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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Seeds of the Gospel

In our hi-tech world and our urban environment, we easily lose touch with the natural world, the rhythm of seasons, of ploughing, sowing, waiting, nurturing, growing and harvesting. Everything comes to us packaged and prepared and we just purchase and consume. Jesus and our forbears lived close to the land, knew how to live in harmony with the soil, the rivers, the trees, the fields, the sky, sun and rain. They nurtured the earth and were nurtured by the earth.

We have however sown seeds of ignorance and exploitation. We continue to destroy our rain forests, produce vast quantities of ocean-killing plastics, exhaust the land and pollute the air. However we are no longer ignorant of this reality.

What new seeds will we sow? Instead of exploitation, can we sow seeds of communion? Instead of seeds of destruction can we sow seeds of friendship and reverence for the earth and its creatures - our sisters and brothers upon our beautiful planet. These are the seeds of the Gospel the soil of the Earth needs today! Will we sow these seeds? Will we change our lives?

SUNDAY:

PARISH MASS at 10am

Mass lived-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm

MONDAY:

No Reflection today

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY:

No Reflection today

Adoration at 5.30pm

Mass at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Bonaventure, Franciscan, bishop & theologian (1218-1274)**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am****Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm****THURSDAY: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel****Mass live-streamed on Facebook at 10.30am****Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm****FRIDAY:****Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am****Funeral Service for Claire Warren at 12.30pm (Christ the King)****Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm****SATURDAY:****Adoration at 11.00am. Mass at 12 noon****Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm****Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm - 5.00pm**

TODAY [1] The **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus the Word, sown into the soil of the Earth, the Soil of our lives and hearts. We are called to be fertile soil through our openness to the Holy Spirit, so that our lives will yield a harvest of life and love to be given to the world around us.

[2] Because so many are still not able to attend Mass, there is an **extra Mass at 12.30pm live-streamed on FaceBook** from the Presbytery prayer room. We have gathered a wider community through live-streaming that have become our 'extended family' around the world! I hope we will have the infrastructure to live-stream Mass from the Church soon.

[3] Today is a **Day of Prayer for Seafarers**, for all those who often endure harsh, even exploitative working conditions, serving our world on the seas, enabling oil, raw materials and manufactured goods to be transported around the world, as well as harvesting the sea for food in our fishing fleets. Please pray for the **Church's mission to Seafarers**, supporting them as they are separated from their families for many long months at a time and too often victims of work conditions that amount to modern slavery.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who is the Kingdom of God come in our humanity - He teaches us what this means through His 'Parables of the Kingdom' - each is a parable of growth, of transformation through the hidden and humble immersion into our world with the love that is Jesus, the love that is the hallmark of the Kingdom, the Reign of God. Are we really committed to building that Kingdom upon the Earth? For that is our Mission.

[2] Because so many are still not able to attend Mass, there will be an **extra Mass at 12.30pm live-streamed on FaceBook** from the Presbytery prayer room. We are called to new dimensions of ministry through the use of the Internet - a wider family to care for and rejoice in. Installing the infrastructure to live-stream Mass and talks etc is now a priority for both Mission and Pastoral Care. Thank you for your support for this developing ministry.

DIOCESAN PRAYER

The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Dunstan, Keynsham and St Bernadette, Whitchurch, served by Fr Matt Anscombe, temporarily vacant, Parish Administrator Mrs Alice Maimone and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION

This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Hospitality Teams**. In normal times they welcome people at the door of the church and provide tea, coffee and cake (and sometimes a lot more!) for us to share in the hall. They serve to deepen the quality of our friendship and community as we share with each other after mass each Sunday - **in normal times!** Of course 'hospitality' is more than simply saying 'hallo!' and bringing people (especially new sisters and brothers) into

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the parish hall - **Hospitality is a matter of the heart - a welcoming of each one into the warmth of our care and love as individuals and community - and without judgement!**

WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Isaiah 55: 10-11 / Psalm 64 / Romans 8: 18-23 / Matthew 13: 1-23
Monday	Isaiah 1: 10-17 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 10: 34-11: 1
Tuesday	Isaiah 7: 1-9 / Psalm 47 / Matthew 11: 20-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16 / Psalm 93 / Matthew 11: 25-27
Thursday	Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19 / Psalm 101 / Matthew 11: 28-30
Friday	Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8 / Responsorial Isaiah 38 / Matthew 12: 1-8
Saturday	Micah 2: 1-5 / Psalm 98 / Matthew 12: 14-21

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £190 + Loose £120.00+ S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £400.58 - Thank you!

Donations: to Caritas Fund £20.00, to live-streaming £1600, to Foodbank £140 - thanks!

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 or the Caritas Fund) - thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, please find ways to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - contact Robert- Parish Office). And our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th July	Zoom meeting of Caritas Clifton
22nd July	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Team
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration - Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace
8th Aug	Feast of St Edith Stein, Carmelite nun, Martyr of Auswicz
14th Aug	Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest, Martyr of Auswicz
16th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
10th Sept	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
13th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino

RE-OPENING ST NICKS FOR MASS ON SUNDAY 5TH JULY - Letter from Richard

Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Parish Community,

Can I thank you all for your continued support of each other, the parish family and the mission of the parish, by your prayer, your communication with each other, your financial giving, your sharing in live-streaming talks and Mass and in so many other ways. I believe our community has shown its strength and its commitment to care for another and all those in our area entrusted to us by the Lord. THANK YOU!

Last Sunday we began to return to Mass. It was a great joy for about 50 of us, but also sadness as we remembered those of our community and families who have died during the lockdown (RIP), as well as missing all who could not come and with the necessary restrictions. These are in the interest of public health - keeping each other and our city community safe from the potentially fatal Covid 19 virus. We are called to make sacrifices even as we return to Mass. Both the government and our Bishops have laid down strict protocols we must observe during Mass. These will be operative until notified otherwise.

[1] To welcome as many as possible to our Sunday Mass we observe 1 mtr+ safe distancing WITH THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS (provided at the door where necessary). Family groups sit together with 1 mtr+ gap between adjacent family groups or individuals. We estimate that we can accommodate up to 100 people in this way.

[2] Everyone (except the presiding priest and the three assisting servers on the sanctuary) MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS. If you do not have one, it will be supplied to you.

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[3] There will be three stewards at the entrance to the church who will guide family groups and individuals to a designated seating space. You may not be able to sit where you are accustomed to sitting, so please co-operate with the stewards.

[4] Stewards will also guide you to and from Holy Communion, observing the 1 mtr+ spacing while queuing for Communion - to be received only in the hand and sadly under One Kind only (no chalice).

[5] Stewards will also guide you at the end of Mass to exit the church safely. Again, please co-operate. When greeting one another outside the church please be aware of others exiting and the need to observe safe distancing on Church premises.

[6] Unfortunately, there can be no singing at this time, as singing projects droplets potentially carrying the virus twice the distance.

[7] Sadly there will be no Children Liturgy as being not possible to offer this with safe distancing.

[8] There can be no Offertory Procession, so please leave your offerings in the baskets at the door, either on the way in or on the way out - thank you. Also please leave goods for the Food Bank at the door of the Sacristy and they will be taken to the Food Bank at the earliest opportunity.

[9] Please note that only the priest, 3 altar servers and sacristans are allowed into the Sacristy before and after Mass - again because of the requirement for safe distancing.

[10] Please collect your box of new Offertory envelopes from Robert at the door when leaving - thank you.

[11] Everyone needs to sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the church.

[12] We will have to remain in our places for the non-contact sign of peace.

[13] There will be one toilet only available and we ask this be used only if really necessary - the disabled access toilet in the parish hall, which includes a baby changing unit. Entry will be guided by a steward who will also be responsible for cleansing the toilet after each person has used it. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult when going to the toilet.

[14] The Lady Chapel is not in use, because safe distancing/ventilation is not possible.

[15] Readers, one Eucharistic Minister and 3 servers need to attend a practice on Saturdays at 2.00pm

[16] We need suitable volunteers for stewarding (4 each Sunday), for deep cleaning the Church on Friday mornings and after Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 01179090419 to volunteer - thank you)

Please note that Monday to Friday Mass (or a Service of Word and Communion) will be celebrated at 6.00pm, with Adoration from 5.30pm; Saturday Mass at 12 noon with Adoration from 11.00am; **Sunday Mass at 10.00am, with the church open from 9.15am and doors locked at 10.00am as Mass begins.** All Masses will be on the main altar and we will live-stream the Mass as soon as we can do so reliably. The cost of enabling this to happen will be in the region of £2500. Already we have received donations of £1600 for which we are most grateful to help us maintain this new form of mission and ministry.

Your Parish Pastoral Council will keep these measures under constant review so that we can adjust them in the light of experience and new guidance. Thank you to all volunteers enabling us to gather for Mass safely, abiding by the above necessary measures *Shalom! Richard*

FOODBANK NEWS! Thanks to the Gubay Foundations Covid Grant of £10,000 which our parish has received (with the support of our bishop), we have purchased a 'container office' to be placed in the forecourt of the church, needed to house the FoodBank. This should be in place in the next couple of weeks. **There are extra expenses to service this expanded long-term mission to the poor of our community - adapting fencing, equipping internally with extra fridges and freezers, shelving etc. re-siting the bicycle racks and the refuse bins - all of which will cost money! We hesitate to ask for more support, but we do need to ask for help in raising a further £2000 to carry out the necessary 'works' to enable the FoodBank to continue serving impoverished families and individuals. This is part of our parish's 'Covenant with the Poor', inspired by the Gospel & St Nicholas of Tolentino.**

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REFLECTING TOGETHER ON THE FUTURE [1] A number of us have been sharing that we need opportunities to 'unpack' the experience of the Covid-19 lockdown so as to recognise what God might be saying to us through this experience and to learn from it. In this sharing we can also receive healing of the wounds this experience might well have inflicted upon us and our families and loved ones. [2] Also some have shared that we need to come together to reflect more deeply upon the Black Lives Matter Movement and how we should respond.

I support these suggestions and we will discuss with our Parish Pastoral Council at the earliest appropriate moment how we might engage in this 'deeper thinking' so that it becomes a 'rethinking of the future'. I and the PPC welcome your ideas and suggestions.

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