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THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



COME, EAT AND DRINK THE LORD'S LOVE!

What an amazing gift! Invited to the Table of the Lord, to eat and drink with Him, to eat and drink of Him! He gives Himself as our food and drink, He pours the love of His own heart into ours! He shares all that He is with us, all His life!

This Feast celebrates His Presence, that He really is our food and drink. In the Eucharist we come into the Presence of the whole Christ, we absorb Him into our very life-blood, our growing and becoming now is His growing and becoming in our world - in our flesh!

Despite every challenge to believe less, the Church has always prized the Real Presence, the dynamic Presence, the utter reality of Jesus Christ in this transformed Bread and Wine. There can be no greater food, no more exquisite banquet - and it is free! Yet to live its Love can cost everything - but this is such a small exchange for this amazing gift!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS, followed by a period of Adoration in honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi - live-streamed on Facebook 10am (No other devotional Service today)

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197)*
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 Alban, First martyr of Britain (3rd century)*
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Funeral of Stanislas Cuffy RIP at 2.00pm
Streamed Mass of Healing on Face Book at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: *Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*
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 **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ** ('**Corpus Christi**'), giving thanks for this 'inestimable gift' (Pope John Paul II), this 'Cosmic Love' (Pope Francis), that nourishes us with the love and life of Christ Jesus, food for our Pilgrim Journey on earth, gathering us and forming us into the Body of Christ for our 21st Century world. Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist, recognising Him Risen and alive among us in the 'Breaking of Bread', sustains us as we grow as missionary disciples, allowing ourselves to become 'bread broken to be given for the life of the world' (St Augustine).

[2] This was meant to be First Eucharist Sunday, but sadly we are not able to share this wonder Sacrament with our First Eucharist Children and their families at this time. We remember them and pray for them especially during this Mass.

[3] Instead of our 3.00pm service, **10am Mass will be followed immediately by a period of Adoration of the Eucharistic Christ**, as we are not able to hold a Corpus Christi Procession. Please give extra time for this on this beautiful Feast of the Eucharist.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twelfth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate God's great love and care for us expressed in the Father's gift of Jesus - the 'perfect love that casts out all fear'! The call to witness to the Gospel can bring many challenges, as the constancy of martyrdom throughout the Christian centuries testifies. But as Psalm 62 says 'your love is better than life itself', so we must face every challenge with faith and trust in God's great love for us, rather than be filled with fear. Fear is real in our lives, but must not stop us witnessing with courage!

[2] **Evening Prayer and Adoration in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** at 3.00pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury and St Michael, Shepton Mallet served by Fr Bede Rowe and Fr Anselm Redman, Parish Administrator Miss Kim Woolmer and both communities. We pray also for all who serve the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon our **SVP conference (Society of St Vincent de Paul)**. This group meets fortnightly and seeks to help the poor, lonely and those in need by prayer and practical help. They are inspired by the example both of St Vincent de Paul whose great love and service of the poor led him both to found the Vincentian Fathers and to co-found with St Louis de Marillac the Daughters of charity (who were part of our parish for some 95 years). The first such Conference was established by Bl Frederick Ozanam in Paris around 1825. They are

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looking for volunteers to come and join them in this work, especially among younger adults. Please contact Peter Sorhaindo

WORD OF GOD FOR ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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| Sunday | Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 / Psalm 147 / 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 / John 6: 51-58 |
| Monday | 1 Kings 21: 1-16 / Psalm 5 / Matthew 5: 38-42 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kings 21: 17-29 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 5: 43-48 |
| Wednesday | 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday | Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-14 / Psalm 96 / Matthew 6: 7-15 |
| Friday | Deuteronomy 7: 6-11 / Psalm 102 / Matthew 11: 25-30 |
| Saturday | 2 Chronicles 24: 17-25 / Psalm 88 / Luke 2: 41-51 |

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £450 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £540.58 - 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 (eg 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

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| 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 |

POSSIBLE OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER From Monday churches can be open for private prayer (ONLY) provided all safety measures are in place. There will be a special Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday at 3.30pm (via 'Zoom') with advice from medical professionals in our parish family to advise. We hope to make a decision whether we are able to open the church for private prayer and if so when and how! Our decision will be posted on our parish website and face book page. We have submitted a Risk assessment to the the diocese, which has been approved. ***BUT WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ACT AS STEWARDS AND HYGIENE OPERATIVES DURING THE PERIOD OF PRIVATE PRAYER.***

Meanwhile, we still cannot hold gatherings for public worship (Mass). Yes, the restrictions are slowly easing (with the risks to community health inevitably attached to this!), but at the same time there are danger signals suggesting infections might be increasing again. We need to continue our patient care of each other and our support of the elderly and vulnerable. **Thank you for understanding - and please 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.

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[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: 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.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS OF WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES MASS - RADIO

Mass is celebrated today at 8.10am at Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and broadcast of BBC Radio 4. This might be especially helpful to all who cannot access Mass live-streamed on the internet.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ON ‘ZOOM’ At our recent meeting we discussed:

[1] the **future of the parish FoodBank** which is currently giving food to 500 people a week. We believe 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)., we have agree to purchase a ‘container’ office to be placed in the Church forecourt and equip it for a food bank with freezer and fridge capacity. With Bishop Declan’s support we have received a grant from Gubay Trust that will meet this cost.

[2] We are also reflecting on the safety requirements needed to being public Mass again when we have permission from the Government and our Bishops.

[3] We also discussed **what might be needed to live-stream Mass permanently when we return to the Church and the infrastructure need for this.**

[4] We also discussed how we can have **effective pastoral care for parishioners who do not have access to the internet.**

[5] 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.**

[6] We also had a financial update from Robert and expressed our thanks top 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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER!

I wish to voice my strong support for the BLM movement sweeping across USA, this country and many other parts of the world. Racism and discrimination are sadly still rooted firmly in the social fabric of UK and many other countries (if not all!). As Christians who believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God’s own image and likeness, we must speak out against such evil that claimed the life of George Floyd, Stephen Lawrence and countless millions throughout the centuries. Bristol’s wealth and prestige was built upon the slave trade. We cannot change history - but **WE CAN AND MUST CHANGE THE FUTURE!** How we raise our voices, our we denounce the evil, how we stand in solidarity with our black sisters and brothers is key to the success of this movement: violence only begets violence while courageous peace can liberate change! Love has to be our motive and our energy - never hatred. ***And during this pandemic that love must include acting responsibly that does not endanger Public Health.*** It is clear that far right neo-fascist organisations are attempting to ferment violence to divert attention from the injustice of racism - **WE MUST NOT GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY** - we need patience and wisdom in how we protest and raise the voices for justice. Please pray!

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