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PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



LOVER OF GOD, LOVER OF THE POOR

St Nicholas, lover of children, born like Samuel, Samson and John the Baptist of barren parents, the gift of God and his parents gift to God.

St Nicholas, who learnt to break bread with the poor long before he learnt to break the Bread of the Eucharist - risking his future in obedience to the God of the Poor and disobeying the voices of those who knew not the poor man of Nazareth.

St Nicholas, man of prayer who entered Love's silence in order to proclaim Love's Saving Word.

St Nicholas, vessel of God's healing love, from whom healing and life flowed in all abundance, raising the dead, healing the wounds, setting free.

St Nicholas, God's compassion to the prisoner, God's protector and rescuer of the prostitute, listening with an gentle heart and open mind.

St Nicholas, reaching in praying love beyond the bridge of death, holding the Departed in the purifying love of God. **St Nicholas, inspirer of our mission, healer of our wounds pray for us!**

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Celebration of Baptism at 10am
(live-streamed on Parish Website)

MONDAY: No Reflection today
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross*
Prayer and Reflection live-streamed on Face Book at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows*

Prayer and Reflection live-streamed on Face Book at 10.30am

Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Edith of Wilton (981-984)*

No Reflection today

Adoration at 5.30pm Mass Live-streamed on Parish Website at 6.00pm**FRIDAY:**

Prayer and Reflection live-streamed on Face Book at 10.30am

Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm**SATURDAY:** *Feast of St Theodore of Canterbury, Archbishop (601-690)**Nuptial Mass for Frances Korjie & Daniel Partridge* at 11.00am (guests only)*Zimbabwean Mass in Shona* at 2.00pm (all welcome)*Streamed Faith Reflection & Evening Prayer on Facebook at 6.00pm***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 4.30pm - 5.00pm

TODAY [1] We have the joy of celebrating the **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO WITH OUR MASS OF REDEDICATION**. Although we are not able to celebrate as we usually do, nevertheless with gratitude to God, we rededicate ourselves to our Mission to be 'Good News to the Poor' and to hear the 'cries of the Earth, the cries of the Poor'. We bless the traditional St Nicholas Bread which we will also distribute to all who come to the Food Bank this week. **Let us therefore rededicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, a parish of many nations united in Christ, valuing each other's cultures, healing each other's wounds, reaching out to the poor and marginalised around us and throughout the world.** This Mass of Rededication to the future mission of our parish could not be more timely as we re-open the Parish Food Bank and bless its new location (called 'St Nicholas Bread'), and as we live-stream Sunday Mass from our church on our Parish Website for the first time.

[2] We are now able to celebrate Baptisms and having taken medical advice we can do so safely by full immersion. **So today we celebrate our first baptism since January and congratulate Rudi and his family as he is reborn in Christ and celebrates his First Eucharist on our Parish Feast Day.**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus reveals to us the God who cannot give less than everything to each of us! The Parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks of the poor and excluded being treated by God with equality and justice; it speaks also that we are all 'sent' to labour in God's Vineyard which is our world, to bring about the Reign of His Love and Justice, Freedom and Equality. That is what is to pray 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done!' as we do every day and every Mass!

[2] **Mass and Ministry with the Catholic LGBT+ community** and family and friends at 3.00pm - all very welcome.

[3] Both Masses today are being live-streamed on our Parish Website.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Swindon, and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett served by Fr Lucas Rodrigues SFX, Parish Administrator Mr Gabriel Sexton, and all both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Parish Finance Committee**. Its responsibility is to provide careful oversight of the material resources of the parish, including the fabric of our buildings and the resourcing of our mission. Thank you to those who fulfil this 'unglamorous' ministry which is nevertheless essential so that you and others who support us

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who give of your money and time towards the work and mission of our community have confidence in our stewardship. You have a right to transparency and financial accountability. **If anyone feels they have skills to offer in this ministry of Financial responsibility, please contact Richard or Robert.**

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7 / Psalm 102 / Romans 14: 7-9 / Matthew 18: 21-35
Monday	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33 / Psalm 39 / Luke 7: 1-10
Tuesday	Numbers 21; 4-9 / Psalm 77 / Philippians 2: 6-11 / John 3: 13-17
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 13 / Psalm 32 / John 19: 25-27
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 / Psalm 117 / Luke 7: 36-50
Friday	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 / Psalm 16 / Luke 8: 1-3
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15: 35-37, 42-49 / Psalm 55 / Luke 8: 4-15

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £156.00 + Loose £113.25 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £360.93 - Thank you!

Caritas £250.00 - thank you. *I wish also to thank an anonymous and large gift of a tithe (a 1/10th) and as I also thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish. Every gift and every giver is equally valued and these gifts are used to serve the growth of the Kingdom of God. Thank you!*

Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
14th Sept	Food Bank re-opens in new location - 'St Nicholas Bread'
15th Sept	Caritas Clifton steering group meet on Zoom
19th Sept	Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm
20th Sept	Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS FROM THE CHURCH The cameras, internet links and other infrastructure to enable live-streaming of Mass and other events in the Church have been installed and training of volunteers to operate the system has been achieved (more volunteers welcome as we can train them). All live-streaming of Mass and other events from the church will be through **the Parish Website on the page entitled 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass'**. Just click onto the link you will find there. We anticipate live-streaming each Sunday Mass and any other all parish services in Church and one weekday Mass. In addition, other prayer and reflections, talks etc will normally continue to be live-streamed from the Presbytery Prayer Room on the **Parish Face Book Page**.

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. Complete an application form 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, provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Closing date of **15 Jan 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

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school. It provides the opportunity to use your experience, for the benefit of our children. To 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 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. Richard is currently giving live-streamed talks on the teaching of the Encyclical 'Laudato si' on the Parish Facebook page. **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!**

'ST NICHOLAS BREAD' FOODBANK OPENS Many thanks indeed to all who are supporting in any way the food bank and the 500 people a week who receive food. We re-open on **Monday 14th Sept, operate from 10am to 1.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday**, to ensure long term sustainability, and *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.* **Volunteers please note: each shift begins at 9.00am prompt to accept deliveries etc.**

WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: online experience for marriage enrichment! Marriage Encounter are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the Coronavirus pandemic our residential retreats have had to be cancelled so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. **The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26 & 27 September 2020, why not find out more at www.wwme.org.uk or contact us on 0845 260 2016.**

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. 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.*

THOUGHT FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR which celebrates the Jesus who comes looking for the strayed, the wounded, the outcast, the rejected - to bring them home to the Father's love and mercy which is inexhaustible. In bringing us home to God He brings us home to our real selves. The Church is called to be that home of unconditional love and endless mercy that flings wide open its heart to all the Earth's children. The question remains: are we that kind of person, that kind of Church?

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