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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



WHEN HE COMES AGAIN - WHAT WILL WE GIVE HIM?

When Jesus ascended into Heaven He entrusted the Gospel, the New Way of Being and being community, the New Way of shaping our world - he entrusted this into our poor and weak hands and hearts. He did not just send us in Mission to the world, He gave us His power, Love's power, the Holy Spirit so that we could work with Him to change the world. We are a gifted People.

When He returns He will simply ask - what have you done with the Gifts I gave you? Have you trusted the power of Love I have placed in your hearts? Have you touched My world with healing and challenged My sisters and brothers to live humanly and lovingly? Have you used the power I gave you to build a more just society, to free the captives and unbind the slaves? Have you used My power, love's power, to heal Creation and answer the cries of the Earth and the cries of the Poor? I hope He will say 'Well done good and faithful servant!'

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS (*live-steamed: [Parish Face Book Page](#)*)

MONDAY: Mass at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#)*)

TUESDAY: *[Feast of St Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury \(1175-1240\)](#)*
Mass at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#)*)

WEDNESDAY: *[Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Carthusian monk and Bishop \(1135-1200\)](#)*
Prayer & Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))
Mass at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#)*)

THURSDAY: *[Feast of the Dedication of Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome](#)*
Prayer & Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))
Requiem Mass for all victims of Covid RIP at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on [Parish Face Book](#)*)

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FRIDAY: Mass at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book Page*)

SATURDAY: *Feast of Feast of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*
Church open for private Prayer (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) 10-11.30am
 Mass at 12.00pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book Page*)
Adoration & Evening Prayer at 6.00pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book Page)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [1] The **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year** celebrates the God who is the giver of Gifts, the gifts of the Holy Spirit; the God who entrusts the growth and development of the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace to us disciples of Jesus to all people of good will; the God who fashions us human beings to be co-creators with the Divine of our evolving world and beautiful planet. How will we use the gifts God has given us?

[2] This is also the **World Day of the Poor** that Pope Francis instituted three years ago, to focus the whole Church on the plight of the impoverished, the excluded and the oppressed. We renew our commitment to becoming 'the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor'.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Last Sunday of the Year** we celebrate **Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. We end our Liturgical Year with the vision of all Creation gathered up into 'Christ Omega' - the Reign of God's Loving and the Glory of the Divine Life and Presence shining through every atom of the Universe. This transformed (indeed Resurrected) Universe is the vision and goal of our Mission. We are empowered by the Spirit of God to 'renew the face of the earth' and bring about God's Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace. This is our Hope that drives us forward, the Vision that is to shape the self-understanding of every disciple of Jesus and empower their (our) mission.

[2] This is **National Youth Sunday** when we pray for and value our young people who bring their world to the Church., their energy and vision, their yearnings and hope for our world, their world, our Church, THEIR CHURCH! Normally we would engage our young people in the ministries exercised in this Mass but sadly we cannot this year - we will do so when more of us can be together for Mass. But may our young people teach us how to be a Church where they and their world can truly belong: may listen to their voice and value their ministry and their mission. As we learn from Greta Thunberg, so may we learn for all our young people. Let us remember our University students at this time who are having such a challenging (and perhaps disappointing) time, especially so away from home.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all who serve the life and mission of our diocese through the work at Alexander House (Finance, Evangelisation, Education, Property Services, Safeguarding, Marriage Tribunal, Archives), at Bishop's House (supporting the-Bishop's Ministry, Press Office, Diocesan Trustees) and all who are part of the numerous Departments of the Diocese. This is the infrastructure that supports, guides and resources our parishes. Let us pray for all who are involved in this 'hidden' work.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing and Guidance in the Holy Spirit for our **Ordained Pastor and retired Diaconal couple**. We pray also for our two parishioners who are preparing for the Diaconate - Andrew and Robert. Ordained Ministry is not superior to any other ministry, but is the servant enabling, encouraging and co-ordinating the ministries and charisms and missions poured out freely by the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation among the Priestly People of God. The ministry of the ordained is fulfilled when lay leadership flourishes and all are involved in serving the Kingdom, building up the Body of Christ and transforming the world in love. *Richard hopes and prays that some of our young people will pray seriously about whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry - if so please contact him.*

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WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Psalm 127/1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6/Matthew 25: 14-39
Monday	Apocalypse 1: 1-4, 2: 1-5 / Psalm 1 / Luke 18: 35-43
Tuesday	Apocalypse 3: 1-6, 14-22/ Psalm 14/ Luke 19: 1-10
Wednesday	Apocalypse 4: 1-11 / Psalm 150 / Luke 19: 11-28
Thursday	Apocalypse 5: 1-10 / Psalm 149 / Luke 19: 41-44
Friday	Apocalypse 10: 8-11 / Psalm 118 / Luke 19: 45-48
Saturday	Apocalypse 11: 4-12 / Psalm 143 / Luke 20: 27-40

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £ + Loose £ + PayPal £ + S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £ - No figures because of lockdown!
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

19th Nov	Parish Requiem for who have died of Covid at 6.00pm (Parish Website)
20th Nov	Journey of Faith 2020/2021 begins at 4.30pm (on Zoom)
22nd Nov	Feast of Christ the King at 10am
25th Nov	Bristol City of Sanctuary Trustees meet (on Zoom)
26th Nov	Healing Mass for all affected by Covid (inc health workers) at 6.00pm
1st Dec	Parish Finance Committee meet at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
9th Dec	Vision Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
10th Dec	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission meets
13th Dec	2020 First Eucharist Sunday [provisional at this time]

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'!

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. **Our first meeting of 2020-2021 Journey of Faith is on Zoom at 4.30pm on Friday 20th November.** 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 seeking 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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LIVE-STREAMING DURING RENEWED NATIONAL LOCKDOWN Our **SUNDAY MASS** will be from the church and live-streamed through the **Parish Website on the page entitled 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass'**. Just click onto the link you will find there. Our **Weekday Masses and other Prayer & Reflection sessions** will be from the Presbytery Prayer Room and live-streamed on the **Parish Face Book Page** (unless otherwise notified in parish bulletin). 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 [continuing on Zoom]

First Eucharist Sunday on December 13th [provisionally booked for this day]

First Reconciliation Programme each Thursday at 4pm [final session to be confirmed]

First Reconciliation Celebrations [to be confirmed]

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

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!

REQUIEM MASS FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC I hope many will join us for this rescheduled Requiem Mass live-streamed from the church on our parish website on Thursday 19th November at 6.00pm. With over 50,000 Covid deaths in UK alone, and many other not known to be Covid related, let us pray for them as they are gathered into the eternal love of Abba, their Father and ours. We will pray also for all those who have not been able to grieve as they would have wished (needed to do) or accompanied their loved ones on their final journey. We hold the pain of so much grief before the healing love of God in this Mass.

HEALING MASS IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC Please join us through live-streaming from the church on the Parish Website for this Mass of Healing for all afflicted by this pandemic: physically, emotionally, suffering from isolation, exhaustion from caring for the sick etc. We will pray in support of God's healing work through our health care workers and carers, our ambulance and paramedic crews, our researchers and all key workers. **So join us in the great prayer of the Mass on Thursday 26th November at 6.00pm (parish website).**

CHRISTMAS AND THE PARISH FOOD BANK We would like to give a small Christmas gift to everyone who comes to 'St Nicholas Bread' food bank, and with a gift voucher to all the families who come. Will you help us to do this, be part of the giving, by donating, marking your donations 'Christmas Foodbank' - thank you.

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