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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Carrying a Cross is no way to live!!

One minute Jesus is saying 'I have come that you might have Life in all abundance!' Then He says 'Lose your life for My sake!' Now he says 'Take up your Cross and follow Me!'

This is no way to get followers is it? Promise us a good life, promise us comfort, promise us wealth - do not offer us the Cross! Sadly there are too many preachers today offering us happiness, wealth, endless comfortable blessings if we 'sow seeds' - of money! But you cannot buy God's blessing and love ... just open your heart and life to receive true wealth: a heart filled with love, peace and fulfilment.

But the Cross? It is the cost of following Jesus, the cost and suffering that truly witnessing to the radical Jesus always leads. But the Cross is the only Way to life in all fulness, love truly alive, a heart filled with love's courage. Risk it!

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

THE SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS - PRAY AND ACT TO HEAL OUR PLANET

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Aidan, monk, Bishop and Saints of Lindisfarne*
Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: Mass live-streamed at 10.30am (NB Again - note change of day)
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope & Apostle of England (540-604)***
No Reflection today
Funeral of Hop Mui Chung RIP at 11.15am (South Bristol Cemetery)
Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Cuthbert, monk & Bishop of Lindisfarne (634-687)***
Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

SATURDAY: *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] With the **Twenty-Second 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.

[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 can live-stream from the Church (which we hope will be by the beginning of September).

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year** we give thanks that Jesus gifts each of us in order to help one another grow in all ways into Christ. We are to encourage each other and gently correct each other - speaking our Truth in love. Jesus gives us the community to help us on our journey of conversion, our pilgrimage of missionary discipleship. Do we love one another enough to speak & listen to each other, to journey together?

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[3] This is also the **First Sunday in the ecumenical 'Season of Creation'** - we celebrate a Mass of Creation, for its healing and our conversion to communion with the Earth.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Rood, Swindon, served by Canon John Cunningham, Fr Richard Elson, Deacons Jonathan Ager, Jose Estrochio, Parish Administrator Anna Cummins, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Catechists**. It is a great sorrow that our children were prevented from celebrating First Eucharist or First Reconciliation earlier this year, but it is intended to ensure the celebration of these Sacraments before Christmas. Our small team of catechists journey with our children and young people (and their families) preparing for these foundation Sacraments (including Confirmation). It is a vitally important ministry in the parish and we need more catechists urgently. **Please consider offering to be part of this ministry and for more information (as well as training), please contact Mary.**

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Jeremiah 20: 7-9/ Psalm 62 / Romans 12: 1-2 / Matthew 16: 21-27
Monday	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 / Psalm 118 / Luke 4: 16-30
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2: 10-16 / Psalm 144 / Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 / Psalm 32 / Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3: 18-23 / Psalm 23 / Luke 5: 1-11

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Friday 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 / Psalm 36 / Luke 5: 33-39
Saturday 1 Corinthians 4: 6-15 / Psalm 144 / Luke 6: 1-5

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £279.34 + Loose £98.60 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £468.52 - Thank you!

CAFOD £42.00 Caritas £5.00 - 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, 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
 8th Sept Installation of live-streaming infrastructure in the church
 9th Sept 'Big Ideas' Parish pastoral Council meeting at 7.00pm on Zoom
 10th Sept Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
 12th Sept Training in operating Live-streaming from the Church at 2.00pm
 13th Sept **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino**
 13th Sept Baptismal Sunday
 19th Sept Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm
 20th Sept Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS The cameras, internet links and other infrastructure to enable live-streaming of Mass and other events in the Church will be installed on Tuesday 8th September. 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 on Saturday 12th September and so we urgently need volunteers willing to give a few hours to training on that day. 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 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

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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!**

FOODBANK MOVING AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING Many thanks indeed to all who are supporting in any way the food bank and the 500 people a week who receive food. The Foodbank will close from the week beginning Monday 7th Sept, to enable the move from the Romero Room in the Assisi Centre to our 'St Nicholas Bread' Container in the forecourt of the church. During that week we will train our volunteers - including new ones (please come forward!). Please see Robert or Mary to volunteer. **When we re-open on Monday 14th Sept, we will operate from 10am to 1.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, to ensure long term sustainability. 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.**

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME An online Christian Celebration in words and music for Bristol Pride **Saturday September 12th at 10am Join us at fb.com/Christiansatbristolpride**
Find out more about Christians at Bristol Pride at **christiansatbristolpride.org.uk**

CCS ADOPTION - CLIFTON CHILDREN'S SOCIETY *is keen to speak to anyone considering adoption. There has been an unprecedented rise in the number of children taken into care over the past 12 months, with the proportion of babies the highest that has been seen in 50 years. There are many myths about who can or cannot adopt so don't discount yourself. CCS are Ofsted Outstanding so why not give them a call on 0117 935 0005 for an informal discussion and free information pack or email info@ccsadoption.org. Please spread the news to family and friends and, if you use social media, please follow 'CCS Adoption' on Facebook and @ccsadoption on Twitter.*

LOVE THE CHRIST OF THE POOR - WORDS OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM "Would you honour the Body of Christ? Do not despise His nakedness; do not honour him here in church clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by unclothed and frozen outside. Remember that Hw who said 'This is my Body' also said 'You saw he hungry and gave me no food'. I am insisting that nothing can take the place of care for the poor. What use is it to adorn the altar with gold cloths and deny Christ a coat for his back? He would be outraged!"

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