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TWENTY-FIFTH & TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR



Go to the Vineyard - a new Evangelisation

A rich parable of Jesus - the world as a vineyard to be cared for lovingly; the Church as the community of co-workers caring for and harvesting the earth, for creation is part of salvation too!

We are all called by the Lord of the Harvest to go into the vineyard of our society and there 'harvest' - gather others to Jesus Christ, proclaim the Good News of God's infinite love in Christ, to offer the world a taste of the rich wine of God's presence and compassion; to struggle for Justice and the rights of the poor among us; to permeate our society with Gospel values as leaven in the dough.

Young or old, we are all workers in the Lord's Vineyard, seeking new ways to re-evangelise our nation which has grown sadly tired of the Gospel!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of 25th Sunday
at 10.00am (live-streamed: Parish Website)
Mass with LGBTQ+ Community at 3.00pm.
(live-streamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY: *Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.*
Adoration at 5.30pm. Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Adoration at 5.30pm.* Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (1887-1968)*
Adoration at 5.30pm. Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham*
Adoration at 5.30pm.
Service of Word and Communion Live-streamed on Parish Website at 6pm

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

SATURDAY: *Adoration at 11.00am* **Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

20th September [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 George's with St Therese of Lisieux, Taunton, and St John Fisher, Wellington with St Richard of Chichester, Wiveliscombe served by Mgr Bernard Massey, Fr David Savoury, Fr Ikeokwu Nduh MSP, Deacon Trevor Jones, Parish Administrators Mrs Caroline Kirby, Mrs Veronica Gaywood, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the new ministry of our **Live-streaming Team**, enabling us to broadcast our Mass and other services and events from our church. We give thanks for the wonder of the internet that allows us to do this, to reach beyond our buildings into many homes and many lives with the Gospel and the worship of God. It is a new departure for us, grown out of the crisis of Covid, yet now a permanent part of our ministry and mission as we care for our wider family who have joined our community through live-streaming.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Isaiah 55: 6-9 / Psalm 144 / Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 / Matthew 20: 1-16

Monday Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 9: 9-13

Tuesday Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13 / Psalm 118 / Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday Proverbs 30: 5-9 / Psalm 118 / Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11 / Psalm 89 / Luke 9: 7-9

Friday Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 / Psalm 143 / Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12: 8 / Psalm 89 / Luke 9: 43-45

SUNDAY: **PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION of 26th Sunday**
at 10.00am (live-streamed: Parish Website)

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

TUESDAY: **Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
Adoration at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of St Jerome, priest & theologian - first Scripture Scholar (342-420)**
Adoration at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, Carmelite Nun and Theologian (1873-1897)**
Adoration at 5.30pm
Service of Word and Communion Live-streamed on Parish Website at 6pm

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels***
Adoration at 5.30pm. **Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm**

SATURDAY: *Adoration at 11.00am.* **Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

27th September On the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus is the loving Son of God who empties Himself in order to serve faithfully in God's vineyard - our world. He summons us to follow Him with same self-emptying love, the same faithfulness to the Mission the Father entrusts to us. The Vineyard of God is all around us! Let's go!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Thornbury & Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge served by Fr George Malecki SDS, Deacons Kingsley Fulbrook, Lawrence McCarthy, Parish Administrators Leslie Morrissey, and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon all who share the **Ministry of Proclaiming the Word in the Liturgy**. This ministry involves reflecting upon the Word of God to be proclaimed with faith and love - not simply read! It is God's Word and we must prepare with care and prayerfulness, especially as now we proclaim the Word to many new sisters and brothers through the live-streaming. Anyone who feels called to this Ministry, please see Brice and training will be arranged before commencing.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Ezechiel 18: 25-28 / Psalm 24 / Philippians 2: 1-11 / Matthew 21: 28-32
Monday Job 1: 6-22 / Psalm 16 / Luke 9: 46-50
Tuesday Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 137 / John 1: 47-51
Wednesday Job 9: 1-13, 14-16 / Psalm 87 / Luke 9: 57-62
Thursday Job 19: 21-27 / Psalm 26 / Luke 10: 1-12
Friday Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5 / Psalm 138 / Matthew 18: 1-5, 10
Saturday Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Psalm 118 / Luke 10: 17-24

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Env £ + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ - 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

20th Sept Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome
 9th Oct 2020 Journey of Faith at 4.30pm (Assisi Centre)
 11th Oct Rite of Catechumen for children preparing for Baptism at 10am Mass
 13th Oct 2020 First Eucharist Group (Children and Parents) at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
 15th Oct 2020 First Reconciliation Group (Children & Parents) at 4.00pm (Assisi Ctr)
 25th Oct Baptismal Sunday
 1st Nov **Feast of All Saints & Adult Reception & Confirmations** at 10.00am Mass
 7th Nov **First Reconciliation Celebrations** (3/4 sessions - times to be announced)
 22nd Nov **Feast of Christ the King** at 10am
 13th Dec **2020 First Eucharist Sunday**

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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 all now in place and volunteers trained to operate the system (more volunteers welcome as we can train them). All live-streaming of Mass and other events from the church is through **the Parish Website on the page entitled 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass'**. Just click onto the link you will find there. We will live-streaming each Sunday Mass and some other 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**. Thank you to all who have made this possible by giving time and skills, or by contributing to the cost. You are supporting this new Ministry of Proclamation!

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**.

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 has given live-streamed talks on '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.** Let us explore how we can develop real solid responses to 'care for our common home'. The Covid Pandemic is an immediate crisis, but Global Warming is a 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!**

WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: 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. 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.**

THOUGHT FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *Who are God's Faithful People?*

We go to Church, we say our prayers, we live reasonably upright lives and honest lives - what more does God want? Well ... are we people who do enough? Or people who want to give everything? Are we people who are self-satisfied? Or are we people for who know we need God's mercy and yearn to receive more and to be more? Heaven will be full of surprises - for our God is the God of surprises! The chaotic addicts who know a bit about love will be there with the saints! The abused prostitutes who know their utter need will be there with the Virgin Mary! The unbelievers who love and struggle for a better a world will be there with Apostles! We say yes to God - but do we really? Are people of the Heart? Are we people of Mission?

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