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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - WORLD MISSION



What is Caesar's? What is God's?

The coinage of Imperial taxation bore the imprint of the August Caesar. But we bear the imprint of Jesus, of God, of the Spirit, of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Whose imprint do we truly bear, whose image can the world see in us? Are we shaped by loyalty to Caesar - to the powers of this world, to its voracious economic agendas, to its narrow national interests, to its petty and warlike ambitions?

Or are we shaped by our true King - shaped by the powerful gentleness of love, by an allegiance to the Reign of God which crosses over every national boundary and interest, shaped by God's passion for the poor and powerless?

Are we God's coinage given away to the world in love? Or are we the world's selfish coinage?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of Mission at 10.00am (live-streamed: Parish Website)

Mass with LGBT^{Q+} Community at 3.00pm (live-streamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of Ss Jean de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues - 1st North American Martyrs

Adoration at 5.30pm

Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Mass at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: *Adoration at 5.30pm* **Mass Live-streamed on Parish Website at 6pm**

FRIDAY: *Adoration at 5.30pm* **Mass at 6.00pm**

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, Archbishop, Pastor of slaves, Claretian Founder*

Adoration at 11.00am **Mass at 12 noon**

Adoration & Evening Prayer at 6.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [1] On the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of Kings and our deepest loyalty is to Him, His Gospel and His Kingdom. This loyalty must come before all other loyalties - to family, to culture, to tribe or nation. The Vision contained in the preaching and witness of Jesus, His Good News, is a vision of a Universal family where every human person is a beloved child of the Father and therefore my sister or brother - we are all one family. Every other loyalty is conditional - only to Jesus and His Kingdom can we give our all, our soul and heart, our everything.

[2] This is also, very appropriately, **World Mission Sunday and the beginning of One World Week**. We have a global responsibility to build a different world and a new way of social interaction, social friendship as Pope Francis puts it in his new Encyclical Letter 'Fratelli Tutti' - we are all one family and the mission of the Church is to build that reality in the world by making it truly flesh in the Body of Christ the Church and all its activity and life. The Church does not have a mission - **IT IS MISSION! WE ARE MISSION!**

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

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

[5] There is a **Second Collection** as all the parish communities of the world contribute to **the global mission of the Church** by prayer, action and the gift of money. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that the Heart of God is Love and therefore the heart of God's Law is beyond law because it is the call to unlimited loving. And central to our response to the loving heart of God is care for and love for the poor, the outcast, the excluded, the marginalised - as the reading from the Book of Exodus today makes abundantly clear. No-one is to be excluded from our love (including our own selves) as no-one is excluded from God's loving.

[2] We have the joy of immersing little Patrick Alban into this immense Divine Love in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at our 10.00am Mass. Please pray for him, his family and all who are seeking baptism or have been delayed Sacraments of Initiation because of Covid 19.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St George's, Warminster served by Fr Martin Queenan, together with Fr Raymond Hayne and Fr Malcolm Ferrier and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Lay Ministers of the Eucharist**. These sisters and brothers of ours not only assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, but also lead Services of Word and Communion when the priest is absent - enabling our community to be sustained by the Word of God and the Bread of life, nurturing our life and mission as a community. They also enable the Prayer of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and very importantly bringing the Christ of Word and Eucharist to our sick and housebound who cannot join us around the Table of the Lord. They also express lay ministry and collaborative patterns of ministry at the heart of our worship - at the Eucharist, Please pray with gratitude for their ministry among us.

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WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 / Psalm 95 / 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 / Matthew 22: 15-21
Monday	Ephesians 2: 1-0 / Psalm 99 / Luke 12: 13-21
Tuesday	Ephesians 2: 12-22 / Psalm 84 / Luke 12: 35-38
Wednesday	Ephesians 3: 2-12 / Responsorial Isaiah 12 / Luke 12: 39-48
Thursday	Ephesians 3: 14-21 / Psalm 32 / Luke 12: 49-53
Friday	Ephesians 4: 1-6 / Psalm 23 / Luke 12: 54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 4: 7-16 / Psalm 121 / Luke 13: 1-9

COLLECTIONS LAST FEW WEEKS

20/09/2020 Env £98.51 + Loose £113.10 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £302.19 - Thank you!
 27/09/2020 Env £250.00 + Loose £62.00 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £402.58 - Thank you!
 04/10/2020 Env £90.55 + Loose £109.60 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £290.73 - Thank you!
 11/10/2020 Env £99.49 + Loose £71.71 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £261.78 - Thank you!
Caritas £500.00 **CAFOD HARVEST** £133.80 **Peter's Pence** £54.70 **Holy Places of Palestine** £103.18 **Flower Fund** £20.00 - thank you for your generosity in these hard times. *I wish also to 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

18th Oct	Mass with the LBGT+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome
25th Oct	Baptismal Sunday
28th Oct	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (via Zoom)
29th Oct	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (via Zoom)
1st Nov	Feast of All Saints & Adult Reception & Confirmations at 10.00am Mass
6th Nov	Young People's Journey of Faith and Confirmation Programme begins - 5.30pm in the Assisi Centre
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

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS FROM THE CHURCH 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. Other reflections, talks etc will normally 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**.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES These Programmes for 2020 were sadly interrupted because of the Covid 19 pandemic and the national lockdown and further restrictions later. We wish to complete these programmes before Christmas:

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First Eucharist Programme each Tuesday 4.00pm
First Eucharist Sunday on December 13th at 10am Mass
First Reconciliation Programme each Thursday at 4.00pm
First Reconciliation Celebrations on Saturday November 7th at 10am/11.30am/2.00pm
2020 Adult Journey of Faith each Friday at 4.30pm.
These are not new Programmes - but completing what was begun in 2020.

JOURNEY OF FAITH 2020-2021 We have been asked to support those seeking Baptism and Reception into the Church who attend St Mary-on-the-Quay. They are no longer able to support a Journey of Faith course. We are happy to share faith and faith journeys with the four people from there who are interested. We will begin this course sometime in November. Meanwhile we invite any adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation or Reception into the Catholic Church to contact myself or Mary Hopper as soon as possible so that we can make suitable arrangements. The Journey of faith is especially suitable not only for those seeking full communion with us, but also for Catholics who seek to understand their faith more deeply, or those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to complete their 'sacramental initiation'.

COVID 19 ON THE INCREASE ONCE MORE As we are heading once more towards a more restricted life in order to protect Public Health - we are called to make sacrifices for the sake of those vulnerable to the devastation of this Virus. **PLEASE ... YOUNG AND OLD, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ... ACT RESPONSIBLY TO LIMIT TRANSMISSION OF THIS VIRUS ... LOOK OUT FOR THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE IN YOUR STREET, YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ... OUR MISSION NOW IS TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF CARING AND RESPONSIBILITY, SERVING FOR THE COMMON GOOD: THIS IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST MADE PRACTICAL IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. THANK YOU!**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Would all PPC councillors please try to attend the PPC meeting (on Zoom) on Wednesday 28th October at 7.00pm. If you need assistance with the computer technology, Eustace is very happy to help.

It is so important that all your voices as the parish family are heard, that you contribute and shape the development, the life and the mission of our parish community - so please contact you Councillors or Eustace, Margaret or myself with any agenda items as soon as possible. The Church is called by the Holy Spirit to be more than a democracy - not less!

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 He 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!"

POPE FRANCIS ON HEALING THE PLANET 'Laudato si, o' mi Signore' (Praise be to you, my Lord). In the words of this beautiful canticle, St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us: 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs'. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of all with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail'

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