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32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Carrying a Lamp of Faith, a Light of Love

We spend huge amounts of money on weddings: yet sadly too often we neglect what is really important - to burn with love and faith in Christ the Bridegroom whose sacrificial love all married people are called to reveal and proclaim to the world by their sacrificial love for one another.

Jesus comes to wed the world to God, to interweave the life and love of God into the very heart and pulse of creation. In Jesus, God woos the world to a different existence, love's betrothal that fulfils all our longings for love and fulfilment.

Are we ready, do we carry the Lamp of Faith waiting in expectancy for Him who comes to woo our hearts? Do we carry the Light of Love to guide our world to Him who is the World's Lover? Do we wait in prayer and service upon His Coming, with a heart filled with yearning?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of Remembrance and peace (live-streamed: [Parish website](#))

MONDAY: *No Service today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica & Pope St Leo the Great (died 461)*
Mass at 6.00pm (live-streamed on [Parish Face Book Page](#))

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Martin of Tours, monk and Bishop (316-397)*
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 St Josaphat, Ukrainian Bishop & Martyr for Unity (1580-1623)*
Requiem Mass for all who have died during Covid Pandemic at 6.00pm
(live-streamed on [Parish Website](#))

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

SATURDAY: *Feast of Bl Edward Powell & Beatified martyrs of Clifton Diocese*
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 **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.**

NEXT SUNDAY [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?

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all Religious Communities in our diocese. We pray for the mission of Prayer and Action, of welcome and hospitality, that they will live the particular charism of their differing founders and missions.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing and Guidance in the Holy Spirit for our **Children's Liturgy of the Word team**. Our children are a precious and loved part of our parish community. Sharing the Good News of Jesus with them is of vital importance. Sadly we cannot be active in this ministry at the moment, but hopefully we can return to it in the New Year. Volunteers are needed and no prior experience is necessary - there will be 'on-the-job training' available. Please contact Mary Hopper for more information and to volunteer.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Wisdom 6: 12-16 / Psalm 62 / 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 / Matthew 25: 1-13
Monday	Titus 1: 1-9 / Psalm 23 / Luke 17: 1-6
Tuesday	Ezechiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12/ Psalm 45/ 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 / John 2: 13-22
Wednesday	Titus 2: 11-14 & 3: 1-7 / Psalm 22 / Luke 17: 11-19
Thursday	Philemon: 7-20 / Psalm 145 / Luke 17: 20-25
Friday	2 John: 4-9 / Psalm 118 / Luke 17: 26-37
Saturday	3 John: 5-8 / Psalm 111 / Luke 18: 1-8

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £68.00 + Loose £195.59 + PayPal £53.83 + S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £428.47 - Thanks!
Priests' Retirement Collection £136.41 (I am not retiring yet!!) - 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!

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Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12th Nov	Borderlands Trustees meet (on Zoom)
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
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 [<i>provisional at this time</i>]

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 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**. 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'.

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**

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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.

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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