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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*****WHAT I WANT IS MERCY,  
NOT SACRIFICE***

Virtue has an awful in built temptation, a vice - superiority, self-righteousness! It is that 'forgetful' hypocrisy, forgetting that we are all sinners, all in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. We have nothing to boast about except the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Who are you to judge another? asks St James in his letter. Do we see into the heart of another, can we gaze into their depths, into the sanctuary of God within them? How can we judge and condemn another without bringing judgement and condemnation on ourselves!

To accept one another in all our failings and sins is to recognise that we are part of that great community of sinners, on the way to becoming saints!

As Matthew 25 tells us, God will not ask us about our religious performance, but about our generous humanity. Have we allowed the Humanity of Jesus to transform us into the Compassion and tenderness of God?

**SUNDAY:**

**PARISH MASS** at 10.00am

*Mass with our Senior Citizens and friends* at 3.00pm - all welcome

*One World United Service* at 4.00pm (St Agnes Church, St Paul's)

**MONDAY:**

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

**TUESDAY:**

*Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles*

*Adoration (intention - our school)* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:**

**Requiem Mass for Verillia Benjamin RIP** at 11.00am

*Adoration* at 5.30pm **Evening Mass** at 6.00pm

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

**FRIDAY:** **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Holy Day of Obligation.**

*Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

*Adoration* at 6.30pm **Evening Mass** at 7.00pm

**SATURDAY:** **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

**TODAY** [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.

[3] All are invited to the **One World United Service** at St Agnes Church, St Thomas St, at 4.00pm - apologies for the unfortunate clash of events this afternoon.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **31st Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Saviour who reaches out to those despised by others and whose life-style does not fit the normal religious pattern - this is represented by the tax collector, Zacchaeus to whom Jesus brings God's saving love, much to the disgust of the 'good people'. Do we go to the despised with love, the lost with compassion? That is our an essential part of our mission in Christ!

[2] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome

[3] **Retiring Collection towards the repair and upkeep of our Diocesan Cathedral in Clifton.** The Cathedral Church belongs to the whole diocese - belongs to each parish, to us. It serves so many diocesan events and celebrations. Let us contribute to its upkeep.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath, served by Fr Malcolm Smeaton, Parish Administrator, Sara Sampson and all their community

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

Each week we pray for one of the more than 27 ministries/missions of the parish community - **this week, pray God's Blessing and strengthening for all our Parish and Site Maintenance Team, who regularly clean maintain the surround of the Church, smaller internal maintenance and the car park. They need volunteers to come and help them.**

**WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday** Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19 / Psalm 32 / 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18: 9-14

**Monday** Romans 8: 12-17 / Psalm 67 / Luke 13: 10-17

**Tuesday** Ephesians 2: 19-22 / Psalm 18 / Luke 6: 12-19

**Wednesday** Romans 8: 18-30 / Psalm 12 / Luke 13: 22-30

**Thursday** Romans 8: 31-39 / Psalm 108 / Luke 13: 31-35

**Friday** Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 / Psalm 23 / 1John 3: 1-3 / Matthew 5: 1-12

**Saturday** Isaiah 25: 6-9 / Psalm 26 / Romans 5: 5-11 / Luke 7: 11-17

**COLLECTIONS**

Env £140.10 + Loose £155.29 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £385.97 - **thanks!**

**Project 170** £88.16 + £594.03 (**Zimbabwean Mass**) : **£682.19** **Cov with the Poor** £5.00

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019**

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	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY - HolyDay of Obligation Masses at 9.00am &amp; 7.00pm</b>
2nd Nov	<b>All Souls Day: Day of Special Devotion &amp; Prayer for the dead Mass 12noon</b>
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	<b>November Mass for all buried or cremated at South Bristol at 11.00am</b>
10th Nov	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> - 80 anniversary of outbreak of World War II
10th Nov	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass
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	<b>Advent Retreat at Ammerdown, led by Richard and Mary</b>
1st Dec	<b>First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year.</b>
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 6.30pm 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?

**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 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](http://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**

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**PARISH FAMILY AND OUR MANY FRIENDS** *Servite domino in laetitia [serve God in joy]*

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND GIFTAID**

We would like to encourage all UK tax payers to give their weekly donation to the church in Gift Aid envelopes. For every £1 you give, we can claim an additional 25p from Inland Revenue - 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! You can also pay by monthly Standing Order from your bank. Again, all you need do is fill in the form. **We must increase our income!** Please see Debo or Richard for information & forms. **REMEMBER ... IT COSTS £350 PER DAY TO RUN OUR PARISH AND MISSION!**

**NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives!

**NOVEMBER MASS FOR THE DEAD AT S. BRISTOL CREMATORIUM CHAPEL**

The Annual November 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.

**BE A HOME-START VOLUNTEER!**

By volunteering for Home-Start Bristol, you'll offer a lifeline to a family; helping them to get back on their feet and develop skills to cope with the future. Home-Start Bristol supports struggling families with a least one child under 5. We recruit and train our volunteers and carefully match them with local families. Our accredited Volunteer Preparation courses are held 3 times a year; each are 36 hours over 9 weeks, term-time only, and fitting in with the school day; volunteers attend on just one day a week. It carries a Level 2 Accreditation and can act as a stepping-stone into a career. We couldn't carry out this vital work without you, so if you can spare 2-3 hours a week, please contact us today. You will be changing lives! Call: 0117 950 1170 Email: [admin@homestartbristol.org.uk](mailto:admin@homestartbristol.org.uk) Website: [www.homestartbristol.org.uk](http://www.homestartbristol.org.uk) Find us on Facebook

**BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR PARENTS**

Unexpectedly, we have an extra **Baptismal Sunday** this autumn: **Sunday 24th November at 10am Mass**. It is essential that all parents seeking baptism for their child attend BOTH PREPARATION SESSIONS. **Fri 8th Nov First Parents Preparation for Child Baptism Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre); Fri 15th Nov Second Parents Preparation for Child Baptism Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre); Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 10th Nov at 10am Mass** - please contact Eustace Tameh or Christopher & Epiphania Chipato to enrol in the course.

**ADVENT RETREAT - 'GROWING IN THE LIGHT' - AMMERDOWN CENTRE**

Richard and Mary are leading a weekend Residential Advent Retreat at Ammerdown (near Radstock) on the theme of 'Growing in the Light', the Light of God that enables us to see differently - God, our own self, people and society around us, our Creation. This Divine Light leads us into deeper Communion with God, self, humanity and all Creation. Partly silent, partly discussion and sharing. 6pm on 29th November to after lunch 1st December at the Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW. Residential £280, non-residential £190. To Book: 01761433709 or email: [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org)

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