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FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YOUTH SUNDAY



King? or Servant? or Shepherd? or Prophet?

This is a King without 'subjects' for He wants no-one inferior to Him. That is why He comes as a servant, even a slave! That is why He spends His time healing and encouraging. That is why He gently guides and leads as a Good Shepherd and lays down His life for His flock - us! That is why He challenges all in authority to be servants and not dominators, serving the Divine Reign of radical justice, courageous peace and revolutionary love!

So how do we share His Reign? By being like him - feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, healing the sick and visiting the prisoner. This is a King who radically redefines Kingship! This is a King who enters the human heart and works a revolution of love in the one place that no ideology and power can ever reach - the still centre-point of our being where we are most God-like!

This King is a shepherd, a servant, a prophet: this King alone is worthy of our total allegiance - that is how we are set forever free!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (live-streamed: [Parish Website](#))

MONDAY: *No Service today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & 117 Vietnamese Martyrs (18 & 19 cent)*
Mass at 6.00pm (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Clement I, Pope & Martyr & St Columbanus, Missionary Abbot*
Prayer & Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))
Mass at 6.00pm (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))

THURSDAY: *Prayer & Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))*
Mass of Healing for Covid sufferers & carers at 6.00pm
(live-streamed on [Parish Website](#))

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FRIDAY: *Mass for St Brendans 6th Form College at 12.10pm (Parish Face Book Page)*
Mass at 6.00pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book Page)

SATURDAY: *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] 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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We begin a **new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent**. We celebrate the 'God Who comes' - God comes in every atom of creation, in every moment of history, in every sacramental encounter, in every moment of prayer, in every person, in every cry of anguish and suffering of the poor. And every coming of our God prepares us for that great and final coming when all creation will be gloriously alive with divine love and gathered into the Body of Christ. Let us 'be awake' to welcome every Coming of Christ today so as to ready our world for that transfiguring Final Coming!

[2] We have the **Children's Advent Calendars** we give to the Children's Liturgy Group. Unfortunately we cannot distribute them until the Second Sunday of Advent when we hope we can come together again for Mass. Meanwhile I will place a pdf copy of the Calendar on the parish website. We also have some adult **Advent Prayer booklets** to help make Advent a special time of prayer and reflection in the midst of everything else happening this particular Advent. They will be available both from the Parish office and the porch of the Church in due time. Cost £1.00

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all University, College and School Chaplaincies in our diocese: their chaplaincy teams and those communities they serve, students and staff. Education is at the heart of the Mission of the Church - educating for peace and justice in our world, offering the invitation to be disciples of Christ.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing and Guidance in the Holy Spirit for our **Zimbabwean community - the Catholic Zimbabwean association and the national chaplains who serve them:** this community celebrate Mass monthly (in normal times) here at St Nicks. We pray also the people of Zimbabwe who continue to suffer the denial of democracy and injustice, poverty and governmental oppression and violence. May their suffering soon end and a new beginning come!

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WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Ezechiel 34: 11-12, 15-17/Psalm 22/1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28/Matthew 25: 31-46
Monday	Apocalypse 14: 1-5 / Psalm 23 / Luke 21: 1-4
Tuesday	Apocalypse 14: 14-19 / Psalm 95 / Luke 21: 5-11
Wednesday	Apocalypse 15: 1-4 / Psalm 97 / Luke 21: 12-19
Thursday	Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9 / Psalm 99 / Luke 21: 20-28
Friday	Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2 / Psalm 83 / Luke 21: 29-33
Saturday	Apocalypse 22: 1-7 / Psalm 94 / Luke 21: 34-36

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK - published when we can gather for worship

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

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
29th Nov	First Sunday of Advent - New Liturgical Year (Year B - St Mark)
1st Dec	Parish Finance Committee meet at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
2nd Dec	Mass for the Women Martyrs of El Salvador at 6.00pm (n Parish Website)
8th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6pm Mass (streamed on Parish Website)
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]
25th Dec	FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
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1st Jan	Feast of Mary the Mother of God - New Year's Day - Mass at 10am
10th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday
21st Jan	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm

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

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are interested. **The 2020-2021 Journey of Faith is on Zoom at 4.30pm each Tuesday.** 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'.

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 Wednesday 4.00pm NB CHANGE [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!

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.

NEEDS OF OUR FOODBANK We are urgently appealing for the following food for our food bank: ***Tins of Tuna, Sardines and Mackerel Tinned Vegetables Tinned Fruit Rice Pudding Pasta Sauces - We also always need more long-life milk.*** Please drop them off at the Parish Office between 9am to 1.30pm or by arrangement at the office or presbytery. **Many thanks for your invaluable support** - on Friday we had 175 people come to the food bank and during this past week 55 new people were registered. Poverty levels are increasing dramatically and we must respond in the name and love of Christ. We are also having to store some supplies in the church and the parish hall. ***The Church is for the 'breaking of bread'***

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