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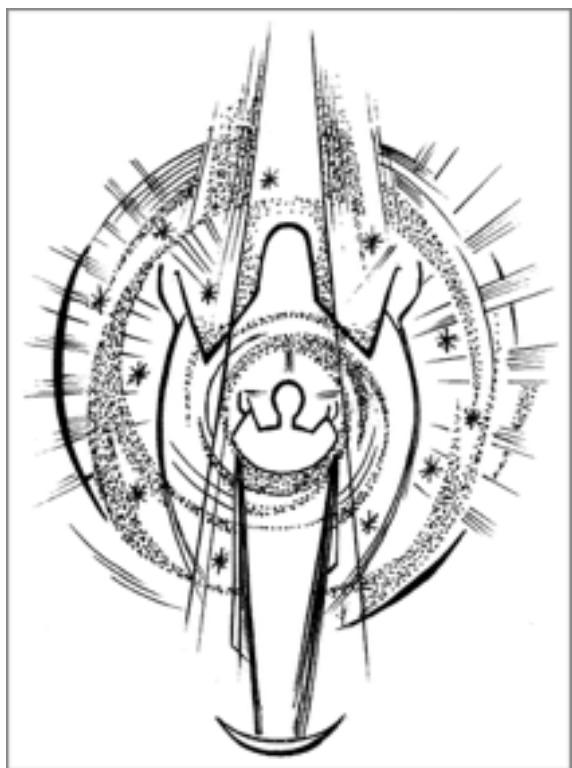
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## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



### *Who is this Woman clothed in the Sun?*

'All generations will call be blessed, because the Almighty has done great things for me, his lowly handmaid'. Who is this woman in glory, shining like the sun, a vision of light beyond measure?

She is Mary of Nazareth - she is the poor girl of a poor community whom God has raised up to confound the rich, the powerful and the intellectuals! She is the homeless mother to confound the self-satisfied and proud! She is the unmarried mother to confound the moralisers! She is the asylum-seeker and refugee to confound the selfish nationalists! She is the distraught mother of a convicted and then executed criminal to confound the self-righteous!

She is our sister and mother, our fellow disciple. She is a sign of all the Church is called to be: if we are to be 'Light of the World' then we too must be prophets that disturb the rich, pull down the powerful - and raise up the poor!

**SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of the Assumption of Our Lady at 10am**

**Mass live-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm**

**Mass with the LBGT+ community and family & friends at 3.00pm (all welcome)**

**MONDAY: Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am**

**Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

**TUESDAY: No Reflection today**

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**WEDNESDAY:** No Reflection today*Adoration at 5.30pm***Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm****THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux, Cistercian Abbot & Theologian (1090-1153)***No Reflection today***Adoration at 5.30pm***Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm****FRIDAY:** *Feast of St Pius X, Pope and Liturgical Reformer (1835-1914)***No Reflection today***Adoration at 5.30pm***Mass at 6.00pm****SATURDAY:** *Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven.**Adoration at 11.00am*      **Mass at 12 noon****Streamed Faith Reflection & Evening Prayer on Facebook at 6.00pm***Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm - 5.00pm*

**TODAY** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**: that our sister, one of us, now shares fully in the Resurrection of Jesus. She is the sign of God's faithfulness to humanity, drawing us all into the fullness of Life for all eternity. Where she has gone, we shall most surely follow!

[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, which will continue until we have the infrastructure to live-stream from the Church (which we hope will be by early September)

[3] We recommence today at 3.00pm our monthly **Mass with the LGBT+ community and their families and friends**. We love to sing 'All are welcome in this place' - we must live what we sing! Our Mass expresses our valuing of our friends who truly belong in the heart of the Church (as Pope Francis has said). Black Lives Matter and our LGBT+ friends matter - for both are fully members of our Christ-centred family.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus is alive in His Church, indeed that the Church is the fulness of His Body until the end of time, when all creation will be gathered into His Body! We are the Body of Christ - and it is our mission to be the Sacrament of His Loving, His Life-giving and bearer of His Truth to our world. We are called to continue His Mission, serving and liberating the poor of the Earth and caring for our 'Common Home' this beautiful planet we are given to share equally!

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**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Joseph, Stonehouse and the Annunciation, Woodchester, served by Fr William Watson, Deacon Bogdan Wasylkiw, Parish Administrators Clare Kleiner and Frances Little and all their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Church and Assisi Centre cleaners**. In normal times a small dedicated group (co-ordinated by Andrew) come faithfully each week to clean our church and also others help clean the Assisi Centre. However in these extraordinary times of Covid 19 others have joined them to ensure the safe cleansing and use of our buildings. There is so much extra work, including in our food bank - I want to thank all those who enable our parish to continue serving God and the poor of our area by working so hard and often to observe the highest forms of hygiene - keeping us as safe as possible. **And of course we need more volunteers - please contact Andrew or Robert through the parish office.**

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

Sunday	Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 / Psalm 44 / 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 / Luke 1: 39-56
Monday	Ezechiel 24: 15-24 / Responsorial Deuteronomy 32 / Matthew 19: 16-22
Tuesday	Ezechiel 28: 1-10 / Responsorial Deuteronomy 32 / Matthew 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Ezechiel 34: 1-11 / Psalm 22 / Matthew 20: 1-16
Thursday	Ezechiel 36: 23-28 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 22: 1-14
Friday	Ezechiel 37: 1-14 / Psalm 106 / Matthew 22: 34-40
Saturday	Ezechiel 43: 1-7 / Psalm 84 / Matthew 23: 1-12

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £290 + Loose £253 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £633.58 - Thank you!

CAFOD £85.00 Caritas/FoodBank £204.00

**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, the Caritas Fund, towards the cost of live-streaming) - 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**

16th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b>
16th Aug	Mass with LGBTQ+ community resumes at 3.00pm
17th Aug	East Bristol Deanery meeting via Zoom at 12 noon
17th Aug	Borderlands Trustees meet at 3.00pm
2nd Sept	Diocesan safeguarding meeting
10th Sept	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
13th Sept	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino</b>
19th Sept	Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm

**TRACK AND TRACE MEASURES FOR ALL ATTENDING MASS** Thank you for co-operating with the 'track and trace' procedures introduced last Sunday, to limit infection should anyone attending Mass prove positive for Covid-19. It is very simple. One member from each family group and each individual not in a family group will be asked to fill in a simple form with their name and contact telephone number: this information will be strictly confidential and used for no other purpose other than in the event of someone testing positive for Covid-19. All forms will be placed each Sunday in an enveloped which will be sealed and dated and after three weeks destroyed - it will only be opened and used (again confidentiality) should one of our community be tested positive, in which case it will be given to those responsible to Track and Trace. This measure is to do all we can to limit the spread of this potentially fatal virus. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

**STARTING SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between **1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of **Bristol City Council (unless you are living in parts of North Bristol covered by S Gloucestershire Council or the Kingswood area covered by Bath and North East Somerset Council)**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2021**.

**COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?** The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the

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benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact [bill.mcabee@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcabee@clifftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS 1st SEPTEMBER to 4th OCTOBER** It is five years since Pope Francis published his ground-breaking development of Catholic Social Teaching - his Encyclical Letter ‘Laudato Si’ on Global warming and its links to justice for the poor of the world. As a parish we have expressed our support by erecting our ‘Stations of Creation’ and composing our Service ‘the Way of Creation’ based on St Francis of Assisi’s ‘Canticle of the Creatures’ and Pope Francis Encyclical. **But prayer in our church is not enough! We need to put this teaching into practice in our individual, family and parish lives.** Some parishioners are training to be ‘Laudato Si Animators’ and we need to explore with them in the coming weeks and months how we can develop real solid responses to ‘care for our common home’. The Covid Pandemic is an immediate global crisis, but Global Warming is long-term crisis of far greater proportions threatening millions of lives which demand immediate action or future generations will suffer mercilessly. **WE MUST ACT TOGETHER AS WELL AS PRAY TOGETHER!**

**REPORT OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Despite the challenges of ‘meeting’ on Zoom, we had a very practical and useful PPC meeting which made a number of decisions:

- [1] Safe resumption of Zimbabwean and LGBTQ+ monthly Masses from August 2020. Any Sunday 3.00pm masses will use only the chairs currently used for daily Mass, in the interests of safe hygiene requirements.
- [2] Discussions with parents concerning celebrating Baptisms, and 2020 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist celebrations to be held before Christmas (no social gatherings), with limitations on numbers of guests etc
- [3] Journey of Faith group can resume as safety measures are possible
- [4] **Urgent need** to recruit more Stewards for Sunday Masses and more volunteers to support the Mission of the Food Bank
- [5] When live-streaming infrastructure in place in the church we will need four volunteers to undergo training to operate the system on a rota basis.
- [6] It is not safe to lend or hire out parish chairs and tables for events and we cannot be seen to encourage or facilitate social gatherings at this time (especially with recent news).
- [7] Sadly House Communions to the vulnerable who have been shielding is not yet safe: where a member of the ‘family bubble’ is a Lay Minister they may administer House Communion within their family; in some circumstances we can temporarily commission Lay Ministers from other ‘family bubbles’ to minister Communion within their ‘family bubble’. Please contact Fr Richard.
- [8] Celebration of our Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino is postponed from September until we can properly celebrate the Feast. We will however make blessed St Nicholas Bread available on Sunday 13th September.
- [9] Numbers at Sunday Mass are (thankfully) increasing: from this Sunday we will open the side rooms to the church worship area. If numbers returning to Mass exceed our safe capacity, **we will consider and consult about a second Sunday Mass** - likely to be on Saturday at 5.30pm. But we need to know whether this will be supported. It is not possible to observe all the hygiene requirements for a 3pm Mass if the normal seating is required.
- [10] The important ‘re-thinking the future’ discussions (response to ‘Black Lives Matter’; Caring for Creation; Women and Church Leadership) will be discussed at a PPC special meeting in the near future and with more open meeting discussion as soon as safely possible.

**FOODBANK NEWS!** Thanks to our volunteers at the Food Bank, tables, shelves and storage boxes are all in place. The electrics are now connected and we wait for water supply and drainage pipe to be fitted. We will need three or four volunteers for each session (now 10am to 1.00pm, and training will be provided. We need a planned rota which people will fulfil reliably and punctually. We will also need extra help for deliveries, most of which come in crates that can be heavy and often need to be emptied and contents stacked quickly! Please see Robert or Mary to volunteers. *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.*

**LIVE-STREAMING SOON** Thank you to those who have very generously donated to support this new departure in our ministry and mission, including an anonymous donation of £2000! God is good! (as are His people!). The infrastructure - internet cables, two cameras, a mixer, fixing brackets etc etc are due to be fitted on 20th August, and following that we are asking for 3 or 4 volunteers with some IT skill to train to operate the equipment. We hope to live-stream by the end of August. Richard would also appreciate some help in understanding how to manage our Parish website (eg uploading new photos, adding the 'patch' needed to stream the Mass through the website etc). Please do contact me if you can help.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS** Pope Francis stated the following last November: *'Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession... genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian effects of any employment of nuclear devices and the risk of accidental detonation as a result of any kind of error, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned. They exist in the service of a mentality of fear.'*

**CLIFTON DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER** Sign-up for this useful round-up of news, views, events and other information from around our diocese. It is easy to do, just go to our website [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com), click on the newsletter icon and register your email address.

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

Last Sunday about 65 people came to Mass - thank you! 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] 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 can welcome 100 people.

[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] 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 normally do.
- [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 under One Kind.
- [5] Stewards will also guide you at the end of Mass to exit the church safely. Do not re-enter the church after leaving. When greeting one another outside the church please be aware of others exiting and the need to observe safe distancing on Church premises.
- [6] There is no singing at this time, as singing projects droplets twice the distance.
- [7] Sadly Children Liturgy is not possible to offer with safe distancing.
- [8] There is 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 leave goods for the Food Bank in the porch and they will be taken to the Food Bank at the earliest opportunity.
- [9] 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 Offertory envelopes from Robert at the door when leaving.
- [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 is one toilet only available - the disabled access toilet in the parish hall, which includes a baby changing unit. A steward will guide you and will also cleanse the toilet after each person has used it. Children must be accompanied to the toilet by a responsible adult.
- [14] The Lady Chapel is not in use, because safe distancing/ventilation is not possible.
- [15] **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.**

**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 celebrated at the main altar and be live-streamed as soon as possible. The cost of this will £3000. We have received donations of £1600 - thank you for helping us establish this new form of mission and ministry.

Your Parish Pastoral Council will keep these measures under constant review. Thank you to all volunteers enabling us to gather for Mass safely ***Shalom! Richard***