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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



COME DOWN! SALVATION IS HERE!

Jesus says to the Zacchaeus of every age:

'Come down, because I want to make my home in you this day and every day! Come down, because I cannot reach into 'exalted hearts' but only humble hearts. Come down, because I am too poor and too powerless to enter the walled communities of the rich who defend themselves from the rights of the poor.

'Come down and see what the world is like here among the poor. Come down, because I do not climb the ladders of ambition and power, but gladly knock upon the door of humble dwellings and enter in and serve! I find that fellow-servants always welcome me in and we joyfully sit together and eat Bread of Life!

'Come down and find your real self here in fellowship and friendship with those the world condemns, those the world pushes aside. I want to come and live in you, make your heart my dwelling place! I want to save rich and poor alike, for I love rich and poor alike - but Come down and discover this love in the hearts of the poor!'

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am

Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop of Milan (1538-1584)*

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

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Evening Service of Word & Communion** at 6.00pm

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

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FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Cathedral Church of Rome)*
Adoration at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am
NOVEMBER MASS FOR THE DEAD at S Bristol Crematorium at 11.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30-5.00pm only

TODAY [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 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.

NEXT SUNDAY [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

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Ss Peter and Paul, Bath, and St Joseph, Peasedown St John, served by their communities and Parish Administrator, Mrs Michaela Larbalestier.

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 guidance for Parish Healing Prayer Teams, who minister God's healing love into our woundedness and sickness.**

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-FIRST 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 £226.26 + Loose £231.68 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £548.52 - **thanks!**

CAFOD £10.00 **Cov with the Poor** £5.00 **Repair of the Willow Tree** £2.00 thank you!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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
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
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 6.30pm 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 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]*

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!**

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).

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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 Website: www.homestartbristol.org.uk Find us on Facebook

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 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. **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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