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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



TOUCHING THE WOUNDS

Why was the Risen Jesus scarred by the wounds of crucifixion and death? Surely they should have been healed? Obliterated?

It was not simply so that the disciples could be sure it was really Him, really alive! Resurrection does not obliterate death - it transforms it: for Jesus and for us. Healing is about growing through our woundedness to a new wholeness, not removing the wounds. For our wounds are the privileged meeting places with the divine, transforming Love. Our wounds become the place of growth, of new becoming and new beginning. We become whom we truly are through our wounds as touched by Love they become well-springs of healing and wholeness - source of our resurrection and new life.

And Thomas the doubting Apostle must touch the wounds - not only so that he will believe at last, but so that the Church formed upon the foundation stones of the witness of the Apostles, will know that it must always touch the wounds of humanity, the scars of the world, the cries and tears of the Earth, if we are to know the Risen Jesus and become part of His Rising in today's world. With love and courage to be Jesus touching the wounds!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS - STREAMED LIVE ON FACE BOOK at 10am
Streamed Stations of the Resurrection on Facebook at 3.00pm (*changed time*)

MONDAY: Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Anselm, monk, theologian, Archbishop of Canterbury (died 1109)*
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of St George, Martyr, patron of England (died c 303)*
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Mark, Evangelist.*
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [1] 'Low Sunday', the Octave Day of Easter: we celebrate the wonder of this Feast of Feasts throughout the week. In the early Church this was the only other day that Baptism was celebrated - an overflow if there were too many to be baptised during the Vigil itself. Sadly, we are unable to celebrate Baptism (except in emergency) until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

[2] The Word of God speaks to us of that **first Christian Community in Jerusalem that was so close and loving** that its life together that 'great signs and wonders were worked among them' and healing flowed from them into their city. They witnessed to the Risen Lord, the source of New Life! They were a community overflowing with healing and life empowering the witness of Peter and the other Apostles. The conversion of St Thomas from his doubt to profound faith came about because he returned to the Community of the Resurrection and discovered Jesus alive in the midst of them! Does this describe our parish, our Church?

[3] We celebrate **the Stations of the Resurrection at 3.00pm, streamed on Facebook.**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Third Sunday of Easter** celebrates the Risen Jesus coming to us in the 'Breaking of Bread' - the Eucharist. Two broken disciples, whose world had collapsed on Golgotha Hill that 'bad' Friday, meet a stranger who listens!; helps them to see their shattering experience with new eyes of faith and then brings them healing and freedom as He Breaks the Bread. Then they know - they (and we) encounter our Risen Lord around the Tale of the Broken Bread and Shared Cup and they and we know it was in fact the 'Good Friday' of Salvation and Forgiveness. Perhaps our inability to gather around the table of the Eucharist at this strange and difficult time might deepen our hunger and enlarge our valuing of this encounter with the Risen One Who heals us.

[2] **Adoration and Evening Prayer for Healing** will be broadcast on Facebook at 3.00pm: do join us!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon, served by Fr Barnabas Page, Deacon Paul Dekkers, Parish Administrator Gail Ebsworth and all their communities in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.

A REFLECTION FOR THIS PRESENT TIME *"Jesus' life of love is not a self-preserving love. It is not a hands-off-for-fear-of-getting-hurt love. It is not a passive love. It is not a love that refuses to deeply invest in relationship. What we see in Christ is sacrificial love. Merciful love. Love that values the well-being of others above itself. Love that will*

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generously and fully pour itself out, whatever the cost, in order that the beloved might benefit, flourish, and thrive." By Krish Kandiah

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon **all who serve the Healing Ministry**. There are those of us who pray healing (with the 'Laying on of Hands') at our Healing Services, at Masses of Anointing and other times. Those who serve God's healing will through medicine: doctors, nurses, mental health workers, care workers, hospital laboratory worker, medical researchers, community health specialist etc. We have learnt during the Coronavirus pandemic the important contribution each makes to our society's health. Pray for them, especially those who are part of our parish.

WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47 / Psalm 117 / 1 Peter 1: 3-9 / John 20: 19-31
Monday	Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31 / Psalm 2 / John 3: 1-8
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-37 / Psalm 91 / John 3: 7-15
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26 / Psalm 33 / John 3: 16-21
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-33 / Psalm 33 / John 3: 31-36
Friday	Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42 / Psalm 26 / John 6: 1-15
Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7 / Psalm 32 / 1 Peter 5: 5-14 / Mark 16: 15-20

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £240 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £320.58 - **Please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, Gift-Aided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office) - we are supporting so many people as those unemployment are increasing in at this time. THANK TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD BANK WITH DONATIONS OF FOOD OR MONEY.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th April	Low Sunday Mass streamed at 10am
23rd April	Borderlands Trustees meet via 'Zoom'
24th April	Funeral Service for Mary Dowds RIP
27th April	Funeral Service for Delphine Cruickshank RIP
29th April	Funeral Service for Irene Stephens RIP
20th May	Funeral Service for Jim Sorhaindo RIP
21st May	FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
31st May	FEAST OF PENTECOST - BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH
7th June	FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
14th June	FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ
19th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP AND LITURGY The Conference of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have taken certain, measures to support the efforts to limit and delay the spread of the COVID-19 for the sake of Public Health.

- [1] Mass and other services are to be celebrated privately, without a congregation. ***We are arranging for Sunday and weekday Mass to be live streamed on the Parish Face Book***
- [2] The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be celebrated by appointment
- [3] All are encouraged to take part in Mass through the internet (**daily Mass broadcast from St Nicks daily**) and make a 'spiritual communion'
- [4] Hold the Sunday Holy by prayer and reflecting upon the Scriptures of the Day (**made available on our Parish Website**) - the Rosary or the 'Prayer of the Church' recommended
- [5] Baptisms to be deferred (except for extreme pastoral need) until Public Worship resumes, and celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation likewise postponed.

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[6] Weddings also to be postponed until gatherings are resumed: except in exceptional circumstances and with only priest, bride and groom and immediate family present.

[7] Funerals to take place only at Crematorium or graveside with immediate family, with Memorial Mass postponed until public gatherings resume.

DAILY MASS AND SOME TIMES OF REFLECTION BROADCAST ON FACEBOOK

You can see the times of live-streaming for Mass at the beginning of the Weekly Newsletter. Try to join your community in Spiritual Communion, reflecting on the Scriptures, praising God and interceding for our world in these crisis days. In these times of severely restricted movement and activity, use some of that time to deepen your faith and your understanding of the Scriptures. Resources will be posted on our Parish Website: www.tolentino.org.uk and Mass and other prayer and reflections will be broadcast on the parish facebook page: St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol. Please excuse the temporary varied quality (we are using Richard's iPhone), but we expect better broadcasting as we acquire better equipment this week. *We had 650 viewings of last Sunday's broadcast Mass and between 150 and 250 for our weekday Masses!* It is gratifying that we can reach out to so many people during this time of isolation.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES [1] **The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 10am-12noon**

so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-909-8810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

[2] **The Parish Office and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will co-ordinate care and support** for those who are in isolation or are vulnerable in any way. Volunteers to help from those able to do so are very welcome. We must care for one another as well as pray for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support (telephone no above)

[3] Apologies, but a word about **Parish Finance!** We are experiencing a marked increase of calls on our Caritas Fund and Foodbank as the health crisis increases and many more people find themselves with little or no income. We are committed to meet this need as far as we possibly can – as Pope Francis says 'we are the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor'. But we need your continued help and generosity! We are dependent upon our weekly collections but if no Public Mass there is problem! We ask you to continue your weekly offering: either by making a standing order to the parish account or filling in the Diocesan Standing Order and Gift Aid Form (email for details); or by giving you money offering and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours.

CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC - A CALL TO PRAYER AND CARE

Please download from our parish website a copy of the prayers issued by our Bishops and use it daily in your own homes - support the sick, all medical staff caring for them, those caring in our nursing and elderly people's homes and countries without our sophisticated health service. Let us all care for the vulnerable in our neighbourhoods, especially all self-isolating? *Prayer and Care.*

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 3rd May - Day of Prayer for Vocations

We are asked to pray for a deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and serve the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace; each of us is called to care for our environment and seek to heal the abuse of our good Earth so that future generations will be able to thrive on this planet. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are necessary to the mission of God's Church. We seek especially to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate, preparing for a future without a resident priest. **Sunday 3rd May.** Pray also for new expressions of ordained ministry!

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