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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST - 'COME HOLY SPIRIT'



The God of Wind & Fire, Energy & Peace!

Come Holy Spirit! Come uncontainable God! Come Divine energy for Mission! Come Divine Love that heals and builds relationships! Come God who is Community! Come Spirit that gifts each one of us! Come Spirit that empowers our mission! Come Spirit that drives us into the marketplace of the world! Come Spirit that seeks to use to 'renew the face of the Earth'!

Come Spirit of Fire, warm our coldness, inflame our apathies, purify our hearts into the pure gold of Your love!

Come Spirit of Mighty Wind, sweep away our fears, drive from us our anxieties and energise us for mission! Come Mighty Wind and blow us where you will through our world to scatter seeds of Gospel freedom, love and truth! Come gentle breeze and breath of God and refresh our weariness of heart!

Come Water of Life, spring up within us to quench our thirst for God, our thirst for Life and Justice!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of Pentecost - on Facebook 10am
(No Devotional Service today)

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS Week Nine (weekday cycle 2)

MONDAY: *Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church*
streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

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

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WEDNESDAY: ***Feast of St Charles Lwanga & the Ugandan Martyrs (died 1885-1887)***
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: ***FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST***
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Boniface, Bishop, monk and Martyr (672-754)***
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] We celebrate the second greatest Feast of the Church's Year - the birth of the Church in a ferment of praise and mission on **Pentecost Day**, as the Wind and flame of the Spirit shakes the disciples and liberates them and us to love with the heart of Christ Jesus. ***Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful, enflame us with Your Love!***

[2] **On the Eve of Pentecost (Saturday at 6.00pm) we will have Vigil Prayer** invoking the Holy Spirit overshadowing our parish, our diocese and the whole Church so that we might play our part in 'renewing the face of the Earth'.

[3] There will be no evening devotional service today

NEXT SUNDAY [1] Having celebrated over the last few months the great events of our and the world's salvation in Christ, we come to celebrate not the actions of God, but the BEING OF GOD. On the **Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity** we celebrate our God who is a network of infinitely loving relationships, and that Divine Loving overflows into all creation. All creation, the whole Cosmos is an endless pattern of inter-connectedness, of communion - and we who are made in the image and likeness of God become our real selves as we give ourselves to the Other - the Divine Other and to our sisters and brothers. This Feast celebrates who God is and therefore who we are! Let us embrace the Divine Loving that dwells in the core of our being and become our real and eternal selves!

[2] **Evening Prayer of the Holy Trinity with Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament will be live-streamed on the Parish Face Book Page at 3.00pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, with St Mary's, Cricklade served by Fr Michael Robertson, and both communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon our **Bristol Zimbabwean Catholic** Community, who are very much part of our parish family even if they belong to other parishes, because of their monthly Mass in Shona and ways that they all support this community. May they continue to bring us their joy, their faith and sense of mission and service.

WORD OF GOD FOR NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11 / Psalm 103 / 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 / John 20: 19-23

Monday Genesis 3: 19-15, 20 / Psalm 86 / Acts of the Apostles 1: 12-14 / John 19: 25-34

Tuesday 2 Peter 3: 11-15, 17-18 / Psalm 89 / Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday 2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12 / Psalm 122 / Mark 12: 18-27

Thursday Hebrews 2: 10-18 / Psalm 39 / Matthew 26: 36-42

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Friday 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 / Psalm 118 / Mark 12: 35-37
Saturday 2 Timothy 4: 1-8 / Psalm 70 / Mark 12: 38-44

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £185 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £275.58 - Thank you!

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FAVOUR OF THE PARISH OR MADE OTHER DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - since the lockdown in mid-March you and others have donated £4292.00 to the work and mission of the parish. This does not include donations specifically to the Foodbank and the Caritas Fund - thank you for your generosity.

If you have not yet contributed, please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office). And our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing in at this time. **THANK TO ALL** who are supporting our Foodbank with donations of food or money.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31st May **FEAST OF PENTECOST - BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH**
 1st June **Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church**
 5th June **Feast of Jesus Christ, High Priest**
 7th June **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
 9th June Funeral Service for Faustina Ogbu RIP
 14th June **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ**
 19th June **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 19th June Funeral Service for Stanislas Cuffy RIP
 20th June Parish Pastoral Council meets via 'Zoom' at 2.00pm
 28th June **Feast of St Peter & St Paul**
 2nd July Borderlands Trustees meet via Zoom at 3.30pm

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP UPDATE! By now we all know that churches and other centres of faith communities are closed to public worship. As the restrictions are slowly easing (with the risks to community health inevitably attached to this!), we look forward to that day in the future when we can in some measure come together for the Mass and community we value so much. When that will be and how it will be achieved at this stage we do not know: we need to continue our patient care of each other and our support of the elderly and vulnerable. **Thank you for understanding - and meanwhile do join in the Mass live-streamed daily as well as the talks each day - Parish Face Book Page - 'St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol'.**

PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES [1] **The Parish Office is open from 10am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday** 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 are co-ordinating 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:

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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 cash offertory and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours or through the Presbytery door.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ON 'ZOOM' On Saturday 23rd May we held our first ever PPC meeting via Zoom - the wonders of modern communication technology. It was good to see each other again and talk together. Having shared how the lockdown period has been for each of us - and we all missed our community being together especially at Mass - we then discussed the **future of the parish FoodBank** which is currently giving food to 500 people a week. We suspect that this has become a permanent ministry of our parish for the foreseeable future (with the post-pandemic financial crisis causing much hardship to many in our area). How will we sustain it in terms of accommodating the supply of food once the Assisi Centre returns to normal usage, as well as the personnel needed for it to continue on a permanent basis. It is a challenging ministry not for everyone! We also explored how we can **open up the Church** (when we are allowed to, probably in a limited way in July or August) for private prayer and/or Mass - the logistics of reduced numbers to enable social distancing at Mass, the vastly increased hygiene required, and therefore increased numbers of people involved in this. Perhaps we would need two maybe even three Sunday Masses and how we would decide who would come to which Mass - also a suggestion whether we could use the school playing field. Many ideas, no solutions but we have begun the thinking! We also discussed **what might be needed to live-stream Mass permanently when we return to the Church and the infrastructure need for this**. We also discussed how we can have **effective pastoral care for parishioners who do not have access to the internet**. And there was a **big thank you to Eneyi for her great work with the Catholic Women's WhatsApp group that has helped so many during the isolation**. We also had a financial update from Robert and expressed our thanks to those who have generously supported the parish financially during the lockdown and all who have donated food or money to the Parish Foodbank and Caritas Hardship Fund. We set another meeting via 'Zoom' for Saturday 20th June at 2.00pm.

AFTER PENTECOST - 'ORDINARY TIME' I am always struck by the fact that the great Feasts of the Holy Spirit - The Baptism of the Lord and Pentecost - are followed not by an Octave of celebration but by a return to the 'Ordinary Time'. There is a profound teaching in this - the fulness of the Holy Spirit impelling us in to Mission to our world, bubbling over with Life, the Gospel and Gifts of the Spirit to change the world - this is the **ORDINARY EXISTENCE FO THE CHRISTIAN AND THE CHURCH** - not something extraordinary!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, my Brother and Lord,

I recognise you present with me

in the Breaking of the Bread and the sharing of the Cup,

in this most holy Sacrament of Your Body and Blood.

I love you Who come to me in the poverty of this bread and wine

and desire with all my heart to receive you into the core of my being.

It hurts that I cannot at this time eat Your Body and drink Your Blood, but I truly believe you do come to me in all fulness.

For Your love unites me spiritually with my Eucharistic Community, with Your whole Body, the Church.

I believe nothing can separate me from Your love.

I thank you with all my being that I am now one with you

and my sisters and brothers in Your Church

through this Holy Eucharist.

Praise to You, my Food and my Love, my Brother and my Lord! AMEN!

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