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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Responsible Loving - Correcting on another!

'Love' is a 'suitcase' word - open it up and it contains a myriad of qualities. Jesus challenges us to love one another enough to correct one another.

In the monastic tradition there is the 'Chapter of Faults' and in the de Foucauld tradition there is the 'Review of Life' - each are expressions of a community so supportive that we can dare to speak truth to one another, precisely because we love each other. To speak truth without love is to wield a knife that wounds; to love without speaking truth is to be a surgeon who refuses to operate and save life.

To allow another to correct us is an act of generous love; to speak love's word of correction to a brother or sister to love with courage. Many problems in today's Britain (the recent riots etc) stem from not having the courage to love in a way that gives boundaries to our children or one another - responsible loving is 'tough loving' truthful loving! It is the love that heals society!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS in Thanksgiving for All Creation 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

TUESDAY: *Feast of the Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord*
No Reflection today
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Peter Claver, Jesuit priest, Pastor of victims of Slavery (1580-1650)*
Prayer and Reflection live-streamed at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of Bl Frederick Osanam, founder of Society of St Vincent de Paul***
Mass live-streamed on Facebook at 10.30am
Adoration at 5.30pm **Mass at 6.00pm**

FRIDAY: **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] 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?

[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).

[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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year** we give thanks that Jesus brings us the endless mercy and forgiveness of God, and calls us in our turn to bring that same endless mercy and forgiveness to all who hurt us. It is perhaps the most challenging dimension of being disciples of Christ, for the deeper the hurt the more difficult can be the path toward forgiving. It can be a life-long journey but what matters is that we set out on that journey, that Pilgrimage of Reconciliation and Mercy. Let us seek the healing of our hurts so that we might offer forgiveness and love's freedom to others. It is the journey from being wounded victims to becoming wounded healers.

[2] This is also the day we celebrate the **Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino**, but sadly not as we usually do. But celebrating baptism is a wonderful way of marking our great healing Saint, love of the Poor. **Also we will bless our new Food Bank after Mass and dedicate it as 'St Nicholas Bread'** - it would be good if at least some of the congregation could share in the blessing, safe distancing of course.

[2] We are now able to celebrate Baptisms and having taken medical advice we can do so safely by full immersion. **So now we celebrate our first baptisms since January.**

[3] We anticipate being able to live-stream our parish Mass from this day onwards.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary's, Swindon, served by Fr Michael McAndrew, Deacons Elias Fernandes, Terry Aspell, Parish Administrator Elias Fernandes, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Food Bank**. It is a scandal that such a wealthy country as our own are raising 2 million children in poverty and that there is a need for thousands of food banks in this country. It is however a vitally important mission of the parish, increasingly so since Covid hit us and as unemployment rises post-pandemic the need becomes greater. We need more donations of non-perishable food and we need more volunteers to help. We are moving into the 'St Nicholas Bread' Food Bank during the coming week and re-open to the public on Monday 14th Sept **Please consider offering to be part of this mission and for more information (and induction), please contact Robert or Mary.**

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WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Ezekiel 33: 7-9 / Psalm 94 / Romans 13: 8-10 / Matthew 18: 15-20
Monday	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8 / Psalm 5 / Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Micah 5: 1-4 / Psalm 12 / Romans 8: 28-30 / Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31 / Psalm 44 / Luke 6: 20-26
Thursday	1 Corinthians 8: 1-7, 11-13 / Psalm 138 / Luke 6: 27-38
Friday	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27 / Psalm 83 / Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 / Psalm 115 / Luke 6: 43-49

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

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

CAFOD £42.00 **Caritas** £ - 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

8th Sept	Installation of live-streaming infrastructure in the church
9th Sept	'Big Ideas' Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.00pm on Zoom
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

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. We have a team of volunteers to operate the system during Mass (as well as to assist linking our parish website to the live-streaming). Further volunteers welcome and we can train them after we have mastered the system! 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. 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 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.

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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!**

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. Training in new protocols to ensure sustainability of provision and safe working will be given to volunteers each day from Tuesday to Friday (one day attendance is enough for each volunteer). 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, 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.**

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.*

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