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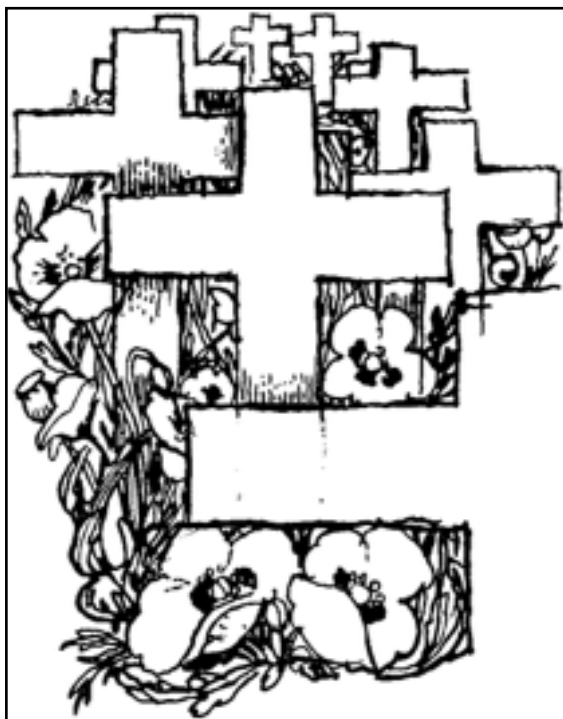
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32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Remembrance - the Pity not the Glory!

War is brutal - it destroys the youth of nations and the innocence of humanity! War dehumanises all of us, drags us back into 'sub-humanity'.

Yet we justify it by appeal to a noble cause so as to hide from ourselves its appalling destructiveness and its power to corrode the human spirit.

So today we remember - the pity of war! We do not glorify war but face its dark heart. And in remembering the millions of lives wasted over the last 100 years of bloody conflict, we cry to God for mercy. And we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us a new wisdom - how to solve conflicts with bloodshed, to deal with disputes without descending into the depravity of violence.

We remember so that we will not repeat; we remember so that we will glorify the heroisms of peace and peace-making. We remember so that the destructive fires of war will be transformed into the creative furnace of Love.

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS for Peace (with Rite of Child Catechumen)** at 10.00am
Mass with the Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm - *all welcome*

MONDAY: ***Feast of St Martin of Tours, Monk and Bishop (316-397)***
Adoration at 8.30am **Service of Word & Communion** at 9.00am

TUESDAY: ***Feast of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr for Unity (1580-1623)***
Adoration (intention - our school) at 5.30pm **Evening Mass** at 6.00pm

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

THURSDAY: ***Feast of Bl Edward Powell and Beatified Martyrs of Clifton Diocese (16/17C)***
Mass at 12 noon, *followed by Adoration* until 1.30pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Albert the Great, Bishop, Dominican, Theologian (1206-1280)***
Adoration at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury (1175-1240)***
Adoration at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30-5.00pm only

TODAY [1] Appropriately in this month of November, as we pray specially for the 'Living who have died', the Word of God for the **32nd Sunday of the Year** celebrates that Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Day has liberated the power of Resurrection for all of us - for every human person. Indeed all Creation is destined to be gathered into the Body of Christ Omega, when all things in heaven and on earth are fulfilled and transformed in Christ and Christ becomes 'all in all'. Resurrection is our eternal life - and so much more!

[2] It is **Remembrance Sunday**, when we remember all who have died in the too many conflicts and wars of the past more than 100 years. As we remember the colossal waste of human life and genius, the individual stories of pain and grief, as well as heroism, we cry out for peace. Never grow tired of praying for and believing in Peace! **Mass will be a Mass for the Dead and a Prayer for Peace.**

[3] We also celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen** with children soon to be baptised.

[4] **Mass with the Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year** we have a very definite Advent feel to our Scriptures - speaking of the Day of the Lord. We celebrate Jesus whose Coming always challenges and changes us and the world around us. Fine Temples and Churches mean nothing to him - it is the temple that we human beings are that matter. Will Righteousness, justice and healing be light we radiate upon the world? Will we build people and communities rather buildings and empires?

[2] It is the **World Day of the Poor**, when we rededicate ourselves to put the poor first! As an expression of this we will have a **Retiring Collection for our own Parish 'Caritas' Fund** to be used to relieve poverty locally.

[3] **Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all very welcome. A reminder that this a diocesan Ministry entrusted to us at St Nicks at Bishop Declan's request.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St John the Evangelist, Bath, served by Fr Christopher Whitehead, Parish Administrator Janet Flinn and all their community.

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

This week, pray God's Blessing and guidance for our **Lay Ministers of the Eucharist** who bring the Eucharist to the housebound, help with the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass, and lead us in prayer Word and Communion in the absence of the priest.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 / Psalm 16 / 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3: 5 / Luke 20: 27-38
Monday	Wisdom 1: 1-7 / Psalm 138 / Luke 17: 1-6
Tuesday	Wisdom 2: 23-3:9 / Psalm 33 / Luke 17: 7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6: 1-11/ Psalm 81 / Luke 17: 11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7: 22-8: 1 / Psalm 118 / Luke 17: 20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13: 1-9 / Psalm 18 / Luke 17: 26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 13: 14-16, 19: 6-9 / Psalm 104 / Luke 18: 1-8

COLLECTIONS

Env £201.05 + Loose £276.56 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £568.19 - **thanks!**

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Cov with the Poor £14.00 **Project 170** £141.450 thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday - 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 LBGTI community & friends at 3.00pm - all welcome
20th Nov	Vespers to venerate Sacred Icons at Orthodox Church at 7.00pm
22nd Nov	Evening Prayer with Bp Declan to launch 'Year of Communion' 7.00pm
23rd Nov	Diocesan Youth Gathering at St Bede's College 11am to 4.00pm
24th Nov	Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday - also Baptisms
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

THOUGHT FOR 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *Resurrection - Comforting Myth or Challenging Reality?*

How can we believe in 'Eternal Life' or in 'Resurrection of the Body'? Is it just our need for assurance, our need to think we will somehow continue? Is it a way of avoiding the reality of death and the end?

Yet not only eternal life but a personal existence for all eternity in our humanity (the Resurrection of the Body) is at the heart of our faith in Christ. For no other reason than that Jesus conquered death and in Him love broke through and transformed death into fullness of our life, the fulfilment of our destiny.

If we fall way into oblivion after a few short years then our life is meaningless - worse it is absurd, some cosmic joke at our expense. Then all reality becomes trivial and we might as well lead hedonistic and self-centred lives for the short time we are here!

But we are eternal creations of God, fragments of God upon the earth. Yes there is comfort - but also the challenge to gather even the Universe itself into Resurrection and an eternity of loving! What vision! What a source of power for love and new creation!

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING - Saturday 23rd Nov 11am to 4pm - St Bede's College

I want to encourage our young people (ages 13+ to 20's) to attend this day, with exciting speakers and workshops and our Diocesan Youth Forum - all involved. Come and meet other young people from around the diocese and get involved in shaping the Church of Today.

Book now by email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

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.

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

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put this date in your diary, and invite as many friends as possible. Let us repeat 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]*

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS - Presbytery at 7.00pm prompt please - to ensure financial responsibility and good resourcing of the Mission of the Gospel in our parish.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP I would like to encourage regular participation in this group so that we can deepen our love for and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. It would be ideal for all Lay Readers and Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders. In this Year 170 this would be an excellent way of sharing together and deepening our faith, rooted in the Bible. Every Tuesday after 6.00pm Mass).

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!

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN 2020 Parents of all children seven years and over who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist are asked to attend a first meeting on **Friday 15th November at 2.30pm in the Assisi Centre**. Please return the Forms registering your child for the First Eucharist Programme of Preparation as soon as possible. The Programme of Preparation will begin early January.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020 Parents of all children who have celebrated First Eucharist **but not yet celebrated First Reconciliation (or Confession)** are asked also to attend the above meeting on **Friday 15th November at 2.30pm in the Assisi Centre**. Please return the Forms registering your child for the First Reconciliation Programme of Preparation as soon as possible. This Programme of Preparation will also begin early January.

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 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. **THE FOLLOWING BAPTISMAL SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 12th - the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

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

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