACH WEEK FOR A DIFFERENT MINISTRY OF MISSION OF THE PARISH

We need to value and support (as well as publicise) each of the more than 27 ministries/missions of the parish community. We will pray for one each week - **this week we are praying God's Blessing and guidance for all who Proclaim God's Word at Mass, our Readers.**

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