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FEAST OF ALL THE SAINTS



HOLINESS IS HAPPINESS!

Holiness is not just for the heroes for whom we erect statues and paint icons! They are part of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that encourage and inspire us. But holiness is for us as well - ordinary and extraordinary mums and dads, uncles and aunts, friends and co-workers, brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

Everyone of us is called to holiness. Called to be holy is God's call to become our true selves, to be who we are - and to be me in Christ, in truth, in love, in compassion, in mercy, in the struggle for justice. Ultimately the call to holiness in Christ is no more and no less than the call to be human - thoroughly human. As St Teresa of Avila said - 'the royal road to God is through humanity'

The world needs saints - the world needs us, young people and older people - all to be saints letting love be the power and driving force of our lives. Not 'perfect' plaster saints, but real flesh and blood people - in Christ!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Reception & Confirmation (live-streamed: Parish)

MONDAY: COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)
Adoration at 5.30pm Parish Requiem Mass (Live-streamed on Website) at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of St Martin de Porres, Dominican Brother, Patron of Race Relations (d 1639)
Adoration at 5.00pm Mass at 5.30pm (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop (1538-1584)
Funeral Service for Tom McCarthaig RIP at 2.00pm
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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: **Mass at 12.30pm** (*NOTE CHANGE OF TIME*)
Services of First Reconciliation: 10am / 11.30am / 2.00pm
Adoration & Evening Prayer at 6.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

TODAY [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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year** we come to the great 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel which expresses the essence of Christian discipleship, what it means to follow Jesus and try to live with His heart and mind. We are called to seek wisdom, to be always ready for the unexpected call of Christ and His visitation into our lives - through the poor of our world. Always be ready to bring the Light of Christ into the lives of the poor, the broken, the hurting and the despairing. This is the wisdom of Christ Jesus!

[2] We hold **Remembrance Sunday** when we re-connect with the tragedy and 'pity of war', praying for all the victims of the wars of the 20th and 21st centuries and praying urgently for peace and unity in our global community and a new social vision for our world. **The 10am Mass will be a Mass of Remembrance and Peace.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the three Parish in Communion for Mission of St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton. with St Mary's, Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and St Mary the Virgin, Bruton served by Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk, Deacon Michael Hughes and Parish Administrator, Mrs Joanna Bentley 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 ADMINISTRATION TEAM AND ALL WHO WORK FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**. These sisters and brothers of ours not only deal with administration with great efficiency, but also deal with many pastoral care issues as people bring their needs for help and assistance to the Parish Office (filling in forms, housing issues, sign-posting to expert help, registration of our Food Bank members etc etc). It serves as a real 'interface' with our local community and is part of our pastoral mission of service beyond the congregation. If you feel called to help, please contact our Admin Team leader, Robert on the parish office phone.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 / Psalm 23 / 1 John 3: 1-3 / Matthew 5: 1-12

Monday Isaiah 25: 6-9 / Psalm 26 / Romans 5: 5-11 / Matthew 11: 25-30

Tuesday Philippians 2: 1-11 / Psalm 21 / Luke 14: 15-24

Wednesday Philippians 2: 12-18 / Psalm 26 / Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday Philippians 3: 3-8 / Psalm 104 / Luke 15: 1-10

Friday Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 / Psalm 121 / Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday Philippians 4: 10-19 / Psalm 111 / Luke 16: 1-8

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COLLECTIONS LAST TWO WEEKS

18/10/2020 Env £297.54 + Loose £ 210.12 + S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £618.67 - Thanks!

25/10/2020 Env £71.00 + Loose £124.00 + S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £306.05 - Thank you!

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

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 - *very important*
 6th Nov **Young People's Journey of Faith and Confirmation Programme** [*postponed because of lockdown*]
 7th Nov **First Reconciliation Celebrations** [*postponed because of lockdown*]
 12th Nov **Requiem Mass for all who have died of Covid** at 6.00pm (live-streamed)
 22nd Nov **Feast of Christ the King** at 10am
 26th Nov **Healing Mass for all affected by Covid** (inc health workers) at 7.00pm
 13th Dec **2020 First Eucharist Sunday** [*postponed because of lockdown*]

CONFIRMATION AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Our God, Abba our loving Father, loves to pour Divine Gifts upon us whom He loves. He poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our conception so that we could be human - made in the Divine Image and Likeness. In Baptism He pours the Spirit again so that we can experience Him as the love that fulfils our lives and draws us into profound intimacy with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the The Sacrament of Confirmation, the final step in 'Initiation' into the Body of Christ, God pours His Spirit into our being to gift us for Mission and Ministry, gifts us so that we can be gift to the Church and to the world. Holy Spirit comes to empower the Christian for ministry in the Body of Christ and mission to the world in the name of Christ. It is an essential part of our growing into Christ that we not only experience His love but become His Love for others. So the Holy Spirit comes with charisms and gifts to equip us as co-workers with Jesus Christ in the immense task of building up God's Church, proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News, bringing healing and hope to the broken and oppressed, and ultimately 'renewing the face of the earth'!

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!

JOURNEY OF FAITH 2020-2021 We are supporting those seeking Baptism and Reception into the Church who attend St Mary-on-the-Quay where there is no Journey of Faith course. We are happy to share faith and faith journeys with the four people from there who are interested. **We are exploring whether to postpone until after the current lockdown or attempt to begin the Journey of Faith through Zoom meetings - more information during the coming week.** Meanwhile we invite any adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation or Reception into the Catholic Church to contact myself or Mary Hopper as soon as possible. The Journey of Faith is 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'.

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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 [*postponed because of lockdown*]

First Eucharist Sunday on December 13th [*postponed because of lockdown*]

First Reconciliation Programme each Thursday at 4.00pm [*postponed because of lockdown*]

First Reconciliation Celebrations [*postponed because of lockdown*]

These are not new Programmes - but completing what was begun in 2020.

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: THE LOVE OF CHRIST MADE PRACTICAL**

NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives!

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 (Parish Office) - some 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 shelves before the Food Bank opens at 10am) to finish 1.30pm (cleaning).

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