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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Divine Love has Three Faces!

There is only one way to serve God, to fulfil God's call and yearning for you and me! To live out God's 'Law' (which is so much more than a law!). The One Way is the Way of Love! There is no other - as St Therese taught us - the fill every small thing with a great love!

Three faces - the Father who gives everything, indeed is sheer infinite gift; the Son who receives everything and who experiences His life as the Gift of the Father; the Spirit who shares everything, the mutuality of giving and receiving. And we have those three faces in us, for we are made in God's image and likeness!

To love with everything to Giver of everything; to recognise my own being as loving gift from the Father; to share this love with everyone: Love God, love the other, love self - with my whole being! Love is All! Love is God!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Baptism at 10.00am (live-steamed: Parish Website)

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of Ss Chad and Cedd, Monks of Lindisfarne and Missionary Bishops*
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles*
Adoration at 5.00pm Mass at 5.30pm (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

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

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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] 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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate the **Feast of All the Saints**, the call each one of us has to holiness, wholeness and humanity. We give thanks for all the saints, living and those who have gone before us, who have nourished our lives with the love of God and the Gospel. We commit ourselves to grow in that holiness that is 'Universal Love' through the gift of the Holy Spirit within us. We called as a Church to be a 'Holy People' witnesses to Divine Love.

[2] We have the joy of welcoming Jennine Oldis into **Full Communion** with us and the whole Universal Church, and sealing this communion for mission with the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

[3] There is a **Second Collection for the Priests Retirement Fund** - please see details elsewhere in this bulletin.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the three Parishes in Communion for Mission of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph's, Weston-super-Mare served by Canon Tom Gunning, Deacons Stephen Munday, Michael Roberts, Thomas Moffatt and Parish Administrator, Maricris Magbanua and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing and Guidance in the Holy Spirit for our **Parish Pastoral Council and all its members**. These sisters and brothers of ours are (half) elected by the whole community and (other half) selected by the PPC to represent the cultural diversity of our Parish Community and share in decision-making and leadership of our 'Parish in Communion for Mission'. Please pray for them as they echo your voices and aspirations at the table of decision - and please speak with them, informing them of your views so as to enlarge the vision guiding our parish community's development in life and mission.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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| Sunday | Ezekiel 2: 20-26 / Psalm 17 / 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 / Matthew 22: 34-40 |
| Monday | Ephesians 4: 32-5: 8 / Psalm 1 / Luke 13: 10-17 |
| Tuesday | Ephesians 5: 21-33 / Psalm 127 / Luke 13: 18-21 |
| Wednesday | Ephesians 2: 19-22 / Psalm 18 / Luke 6: 12-19 |
| Thursday | Ephesians 6: 10-20 / Psalm 143 / Luke 13: 31-35 |
| Friday | Philippians 1: 1-11 / Psalm 110 / Luke 14: 1-6 |
| Saturday | Philippians 1: 18-26 / Psalm 41 / Luke 14: 1, 7-11 |

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK - details next week

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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

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| 25th Oct | Baptismal Sunday |
| 28th Oct | Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (via Zoom) |
| 29th Oct | Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (via Zoom) |
| 31st Oct | 'A Night of Light: A City on the Hill' Zoom Vigil for families/children 7.30pm |
| 1st Nov | Feast of All Saints & Adult Reception & Confirmation at 10.00am Mass |
| 2nd Nov | All Souls Day Parish Requiem Mass at 6.00pm |
| 3rd Nov | Zoom Meeting for all Food Bank Volunteers - at 7.00pm - <i>very important</i> |
| 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. 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 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:

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

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more deeply, or those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to complete their 'sacramental initiation'.

ST NICK'S EVENING VIGIL FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ON ZOOM

I am delighted that a group of the women of the parish are organising a Zoom Family Celebration for the Eve of 'All Hallows' ('All Saints'), Saturday 31st Oct 7.30-8.15am. Titled '**A Night of Light - a City on the Hill**', a positive way to engage our children with celebrating light and joy rather than darkness and scariness! All are welcome to join through Zoom (details for access later), to join us in spreading the Light through song, prayer, lighting a family candle, Scripture and sharing stories of Saints who inspire us. Followed by some traditional family games like 'Apple-bobbing"! More details: Caroline Price and Eneyi Pemu.

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!"

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND - ANNUAL APPEAL: 1 Nov 2020

The Annual Appeal, in support of the Priest's Retirement Fund, will take place on 1 Nov 2020. During their years of service to parish congregations many priests did not have the opportunity to prepare adequately for retirement. The support received for this appeal each year is a great reassurance to them that they are not forgotten.

There are currently twenty retired priests in receipt of financial support, which includes funding for retirement properties, retirement grants and care home fees, amounting to over £250,000 per annum. Your support for this important collection is much appreciated by our retired priests, who continue to give great help in many parishes by offering their services as supply priests. To enhance the appeal, Gift Aid envelopes will be available allowing an additional 25p to be claimed for every £1 donated.

CALLING ALL FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

Important meeting on Zoom - Please join it on Tuesday 3rd Nov at 7.00pm - details from Margaret - new volunteers needed and welcome! Opening times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am to 1.00pm. Volunteers needed from 9.00am (to receive supplies and prepare the foodbank shelves) to finish 1.30pm (cleaning)

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