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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



The Power of the Keys - the Power of Hope

Jesus gives Peter and the Church power to bind and loose - but what is this power?

The only power given to the Church, and the only power the Church should ever seek (it is the only power that matters) is the power of love. So the power of the Holy Spirit given by Jesus is the power to bind us together in love, the power to bind us as a community of Hope for a world that too often seems to be falling apart, dividing, rioting and warring. The power to loose is the power of loosening the chains that imprison humanity into destructive patterns, to fling wide open the doors of Hope, the Doors of Kingdom mercy and healing. The Power of Love draws all to enter through the gates of Holiness and Wholeness, to find a life rich with hope and divine humanity!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of the Assumption of Our Lady at 10am
Mass lived-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm

MONDAY: *Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle*
No Reflection today
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of Bl Dominic Barberi, Passionist Priest (died 1849)*
Live-streamed Mass (on Parish Facebook) at 10.30am (*NB change of day*)
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Monica, wife, mother of St Augustine of Hippo (332-387)***
No Reflection today
Funeral mass for Ina Ranklin RIP at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass at 6.00pm**

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Theologian (354-430)***
Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass at 6.00pm**

SATURDAY: ***Feast of the Martyrdom of John the Baptist***
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] 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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NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year** we give thanks that Jesus is not alone in carrying the Cross that redeems the world - He shares His mission with us, his disciples, calling us to renounce our false selves in order to discover our true selves in Christ - carrying the Cross of witnessing to Jesus in the world heals us into our true identity, our baptismal reality. Losing ourselves in the service of Christ is the only way to find our true selves, to find fulness of life in the Holy Spirit of God's endless loving.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Family, Swindon, served by Fr Isidore Obi, Deacon Paul Thompson, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Church Choir and Music Ministry**. Sadly we are unable to sing at this time as singing projects potentially Covid-19 droplets of infection much further than 2 metres! However, 'absence makes the heart grow fonder', and look forward to the day when we can sing the praises of God together. Meanwhile, can we each ask ourselves if God might be calling us to be part of this very important ministry - not simply because we like singing but because we might be called to support our parish as a community of praise and joy. **This ministry demands regular commitment and discipline and a willingness to work as well as sing in harmony with each other. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Caroline.**

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Isaiah 22: 19-33 / Psalm 137 / Romans 11: 33-36 / Matthew 16: 13-20
Monday Apocalypse 21: 9-14 / Psalm 144 / John 1: 45-51
Tuesday 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, 14-17 / Psalm 95 / Matthew 23: 23-26

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Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18 / Psalm 127 / Matthew 23: 27-32
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 / Psalm 144 / Matthew 24: 42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25 / Psalm 32 / Matthew 24: 1-3
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 / Psalm 32 / Mark 6: 17-29

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £235.00 + Loose £65.60 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £391.18 - Thank you!

Caritas/FoodBank £170.00

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

2nd Sept Diocesan safeguarding meeting
10th Sept Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission

13th Sept **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino**

19th Sept Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS We hope to have the cameras, internet links etc all in place shortly to enable live-streaming of Mass and other events in the Church. However we do need a team of volunteers to operate the system during Mass (as well as to assist linking our parish website to the live-streaming). With a team of four people we should be able to operate live-streaming every Sunday. No experience of camera work needed, but some computer skill will be required. **Training will be provided soon and so we urgently need volunteers willing to give a few hours to training on a Saturday in the near future. Some of our young people might have the skills. Please contact Richard or Robert as soon as possible.**

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 benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 077110094976 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**

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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 Communion 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: we have opened 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.*

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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.

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.

[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.

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[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*

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