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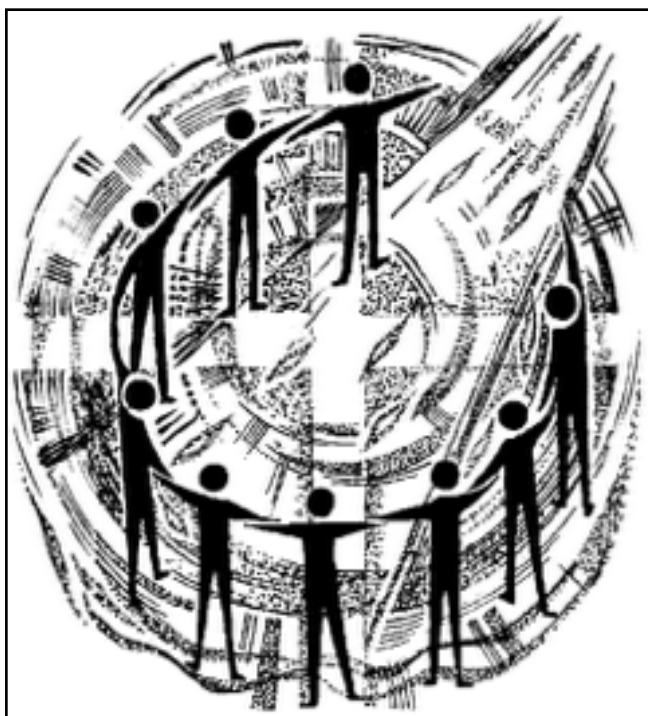
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Sunday of the Word of God



### *Called to be Light in dark places!*

Throughout Christmas we have celebrated the birth of the Light of God's Love into the dark night, not only of Bethlehem, but that darkness that covers all the world - the darkness of despair, of war, of poverty and oppression, the darkness of broken relationships and shattered dreams.

Now the work begins! We are called to be a people who with courage take the Light of challenging love into every dark place, the Light of healing into every brokenness, the Light of Kingdom Justice and Peace into those darkest places where war rages and injustice rules! We are called not to sit comfortably in the Light of Divine Love in our churches, homes and hearts: we are called to be bearers of the Light into the challenging places - to confront darkness with courage wherever it appears to rule!

To be in the Light, to carry the Light is to be called to let go of our comfort for Jesus!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10am

*United Service for Christian Unity* at 4pm at Ivy Church - all very welcome

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

*Bristol Civic Holocaust Memorial Day Event* 1.30-4.30pm (*City Hall*)

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, Dominican priest and Theologian (1225-1274)*

*Adoration* at 5.30pm *Mass* at 6.00pm followed by *Scripture Group*

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

**THURSDAY:** *Mass* at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of St John Bosco, Priest & Funder of Salesians, Educator (1815-1888)***  
*Adoration* 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am *Mass* at 9.00am  
*Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross* at 7.30pm - all welcome!

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.00am *Morning Prayer* at 8.30am *Mass* at 8.45am  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* 4.30pm only

**TODAY** [1] With the **Third Sunday of the Year** we begin proclamations of Matthew's Gospel. Matthew, the most Jewish of all the Gospels, quotes the Hebrew Scriptures more than any other. So we tell us that Jesus is the One who liberates all those who live in darkness in the 'land of Zebulun and Naphtali'. Then He calls his first disciples to follow Him along the Pathways of Light and bring that Liberation of Light to the ends of the world!

[2] Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to celebrate this Sunday each year as '**The Sunday of the Word**'. We are the People of the Word of God made Flesh in Jesus - our Sacred Scriptures speak that Word to our hearts and minds - but we are to listen, to be open, to dare to believe and dare to change! May the Bible be our constant companion, our first and greatest prayer book - the source of all true devotion.

[3] **Come and pray with our Christian sisters and brother of many traditions at Ivy Church - Ashley Churches United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.00pm**

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas** by blessing all the candles and oil used to illuminate our Church and our Liturgy during the coming year. The Holy Spirit brings us to the Church today to 'present' us to the Lord that we might carry the Light of Christ, the Light of the World to all peoples. Will we be a flame of God's Love, illuminating with the Vision of a New World and warming with the Love of God all to whom He sends us?

[2] We welcome our **ten young people who have decided to answer the call of the Christ to be anointed with the power and love of the Spirit in Confirmation**, when Bishop Declan comes among us on 23rd February. Today we hand on the Light of Christ to a new generation of missionary disciples and pray for them as they carry this Light into their world, a new world!

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

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gerard Majella, Knowle and Christ the King, Knowle West, served by Fr George Henwood and Fr Michael Derrick d'Mello, and both their communities

#### **WORD OF GOD FOR THIRD WEEK OF THE YEAR**

<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3 / Psalm 26 / 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17 / Matthew 4: 12-23
<b>Monday</b>	2 Samuel 5: 1-7, 10 / Psalm 88 / Mark 3: 22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Samuel 6: 12-15, 17-19 / Psalm 23 / Mark 3: 31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Samuel 7: 4-17 / Psalm 88 / Mark 4: 1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29 / Psalm 131 / Mark 4: 21-25
<b>Friday</b>	2 Samuel 11: 1-10, 13-17 / Psalm 50 / Mark 4: 26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17 / Psalm 50 / Mark 4: 35-41

#### **COLLECTIONS**

**12/01/2020** Env £202.47 + Loose £342.78 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £655.83 - **thanks!**

**19/01/2020** Env £181.11 + Loose £192.91 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £464.60 - **thanks!**

**Crib Offerings (for Clifton Children's Society)** £241.96 **Project 170** £15.00 (Senior Citizens) + £65.65 (Zim community) + £53.75 (LGBT+ community) = **£129.40**

**Cov with Poor** £10.00 - **many thanks!**

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2020 - HAPPY NEW YEAR AND PEACEFUL NEW DECADE**

26th Jan	Ashley Churches United Service for Christian Unity Week 4pm (Ivy Church)
27th Jan	Holocaust memorial Day - 75th Anniversary of Liberation of Auswicz - Bristol Civic Event in City Hall 1.15pm to 4.30pm
30th Jan	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
1st Feb	Exploring what the Bible really says about LGBT+ issues.
2nd Feb	<b>Feast of Candlemas and the handing on of the Light to our young people</b>
4th Feb	Anglican Bishop of Bristol, Bp Viv, visits Borderlands
8th Feb	<b>Feast of St Josephine Bakhita</b> , Patron of enslaved People - Special Mass 8.45am
8th Feb	Combatting Human Trafficking Clewer Training Day - St Nicks 10am-12.30pm
8th Feb	Students for Ministry from Sarum College visit St Nicks 2.15pm
9th Feb	Parish Forum - all invited to speak their voice and shape our mission 12.45pm
12th Feb	Borderlands Trustees meet at 10.00am
13th Feb	Anti-Slavery Partnership meeting with Police and City Council
15th Feb	Parish Pastoral Council Vision Day
20th Feb	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (presbytery)
22nd Feb	Session One - What is 'Liturgy' 9.30am to 12noon (St Nicks)
23rd Feb	<b>Bishop Declan celebrates Confirmation of our Young People 10am Mass</b>
26th Feb	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>
29th Feb	Session Two - Celebrating the Mystery of Christ: the Liturgical cycle 9.30-12noon
4th March	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm
14th March	Session Three - Preparing the Mass as Real Celebration 9.30-12noon
18th March	Borderlands Trustees meet at 10am
18th March	Ashley Churches Together meet at 12.30pm (St Nicks)
24th March	<b>Feast of St Oscar Romero - 40th Anniversary of his martyrdom - Mass 7pm</b>
25th March	<b>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>
28th March	Services of Reconciliation (including celebration First Reconciliation)
5th April	<b>PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>

**COMBATTING HATE CRIME AND HATE SPEECH** I recently attend a meeting which addressed issues of Hate Crime and Hate Speech. It is so easy to use abusive and denigrating language to individuals or about groups of people, but as Christians we are to treat every human person as our sister or brother, with dignity and respect. Holocaust and Genocide begin with hate speech, dehumanising language that then escalates into physical violence and ultimately genocide. Whether it is about race, religion, tribe, sexuality, mental illness, disability etc it must be challenged everywhere especially in our Catholic communities

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT LGBT+ ISSUES?** Most of us have been brought up and taught that the Bible and therefore the Church condemns any sexual orientation other than heterosexual. But is this the whole truth? Come and bring your questions and concerns to this Day Workshop exploring seriously what the Bible says about the LGBT+ issues. Led by the theologian Jayme R Reeves it begins at **9.00 for 9.30am and concludes at 4.00pm on Saturday 1st February here at St Nick's**. Refreshments and lunch will be provided (so registration is essential please!). contact for information or registration email: [inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com) or the parish office on 0117-909-0419.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** Friday 31st January 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Assisi Centre.

**HIDDEN VOICES BRISTOL** *Tackling Modern Slavery Together* How can our community work together to ensure that slavery practices don't take root in our area? "Hidden Voices" is an ecumenical/community process aiming to inform local communities in taking action on the challenging issue of Modern Slavery within their own communities. "Hidden Voices" will help inform us about how to spot and challenge modern slavery and then join with others in Bristol in tackling the issue. Our aim is that our communities should be

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equipped in understanding, detecting, and preventing slavery and trafficking, whilst also enabling those affected. The process takes place over three sessions. Please come even if you cannot manage all three sessions. **Time:** 10.00-12.30 **Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> January & 8<sup>th</sup> February. **Where:** St Nicks. To book or for more information and please email: [hvbristol@gmail.com](mailto:hvbristol@gmail.com) "Hidden Voices Bristol" is part of the growing <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/>

**PARISH FORUM MEETS - ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED** The next Parish Forum - a meeting for **ALL PARISHIONERS AND EVERY COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR PARISH 'COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES'** - will be on **Sunday February 9th from 12.45pm to 2.45pm**. Please make a special point of coming and voicing your ideas and concerns - help us shape the future development of our parish. The Parish Pastoral Council will take up your ideas and use them in growing our parish's ministry and mission.

**YOUNG CATHOLICS RETREAT - 21 to 23 February 2020 at Downside Abbey**  
**"Understanding the World as God's Portrait: a Retreat musing on the magnificence of the Incarnation"**

All young Catholics aged 18 to 35ish are invited to attend this residential Retreat at Downside Abbey. The principal speaker is Sebastian Morello, formator and lecturer at the Centre for Catholic Formation in London. One of the Downside Monks, Fr. Anselm Brumwell, will also be speaking about "The Biblical Revelation of God". The Downside young adult group, developed with Clifton Diocese, now comprises over 180 young people from across the country. These Retreats are a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, and stay in touch with old friends, in the beautiful setting of Downside Abbey. You will be able to join the Benedictine Monastic Community in celebrating Mass, the Divine Office and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The residential cost all meals included is: £60 in shared accommodation in Retreat House  
£80 in En-suite Twin Room in Monastery Guest Wing Non-Residential Cost all meals included: £50 Contact [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com) for programme and to book

**SHORT LITURGY COURSE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND & SHAPE THE LITURGY**

For some time now there has been a desire to help people not only understand the Liturgy - our worship in the Mass and other services and sacraments - but also to help shape our Liturgy and exercise liturgical ministries more meaningfully. So there will be three sessions in the coming weeks - ***Who are they for? All who want to understand the Liturgy more fully; All who have a liturgical ministry (Lay Readers, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir, Servers, Welcomers, Collectors etc); All who wish to help shape the Liturgy in the future.***

22nd Feb Session One - **What is 'Liturgy'**

29th Feb Session Two - **Celebrating the Mystery of Christ - the Liturgical cycle**

14th March Session Three - **Preparing the Mass as Real Celebration**

Each session will begin with Morning Prayer at 9.30am and conclude with Mass at 12noon.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY BRISTOL CIVIC EVENT** Each year our nation (and many other nations around the world) remember the 7 million Jews and 1 million others who perished at the hands of the Nazi regime in the death camps, by marking **Holocaust Memorial Day** on January 27th - the anniversary of the liberation of the worst of the Concentration camps - Auswitz in Poland. This year is special - the 75th Anniversary. We will mark this tragic anniversary during Mass today and you are all invited to Bristol's Civic Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day at the City Hall on College Green. It begins at 1.15pm and concludes at 4.30pm. Please try to come to at least some part of the event.

**NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK MEETS AT ST NICKS** On the theme of 'Our Common Home - Creative Responses', guest speaker Fr Augustino Zampini Davies. Pope Francis challenges all Christians to recognise the moral imperative of our time which is healing the planet to pass on to future generations a sustainable creation. Here in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 8th February 10.30am to 4.00pm. Mass at 9.00am All welcome!**

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