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### 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - World Day of the Poor



#### **JESUS COMES AGAIN - AFRAID?**

Are we afraid of death? Are we afraid of Jesus' Final Coming and the end of the world? Are we afraid of the Judgement? If we are we still have not heard the Good News!

In the Bible God says 365 times (ie once a day!), 'Do not be afraid!' For He comes with 'Healing in His Rays!' He comes to transform and renew, not destroy; He comes to fulfil and complete, not to empty and end; He comes to save not punish, to forgive not condemn.

Why be afraid, for we have One who only has love in His heart, a Love that is Universal and withheld from no-one, no-one at all, ever! Yes the world as we know it will utterly change, but it will be destruction that will be destroyed, it will be death that will end, it will be wounds that will be healed. Creation will be made new in ways we cannot imagine!

**Come Lord Jesus, Come! Maranatha!**

**SUNDAY:** **PARISH MASS** for World Day of the Poor at 10.00am  
*Mass with the Catholic LGBT+ community and friends* at 3.00pm - all welcome

**MONDAY:** **Feast of the Dedication of the Roman Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul**  
**Adoration** at 8.30am **Service of Word & Communion** at 9.00am

**TUESDAY:** **Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop & monk, defender of justice (1135-1200)**  
**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 the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Mass** at 12 noon, followed by **Adoration** until 1.30pm

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**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of St Cecilia, Virgin Martyr, Patron of Music (3rd century)***  
*Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am *Mass* at 9.00am  
**Evening Prayer with Bp Declan to launch Year of Communion** (Cathedral) 7.00pm

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Clement I, Pope & Martyr and St Columbanus, missionary Abbot.***  
*Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am *Mass* at 9.00am  
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** 4.30-5.00pm only

**TODAY** [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 LGBT+ 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] As we come to the final week of the Church's Liturgical Year, we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the Universal King**. The Final Coming of Christ will be the gathering of all creation, in the heavens and on the Earth, into the very Body of Christ. Christ is the Alpha - the beginning and origin of all creation in the divine explosion of Love that astronomers call 'the Big Bang', some 16 billion years ago. And Christ the Omega, the fulfilment of all things, the whole of Creation radiating the glory and Light of Christ as all reality is renewed and becomes the Body of Christ, the Fulness of Christ. Then He will indeed be enthroned as King of the whole Universe. Our mission is to make our world ready for this transformation.

[2] We celebrate **Baptism** with five of our children. Please pray for them and their families.

[3] It is **National Youth Sunday** and we pray for and give thanks for our fine young people who are called as much as anyone else of us to shape the parish, the whole Church, as a community that young people can identify with, that speaks to their real lives and where they can speak their voice with real influence. And how can we make this happen in our parish?

[4] There is a **Retiring Collection for our Diocesan Youth Service** - please be generous.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary, Bath, served by Mgr Canon Jeremy Rigden, Deacon Richard Hayward (retired), Parish Administrator Charlotte Boyall 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 **Parish Pastoral Councillors** who seek to offer shared leadership and discernment in the growth and development of the mission of our parish community. They listen to and express the voices of our diverse parish family.

**WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Malachy 3: 19-20 / Psalm 97 / 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 / Luke 21: 5-19
<b>Monday</b>	1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64 / Psalm 118 / Luke 18: 35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Maccabees 6: 18-31 / Psalm 3 / Luke 19: 1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31 / Psalm 16 / Luke 19: 11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Maccabees 2: 15-29 / Psalm 49 / Luke 19: 41-44
<b>Friday</b>	1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59 / Responsorial 1 Chronicles 29 / Luke 19: 45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Maccabees 6: 1-13 / Psalm 1094 / Luke 20: 27-40

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**COLLECTIONS**

Env £262.60 + Loose £345.92 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £699.10 - **thanks!**

**Cov with the Poor** £28.00 **CAFOD** £5.50 thank you!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019**

17th Nov	Mass with the LGBTI 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
27th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm
30th Nov	<b>Parish Advent Retreat led by Richard and Mary 10am to 4pm</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
8 Dec	Signed Mass with Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm
10th Dec	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 6.00pm</b>
12th Dec	<b>GENERAL ELECTION - A DAY TO VOTE AND BE HEARD!</b>
13th Dec	Mass with LBGT+ community and family & friends at 3.00pm
17th Dec	Days of the 'Great O Antiphons' begin - preparing for Christmas Feast
19th Dec	Parish Service of Reconciliation at 7.00pm
24th Dec	<b>Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass &amp; Blessing of Crib at 10.30pm</b>
25th Dec	<b>Feast of Christmas - Birth of our Saviour - Mass at 10.00am</b>
27th Dec	First Pre-Baptism Parents Session at 6.30pm (the Assisi Centre)
29th Dec	<b>Feast of the Holy Family and Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am</b>
31st Dec	<b>Watchnight Mass for the New Year at 10.30pm</b>

**NEW YEAR 2020**

1st Jan	<b>New Year's Day - Feast of Mary the Mother of God - Mass at 10.00am</b>
3rd Jan	Second Pre-Baptism Parents Session at 6.30pm (the Assisi Centre)
12th Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday</b>

**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](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com)

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** There is no Journey of Faith this coming Friday because of the Diocesan Evening Prayer at Clifton Cathedral to launch the 'Year of Communion'. But we continue next week each **Friday at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre**. 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 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

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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]*

**BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR PARENTS** We have an extra **Baptismal Sunday** this autumn: **Sunday 24th November at 10am Mass.**

**THE FOLLOWING BAPTISMAL SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 12th - the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The First Parents Session will be on Friday 27th Dec at 6.30pm, with the Rite of Child Catechumen on Sunday 29th Dec (Feast of the Holy Family). The Second Parents Session will be on Friday 3rd January at 6.30pm (both sessions in the Assisi Centre).** The Baptisms will be celebrated on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 12th January at 10am. Mass Please register your child for Baptism with Eustace Tameh or Christopher Chipato - thank you

**PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY - 'GROWING IN THE LIGHT'** Richard and Mary were to lead a weekend Residential Advent Retreat at Ammerdown, but it had to be cancelled. We would like to offer a shortened version to you our parish community. It will be 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. There will be time for Mass, quiet prayer and sharing. It will be on the 30th November at The Convent, Kings Weston Lane, Lawrence Weston, Bristol BS11 0QU, starting at 10.00am and finishing 4.00pm. Please bring food to share. A list is on the notice board today - please sign up.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE 'Called to a Noble Adventure'** Would you consider committing yourself to serving our young people in Youth Ministry? We have long wanted to expand our provision for the young people of our parish community (and perhaps beyond to young people in the area). **Is God calling you to this much-needed ministry in our parish? Then talk to Richard** and register for our Diocesan Youth Ministry Training Course for 10 Thursdays evenings in 2020 from January 13th to July 23rd 7.00-9.00pm at Alexander House, Pennywell Road. More info form Richard.

**POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** "Hope is also communicated by the sense of fulfilment born of accompanying the poor not for a brief moment of enthusiasm, but through a constant commitment over time. The poor acquire genuine hope, not from seeing us gratified by giving them a few moments of our time, but from recognizing in our sacrifice an act of gratuitous love that seeks no reward.

8. I ask the many volunteers, who merit recognition for being the first to see the importance of such concern for the poor, to persevere in their dedicated service. Dear brothers and sisters, I encourage you to seek, in every poor person whom you encounter, his or her true needs, not to stop at their most obvious material needs, but to discover their inner goodness, paying heed to their background and their way of expressing themselves, and in this way to initiate a true fraternal dialogue. Let us set aside the divisions born of ideological and political positions, and instead fix our gaze on what is essential, on what does not call for a flood of words, but a gaze of love and an outstretched hand. Never forget that "the worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 200).

Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by "the saints next door", people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel anew the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love."

***Francis, Bishop of Rome, Servant of the Servants of God 2019***

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