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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### **COME HOLY SPIRIT RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH**

Our God, Abba our loving Father, loves to pour Divine Gifts upon us whom He loves. He poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our conception so that we could be human - made in the Divine Image and Likeness.

In Baptism He pours the Spirit again so that we can experience Him as the love that fulfils our lives and draws us into profound intimacy with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the final step in 'Initiation' into the Body of Christ, God pours His Spirit into our being to gift us for Mission and Ministry, gifts us so that we can be gift to the Church and to the world. Holy Spirit comes to empower the Christian for ministry in the Body of Christ and mission to the world in the name of Christ. It is an essential part of our growing into Christ that we not only experience His love but become His Love for others. So the Holy Spirit comes with charisms and gifts to equip us as co-workers with Jesus Christ in the immense task of building up God's Church, proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News, bringing healing and hope to the broken and oppressed, and ultimately 'renewing the face of the earth'!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Declan at 10am

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

**TUESDAY:** *Shrove Tuesday*  
*Scripture Group* at 4.30-5.30pm *Adoration* at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

## **LENT BEGINS - A TIME FOR RENEWAL**

**WEDNESDAY:** ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Mass (with School) at 9.30am

*Adoration* at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm (N.B. NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

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

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

**SATURDAY:** *Liturgy Training Session Two - 9.30am to Mass at 12 noon*  
*Adoration* at 9.00am *Morning Prayer* at 9.30am Mass at 12 noon  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after Mass and 4.30pm

**TODAY** [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!

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **First Sunday of Lent** we celebrate the Jesus wrestling with the temptations of power - the power of the Spirit being misused for self and dominance rather than for serving others. Jesus 'is like us in all things except sin' - so He too is tempted! He is the 'High Priest - one just like his brothers and sisters', One who knows weakness and is therefore a compassionate High Priest. He enters the wilderness of temptation and emerges the faithful Servant of God's Kingdom. We invites us to join Him in the same struggle.

[2] **Stations of the Cross** at 1.00pm - all encouraged to come and pray for a suffering world - and especially for Peace.

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

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the Assumption of Our Lady, Chippenham, Wiltshire, served by Canon Desmond Millet, Parish Administrator Mrs Maeve Opie and all the community.

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

This week, pray God's Blessing and guidance for the Hospitality Teams, serving refreshments in the Parish hall after Mass every Sunday. This ministry is part of creating a welcoming community and as well as building our sense of community as we spend time together after Mass building real relationships among us.

**WORD OF GOD FOR SEVENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR AND BEGINNING OF LENT**

<b>Sunday</b>	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 / Psalm 102 / 1 Corinthians 3 : 16-23 / Matthew 5: 38-487
<b>Monday</b>	James 3: 13-18 / Psalm 18 / Mark 9: 14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	James 4: 1-10 / Psalm 54 / Mark 9: 30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Joel 2: 12-18 / Psalm 50 / 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6: 2 / Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 / Psalm 1 / Luke 9: 22-253
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 58: 1-9 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 9: 14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 58: 9-14 / Psalm 85 / Luke 5: 27-32

**COLLECTIONS**

Env £163.90 + Loose £187.47 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £441.95 - **many thanks!**

**PROJECT 170** £70.00 + £46.40 (*Zimbabwean Mass*) + £38.25 (*LGBT+ Mass*) = £154.65  
**Covenant with the Poor** £15.00 - **thank you!**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

23rd Feb **Bishop Declan celebrates Confirmation of our Young People 10am Mass**

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26th Feb	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm</b>
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
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	<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>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUNG PEOPLE** With joy we celebrate today the Confirmation in the Holy Spirit of Dominic and Tinotenda Chipuriro, Ryan Zhou, Esosa Omoruyi, Ruby Strainge, Jason Ngele, Benedicta Lobela Ambar, Luba Songu, Samuel Masenyama and Sylvia Njeri Mbugua. We congratulate them and look forward to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that they will share with us in the upbuilding of the Church and the transformation of the world. As we pray for them today, may we pray often for them and all our young people who have such gifts to share with us, to whom we pass on the sacred task of building the Kingdom of God and Proclaiming the Good News. *Thank you, Bishop Declan, for coming to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us.*

**LENT BEGINS** Every Lent is a 'Springtime' of growth and renewal - a time for self-awareness, for change, for growth in Christ - A PRIVILEGED TIME OF GRACE. *In communion with Pope Francis we seek to be a People of simplicity and humility, a People of the 'Joy of the Gospel'.* Seek and find more of God, open to the embrace of His love. You and I need this Lent - to develop as a community of prayer, a community of unity and healing, a community of mission, a community of Love! truly disciples in God's Family! *You need the parish this Lent - and the parish needs you!*

***SO WILL YOU EMBRACE THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT, GIVE TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS A TIME OF RENEWAL FOR YOURSELF, YOUR PARISH AND YOUR COMMUNITY?*** Let us together make this a Season filled with 'the Joy of the Gospel', drawing closer to God, especially in the Eucharist and the intimacy of prayer, drawing closer together as God's Family, and serving together the parish family and the world's poor. We have so many opportunities for prayer and service, for involvement and sharing responsibility in our parish. Have we grown so used to some of them, that we no longer value them? ***IT IS TIME TO REDISCOVER THE VALUE OF THESE, AND DRINK AFRESH FROM THE DEEP POOLS OF PEACE, THE VIBRANT WELLSPRINGS OF THE SPIRIT. Do not let this Lent pass you by - give yourself and you will receive a full measure, brimming over! WHICH KIND OF LENT WILL YOU HAVE?***

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE 'TRUE FAST'** "Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent - so you can listen."

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** Friday 28th 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 Litur-

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gy 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.*

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.

**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.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 'WALK OF PENITENCE FOR ABUSE OF OUR PLANET'**

Walk of Penitence for all that human beings have done to destroy the Planet, organised by Christian Climate Action. Gather at the War Memorial in the Centre at 5pm. Walk to College Green for a Service, opposite the Cathedral. - All welcome and encouraged to participate.

**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 issues 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 Lawrence 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, a period of meditation and time for questions, a book stall. The event ends by 4.15 p.m. £10 suggested donation. For forty years Fr Lawrence has been teaching 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](mailto:roger.layet@btinternet.com) or phone him on 01275 463727

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