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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Faith in the storms & turmoil

Faith is wonderful, beautiful - the days of calm and peace, when the sun shines and creation glows. But then the storms come - a bereavement, unemployment, fleeing from terror to a land that does not want you... Perhaps suffering for your faith or values, or your ethnicity, gender or orientation. And can God seem strangely silent, distant, disappearing in the dark clouds of pain and the heavy rain of disillusion and depression.

But Faith deepens as it confronts doubt; Faith is enlarged as it battles against the waves; Faith becomes more luminous as you walk the dark valley of tears. Maybe you feel you are sinking beneath the waves: but like Peter, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and stretch out your hand - and he will be there even though you do not see or feel Him. That is real Faith - faith to walk on troubled waters and through the storm - Faith that gives Life! Faith that makes life worth living!

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS at 10am**
 Mass lived-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm

MONDAY: **Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and martyr (died 258)**
No Reflection today
Adoration at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

TUESDAY: **Feast of St Clare of Assisi, co-founder of all Franciscan Sisters (1194-1253)**
No Reflection today
Adoration at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

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WEDNESDAY: ***Feast of St Jane Frances de Chantal, wife, mother, nun, co-founder (1572-1641)***

No Reflection today

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: **No Reflection today**

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

FRIDAY:

Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe and St Edith Stein, Martyrs of Auswitz

No Reflection today

Adoration at 5.30pm

Mass at 6.00pm

SATURDAY:

Adoration at 11.00am

Mass at 12 noon

Streamed Faith Reflection & Rosary & Adoration on Facebook at 6.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm - 5.00pm

TODAY [1] On the **Nineteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus, our Emmanuel, God always with us, walking with us through every storm of life. He is the source of our courage if only we keep our eyes fixed upon Him, trust His call in our lives and fear not to 'launch our over the deep' knowing his hand will always be there raising us up.

[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, which will continue until we have the infrastructure to live-stream from the Church (which we expect within 4-6 weeks).

NEXT SUNDAY [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!

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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 Wasylikiw, 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 **Journey of Faith Group**. We accompany those adults and young people seeking Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church and Catholic adults not yet been Confirmed in the Holy Spirit. A Faith-Sharing Group, it also helps all who wish to think about their faith more deeply and also those who perhaps have not 'practised' their faith for some time and wish to 'come home' and experience a renewal of faith. Please pray for those who facilitate the group and all who participate, remembering especially those whose Baptism, Reception, Confirmation have been delayed because of the Covid 19 restrictions.

WORD OF GOD FOR EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 / Psalm 84 / Romans 9: 1-5 / Matthew 14: 22-23
Monday	Ezechiel 1: 2-5, 24-28 / Psalm 148 / Matthew 17: 22-27
Tuesday	Ezechiel 2: 8-3: 4 / Psalm 118 / Matthew 18: 15, 12-14
Wednesday	Ezechiel 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22 / Psalm 112 / Matthew 18: 15-20
Thursday	Ezechiel 12: 1-12 / Psalm 77 / Matthew 18: 21-19: 1
Friday	Ezechiel 16: 1-15, 60, 63 / Responsorial Isaiah 12 / Matthew 19: 3-12
Saturday	Ezechiel 18: 1-10, 13, 30-32 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 19: 13-15

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COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £363.00 + Loose £181.00 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £634.58 - Thank you!

CAFOD £8.00 Caritas/FoodBank £250.00 Live-streaming £2060.00

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

14th Aug	Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest, Martyr of Auswicz
16th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
16th Aug	Mass with LGBTQ+ community resumes at 3.00pm
9th Sept	Bristol City of Sanctuary AGM
10th Sept	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
13th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino
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.**

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.

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[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.'*

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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.

[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 be £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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