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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus' Dream - the Kingdom!

One person's wheat is another person's weed! After all the Pharisees looked so good, keeping all the rules, never missing their prayers or Temple or synagogue services - yet Jesus says, I do not know you! But of the prostitute who weeps and wails over his feet, washing them with her tears and hair to everyone's embarrassment (except Jesus of course!), He says 'She must have loved much!'

So like He says in the parable do not rush to pull up the weeds, to cast out the sinful ones - do not be too quick to judge, because love has many disguises, and some forms of 'goodness' and 'righteousness' are counterfeit - shallow imitations of the real thing. But God is never fooled, for He sees to the heart of the matter - the heart of the person, the heart of the Church. There can be found traces of His radical and universal loving, His endless forgiveness - the signs of the the Kingdom! The Dream!

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: Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Mary of Magdala and St Mary of Bethany*
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, Reforming Nun, Patron of Europe***
 Mass live-streamed on Facebook at 10.30am
 Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Sharbel Makhluf of Lebanon, priest & hermit (19th century)***
 Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am
 Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St James, the Apostle, Patron of Spain.***
 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] 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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] Continuing Jesus' parables of the Kingdom, the **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus who is the Wisdom of God made flesh, the treasure worth giving everything to possess! Is he the riches treasure of our lives? What are we prepared to give up in order to yield our lives to Him and be lovingly shaped by His Wisdom.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Marlborough with Holy Family, Pewsey, and St Joseph's, Wroughton served by Fr John Blacker, Fr Nicholas Tranter (retired), Parish Administrator Mrs Ann Moss and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Flower arranging Team**. Each week our small band of faithful friends enhance the beauty of our church and our liturgy by decorating with flowers - bringing the world of nature into our sacred space, reminding us of the work of beauty our Creator has provided for us. They really make a difference, as we notice in Lent and Advent when there are no flowers. We thank them for their dedication.. They would really welcome more friends to come and help them and use their skills in the service of our community and its liturgy in this way. Please contact Minette.

WORD OF GOD FOR SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 / Psalm 85 / Romans 8: 26-27 / Matthew 13: 24-43
Monday Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 12: 38-42

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Tuesday	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 84 / Matthew 12: 46-50
Wednesday	Song of Songs 3: 1-4 / Psalm 62 / 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 / John 20: 1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 1: 1, 4-10 & 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Psalm 35 / Matthew 13: 10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3: 14-17 / Responsorial Jeremiah 31 / Matthew 13: 18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15 / Psalm 125 / Matthew 20: 20-28

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £315.00 + Loose £117.00+ S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £522.58 - 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 or the Caritas Fund) - thank you for your generosity. Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

THANK YOU - ALL WHO HAVE RETURNED TO SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH

So far about 50 have come the last two Sundays. We think we can safely accommodate 100. I realise there are still many fears and concerns but I do hope more of us will be assured enough to resume coming to Mass. It is great to see you and we have all missed one another! And yes the Mass is so different, with no singing and no gathering afterwards in the Hall, but we are still being fed from the Table of the Word, the Table of the Eucharist and by each other's presence!

[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.

[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.

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[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 is arriving on Tuesday - it will take a few days to fully install and equip as well as 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.*

OUR LECTERN HAS RETURNED! Many thanks to Fr Michael Clothier OSB, a monk of Downside Abbey and an excellent joiner/carpenter, who has expanded our Lectern so that it can be more a presence in the Church expressing the importance of the 'Table of the Word'. Permanent oil filled candles will be added (which cannot be knocked over!).

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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