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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



JESUS - LAW OR LOVE?

Does Jesus abolish the Law or fulfil the Law? Does His 'command' of Love without measure mean that we need not bother with Law anymore? Are the ideas of Law and Love contrary?

Jesus is a faithful Jew with huge reverence for the sacred 'Torah' or Law: for Him and the Jewish People Law is intended to be life-giving, not life-limiting. Yet Jesus does challenge us to live lives of such love that we go beyond the inevitable narrowness and restrictions of Law. Jesus replaces the young man's question 'What must I do?' with new question: 'How much can I do?'

The Law is fulfilled, but precisely by being transformed and transcended. Love is never limited by Law, but Love will never transgress the Law - a Law that genuinely comes from God's design and desire for His world. Law is limited - the Love that fulfils Law is without limit - infinite!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10am

Mass with the Catholic LGBT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

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

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

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.00pm Mass at 5.30pm (N.B. NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

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

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

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SATURDAY: *Feast of the Chair ('Cathedra') of St Peter, first Bishop of Rome****Adoration*** at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** after Mass and 4.30pm

TODAY [1] On the **Sixth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Perfection of the Law - the Beloved Son who invites us to go beyond all Law by our mercy, forgiveness and love. Disciples are called to live at a higher standard than any law - by loving with the power of God's love that lies deep within us. Jesus challenges to be more!

[2] **Mass with the LBG+ community and family and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Seventh Sunday of the Year** we welcome Bishop Declan who comes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with ten of our young people. Let us all open ourselves to the outpouring of the renewing and empowering Holy Spirit of God's dynamic love. Let us reaffirm our Confirmation, our 'ordination' to the fulness of the Priesthood of All Believers, gifted with ministries, charism and mission for the upbuilding of a mature church and the transformation of the world into God's design of Justice, Love and Peace.

[2] **Please all come and celebrate with our young people after the Confirmation Mass, and meet our Bishop.** It will be in the Parish Hall. But please make sure that we are all in place to begin our Mass at 10.00am - thank you!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Patrick's, Brockworth and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown, Gloucester, served by Fr Christopher Hickey, Fr Paul Brandon, Deacon Brendan Vaughan-Spruce, Parish Administrators Mrs Marianne Roberts and Lily Vujakovic and both their communities.

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

This week, pray God's Blessing and guidance for the teachers, staff, governors, pupils and their families of our parish school of St Nicholas of Tolentino. Our school has many challenges at this time and have great need of our prayer. We pray especially for our children who have special needs that we may serve their growth and development with care, compassion and understanding.

WORD OF GOD FOR SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 / Psalm 118 / 1 Corinthians 2 : 6-10 / Matthew 5: 17-37
Monday	James 1: 1-11 / Psalm 118 / Mark 8: 11-13
Tuesday	James 1: 12-18 / Psalm 93 / Mark 8: 14-21
Wednesday	James 1: 19-27 / Psalm 14 / Mark 8: 22-26
Thursday	James 2: 1-9 / Psalm 33 / Mark : 27-33
Friday	James 2: 14-24, 26 / Psalm 111 / Mark 8: 34-9: 1
Saturday	1 Peter 5: 1-4 / Psalm 22 / Matthew 16: 13-19

COLLECTIONS

Env £102.00 + Loose £184.97 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £377.55 - **many thanks!**

Racial Justice Collection £22.98 (still open) - **thank you!**

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

19th Feb	Public Meeting on Windrush Deportations 6.30-9.00pm Malcolm X Centre
20th Feb	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (presbytery)
22nd Feb	Session One - What is 'Liturgy' 9.30am to 12noon (St Nicks)
22nd Feb	Altar Servers practice for Confirmation Mass at 5.00pm
23rd Feb	Bishop Declan celebrates Confirmation of our Young People 10am Mass
26th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm
27th Feb	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
29th Feb	Session Two - Celebrating the Mystery of Christ: the Liturgical cycle 9.30-12noon

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4th March	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm
6th March	CAFOD Lenten Fast Day - in solidarity with the poorest of the Earth
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	Feast of St Oscar Romero - 40th Anniversary of his martyrdom - Mass 7pm
25th March	Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord
28th March	Services of Reconciliation (including celebration First Reconciliation)
5th April	PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

COMBATTING HATE CRIME AND HATE SPEECH On this Racial Justice Sunday it is important that we address 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 or disability it must be challenged everywhere especially in our Catholic communities

JOURNEY OF FAITH Friday 21st February at 6.30 pm in the Assisi Centre.

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.

CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS

All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK), now that 'Brexit' has happened, must apply for residency in UK or there is a danger that if travelling abroad you might not be allowed re-entry to UK. 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

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS

Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Andrew (07519991066) who is co-ordinating this ministry.

CONSECRATING ENGLAND TO MARY - 'Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham'

During the Middle Ages (before the Reformation of the 16th century) England had such a deep devotion Mary that it was known as 'Mary's Dowry'. And the great Pilgrimage centre of Walsingham (dedicated to the 'Holy House of Nazareth') was one of the greatest Shrines in all Europe. The Bishops of England have decided to 'rededicate' England to Mary. As part of this the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the famous 'Slipper Chapel' is touring all the dioceses and a Consecration is being made in each Cathedral. The statue (with exhibi-

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tion and three days of prayer and preaching) will be at Clifton Cathedral from Thursday 20th Feb (4.00pm) until Saturday 22nd (1.30pm). **Please try to visit the Cathedral during these three days. I recommend especially 4.00pm to 7.30pm on Thursday 20th Feb - Bishop Declan will lead our diocesan Act of Consecration to Mary during Solemn Mass at 6.15pm. Please see the poster in the porch for full details of the three day programme.**

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE WINDRUSH DEPORTATIONS With Mayor Marvin Rees and Cllr Asher Craig, hosting this meeting at the **Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Road, St Pauls BS2 8YH**, it also features Patrick Vernon OBE (leading UK campaigner on this scandal) and Sheila Sharman (Senior Caseworker, Thangham Debonnaire MP's office). There will be report and discussion of the Government's policy of 'hostile environment' and its effects especially on those who have the right to residence in UK which is being ignored or frustrated. Please book attendance on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/windrush-deportations-public-meeting-tickets-93963193441?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

INVITE TO SHARE THE 'PEACE ROSE PROJECT' Parishioners, family and friends are invited to join in a woolly venture, a Peace Rose Project. The idea is to crochet (or knit) roses for an exhibition in 2021. We are interested in seeing if we can use the project to make grassroots connections between St Nicks parishioners and people in other faith and non-faith groups by inviting them to join with us. We hope it will be an opportunity for some relaxed, peaceful and fun creativity. Crochet lessons are available for those who would like to learn - and the patterns we are using are very simple and suitable for beginners. Anyone interested please speak to Eva Achoche (07475654032) or Maggie Mathews (07714 701218) or leave your contact details on the sheet on the notice board by the church doors.

YOGA FOR ALL AGES Cathie Waithe is offering Yoga classes in the Assisi Centre, each **Friday 10.30-11.30am in the Assisi Centre**. Yoga - its discipline and practice can enable us to become stronger in both mind and body. Young or old - this is for you! These classes are suitable for those new to Yoga as well as those more experienced. Fee: £6.00, £3.00 (concessionary) (less or free to anyone who cannot afford the fee). Please see Cathy, or just turn up! Profits donated to the parish 170 Project.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH A Day of speakers, workshops and resources to help us grow our parish as a 'dementia friendly church'. **Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church, BS9 3TE on Friday 13th March 9.45am to 3.00pm**. Refreshments and lunch provided. No charge but donations welcomed. Dementia is an increasing pastoral issue for our churches.

SOURCES OF WISDOM IN 'A WORLD GONE MAD' with Fr Lawrence Freeman OSB **Saturday 14th March at 2.15 p.m. at Clifton Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BX** In a secular age where many feel alienated from religion and most structures are melting, hope lies in wisdom. But where are the springs of wisdom today? Fr Laurence exposes new and old sources of wisdom to show how to live hopefully and reconnect with the traditions on which our future depends. A talk, including a period of meditation and time for questions. There will be a book stall and the event will finish by 4.15 p.m. £10 suggested donation on the day. For forty years Fr Laurence has been teaching the recovery of the contemplative wisdom tradition in the Church and in society at large. He is active in inter-religious dialogue and engages with the secular world on education, mental health, business, addiction and recovery, interfaith and the environment. An international speaker and retreat leader, he is the author of many books. A Benedictine monk, he serves as the spiritual guide and Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). To book, go to <https://fr-laurence-bristol-sources-wisdom.eventbrite.co.uk> or e-mail roger.layet@btinternet.com or phone him on 01275 463727

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