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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



BEING A DISCIPLE - COSTING NOT LESS THAN EVERYTHING

Jesus is an utter realist! No false optimism or false promises of ease and comfort for His disciples! He spells out the cost - 'Take up your cross and follow Me!' - follow Me as I walk the path of the world's suffering; follow Me as I embrace with love the world's hatreds; walk with Me as I love the wounded and wounding world beyond the breaking of My Heart'.

How can we possibly consider making such a foolish commitment? Because he also says 'Do not be afraid! You are so precious in the eyes of God. You are my Beloved and I call you along the road of Love. The Cross you carry is the sweet burden of Love's vulnerability, and Faith's courage. While the world wants ease I promise you struggle; while the world wants wealth and power, I promise you a peace beyond all understanding! Just give me everything! I am with you! I love you - you are My 'pearl of great price' for which I gave my life!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS - live-streamed on Facebook 10am

Evening Prayer & Adoration in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 3.00pm.

MONDAY: *Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs (died 1535)*

streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am

Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: *Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist*
 Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
 Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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

FRIDAY: (No Faith Reflection on Facebook today - sorry!)
 Streamed Mass of Healing on Face Book at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Theologian (370-444)*
 Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon
 Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [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. This weekend being World Migrants Day we will pray for all refugees and those seeking asylum especially. There are currently over 67 million refugees world-wide and each one is our sister, our brother, with a unique story of pain and hope.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus calling us to discipleship - not just to 'faith' but to a new set of priorities placing Jesus and the mission of the Gospel first. The every aspect of our lives can become Christ-centred and serve the growth of the Kingdom among us. To love God first does not lessen our love for others (especially family) but rather increases our love as we grow into the Heart of Christ. When we were baptised we were called not just to 'membership' but to 'discipleship'! Let us renew our commitment to live our baptism fully and lovingly.

[2] **Evening Prayer and Adoration** at 3.00pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Gloucester served by Mgr Liam Slattery VG, Deacons Colm Robinson, Tim Meadows, David Hebbes, Parish Administrator Mrs Therese English and all the community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon our **Parish School of St Nicholas of Tolentino, the Head, Ms Hilary Dunford, the staff, pupils, families and Governors.** There has been a parish school here since 1852. We pray especially in support of all involved ensuring that our school overcomes the challenges of the last two or three years and in particular the great challenges of providing quality education during this pandemic and preparing for all children returning in September. Education is a fundamental Mission of the Church, mission of our parish, for education empowers our children, young people and adults, and helps build a cohesive and more equal society where every child has equal opportunity.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Jeremiah 20: 10-13 / Psalm 68 / Romans 5: 12-15 / Matthew 10: 26-33
Monday 2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 24: 4-13

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Tuesday	2 Kings 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-36 / Psalm 47 / Matthew 7: 6, 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 49: 1-6 / Psalm 138 / Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26 / Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Thursday	2 Kings 24: 8-17 / Psalm 78 / Matthew 7: 21-29
Friday	2 Kings 25: 1-12 / Psalm 136 / Matthew 8: 1-4
Saturday	Lamentations 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19 / Psalm 73 / Matthew 8: 5-17

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £140 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £230.58 - 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

28th June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul
1st July	Funeral of Pauline Oaten RIP
2nd July	Borderlands Trustees meet via Zoom at 3.30pm

ST NICKS OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER After our special Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday at 3.30pm (via 'Zoom') with advice from medical professionals in our parish family, it has been decided to begin opening St Nicks for **PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY** on Saturdays from 10.00-11.30am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the Prayer of Adoration. We have submitted a Risk assessment to the the diocese, which has been approved. Seamus and Diarmuid, our two doctors, have kindly offered to lead the team of volunteers needed to ensure we can open safely. Please contact them through the parish office if you can volunteer with stewarding and cleaning on Saturday mornings.

We must abide by social distancing (2 metres at the time of writing). We are having to re-arrange seating in the church and we think about 10-15 people can be accommodated at a time. **ANYONE WITH A TEMPERATURE OR A PERSISTENT COUGH, ANYONE WHO IS SHIELDING, THE ELDERLY, AND THOSE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS MUST PRAY AT HOME AND NOT COME TO THE CHURCH FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.** Depending on numbers coming, time in the church will be limited (possible a maximum of 10-15 minutes) to allow as many as possible entry within the time limit. Hands will need to be sanitised both before and after coming to the church. You are asked to abide by the stewards guidance. **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.

[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)

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[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.

WORLD MIGRANTS & REFUGEES DAY Pope Francis has published a special message for World Migrants and Refugees Day, highlighting the plight of internally displaced people and families. He calls upon us to recognise the presence of Jesus the Exile and Refugee in them. If we want to be close to Jesus, then be close to our refugee sisters and brothers. Do not be afraid to stand alongside and support them, befriend and defend them. And they have very special needs and alarming challenges in the face of the global Covid-19 pandemic - often with little resource to health-care, decent accommodation and good diet! In overcrowded and insanitary refugee camps they are especially vulnerable to disease, in particular this dangerous virus. Their children have no where to play and little or no education. We must stand alongside, give practical support, political advocacy and above all hope! This is what we seek to do as a parish community through our Borderlands Charity and in many other ways. Please hold this in your prayer and in your practical support. Thank you!

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, how 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!**

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert loveless Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

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