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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY



### *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 - live-streamed on Facebook 10am  
(No Devotional Service today)

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

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Columba (Colum Cille), Abbot & founder of Iona (521-597)*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
*Funeral Service for Faustine Ogbu at 1.00pm*  
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 Barnabas, Apostle, missionary companion of St Paul*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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

**SATURDAY:** *Feast of St Anthony of Padua, Franciscan priest, theologian (1193-1231)*  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** by appointment only

**TODAY** [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

**NEXT SUNDAY** [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 will 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.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine (martyr of Alexandria), Frome, and St Dominic Wells served by Canon Richard Dwyer, Deacon David Brinn, Parish Administrator Anna Pang and both communities. We remember in prayer also Bishop Crispian Hollis (in residence in Mells)

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon our **Bristol Ethiopian Orthodox Community**, who gather each Sunday to celebrate their ancient Liturgy in the Assisi Centre. We are privileged to host them and thank them for their friendship, faith and prayer.

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**WORD OF GOD FOR TENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 / Responsorial Daniel 3 / 2 Corinthians 13: 16-18 / John 3: 16-18
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 17: 1-6 / Psalm 120 / Matthew 5: 1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 17: 7-16 / Psalm 4 / Matthew 5: 13-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 18: 20-39 / Psalm 15 / Matthew 5: 17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 11: 21-26, 13: 1-3 / Psalm 64 / Matthew 5: 20-26
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-16 / Psalm 26 / Matthew 5: 27-32
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kings 19: 19-21 / Psalm 15 / Matthew 5: 33-37

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £200 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £290.58 - 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**

7th June	<b>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
9th June	Funeral Service for Faustina Ogbu RIP
14th June	<b>FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ</b>
19th June	<b>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
19th June	Funeral Service for Stanislas Cuffy RIP
20th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets via 'Zoom' at 2.00pm
28th June	<b>Feast of St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>
2nd July	Borderlands Trustees meet via Zoom at 3.30pm

**SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP UPDATE!** I am often asked when we can all come together as a community to celebrate Mass - and the simple answer is - I do not know and at the moment nobody knows!. 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.

[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 collec-

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tions 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.

**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.

**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, which mass demonstrations certainly do! Please think very carefully before joining in such demonstrations - it is not about protecting your life - it is about protecting the lives of others in our communities.*** Let us find creative and effective alternative ways to exercise our prophetic calling and be part of the struggle with BLM to bring racism to an end!

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