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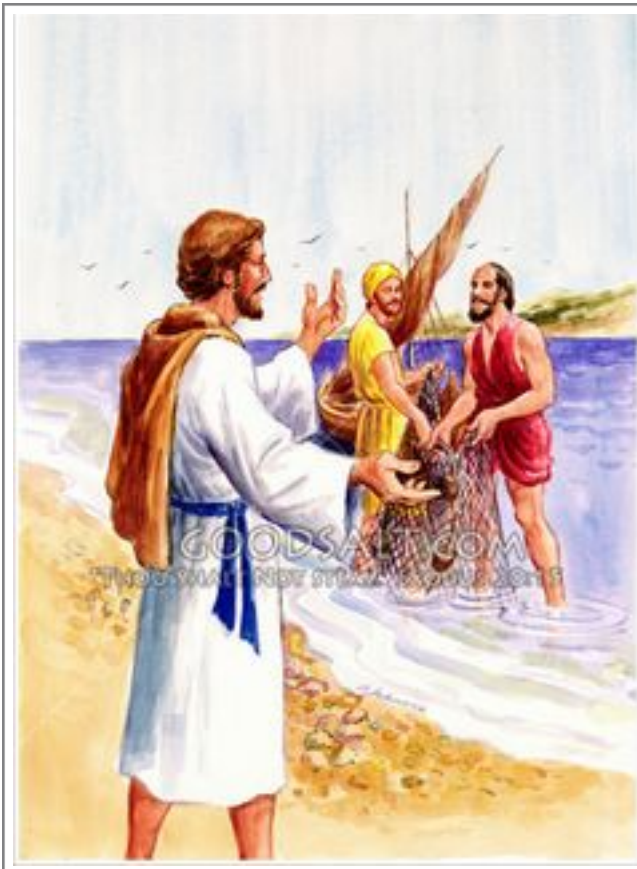
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - PEACE SUNDAY



### *JESUS CALLS US - TO WHAT?*

Who is this man ... that calls us to 'leave everything behind and serve the Kingdom'? Calls us to build a new world, a world of universal friendship, a world without barriers and walls, only open doors, open borders, open hearts!

Yes He calls us to do many things - to challenge everything that oppresses our sisters and brothers; to uproot all injustice that destroys the world's peace; to share all we have and all we are so that all will have enough to thrive; to change our life-styles to care for our planet and future generations.

But first, He calls us to 'Come and See' finding in Him our life's meaning, the love we yearn for, the most faithful friend who never leaves us. He calls us to share His Life, to walk His Way, to so to proclaim his liberating Truth. 'Come and see' He says - come and stay with Me, eat with Me, learn with Me, live in Me!

Yes He asks everything of us ... but He give us so much more! Love beyond our imagining, Life overflowing, a deep-down peace that is unshakeable. Just say 'Yes, Lord, I will follow you always ... together we can do the impossible!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS for World Peace at 10.00am (live-steamed: [Parish Website](#))  
 Mass with LGBTQ+ community at 3.00pm- all welcome (live-steamed: [Parish Website](#))

### *WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*

**MONDAY:** Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**TUESDAY:** Feast of St Wulstan, last Saxon Bishop, anti-slavery preacher (1008-10095)  
 Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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**WEDNESDAY:** *Prayer and Reflection at 11.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)*  
*Adoration at 5.45-6.20pm Mass at 6.30pm*

**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Agnes, Virgin Martyr, Patron of Music (died 305 aged 13 years)*  
*Prayer and Reflection at 11.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)*  
*Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (live-streamed: [Parish Website](#))*

**FRIDAY:** *Mass for St Brendan's 6th Form College at 12.15pm (live-streamed on Face Book)*  
*Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm*

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration at 11.00am Mass at 12.00 noon*  
*Evening Prayer & Adoration at 6.00pm (live-streamed - Parish Face Book)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** by appointment only

**TODAY** [1] On the **Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who calls disciples - first Andrew then Peter - but down through the centuries to you and I. He invites you and I to 'come and see' what difference His love makes in our lives, liberating us to serve and for joy. Like Andrew, let us 'stay with Him' everyday of our lives - and like Andrew let us bring our sisters and brothers to the Lord to find new Life!

[2] This is **Peace Sunday** when the Catholic Church in UK prays especially for the peace of our world. There is so much violence, terror attacks, civil conflicts around the world, some of which are motivated by diminishing resources (water, fertile land etc) caused by Global Warming. The 10am Mass will be a Mass for Peace. *There will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi - the Church's International Peace organisation.*

[3] We have **Mass with our LBGTO+ community and friends** at 3.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] With the **Third Sunday of the Year** we continue to celebrate He who calls us to a life of service, to a life filled with love, both gentle and dynamic, both forgiving and challenging - a New Life building a New World. He calls us to a New Community, rooted in our love for Him and shining with Light for the World - a Church that will seek always and everywhere to be a Sacrament of god's limitless loving! What will we leave behind in order to live such a life, build such a world and form such a Church?

[2] This Sunday is part of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** and the 10am Mass will be a **Mass for the Unity of the Church in Mission to the World.**

### **CHURCHES OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THIS LOCKDOWN**

Gratefully we can continue to come to Mass during this current National Lockdown: **BUT** we must observe the necessary restrictions: People are to attend Mass only in their household or support bubble groups and **must not socialise/interact with people from outside of their household/support bubble inside or outside of the church.** Please note that by current Covid Laws passed by Parliament, a 'bubble' is one household and one other individual (either to support or who is supporting with childcare etc). If we do not observe these rules then we can be closed down for public worship! Your Priest can be fined up to £15,000!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon, served by Canon Liam O'Driscoll, and all the community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing for the **work of our Flower Arranging Team** who week by week make our church and Liturgical Assembly more beautiful with the beauty of the natural world. In Lent we know how empty the church looks without flowers. As we need more and more to concen-

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trate efforts to value and heal the environment around us, and to behold the beauty of God expressed in the natural world, then the flower arrangements remind us of the Creator's goodness and generosity to us in adorning our world with such colour and vibrancy. If you would like to volunteer (no experience needed) then please contact Minette Semper.

### **WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19 / Psalm 39 / 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20 / John 1: 35-42
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 5: 1-10 / Psalm 109 / Mark 2: 18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 6: 10-20 / Psalm 100 / Mark 2: 23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17 / Psalm 109/ Mark 3: 1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Hebrews 7: 25-8: 6 / Ps 39 / Mark 3: 7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 8: 6-13/ Psalm 84 / Mark 3: 13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrews 9: 2-3, 11-14 / Psalm 46 / Mark 3: 20-21

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £90.00 + Loose £165 + PayPal £348.60 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £714.65 thanks!

**Food Bank donation** £100.00 **CAFOD** £ - many thanks!

*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.**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

17th Jan	Mass with LBTQ community at 3.00pm - all welcome
19th Jan	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
21st Jan	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
27th Jan	Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)
28th Jan	Borderlands Trustees Meeting (on Zoom)
2nd Feb	<b>Feast of Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord in the Temple)</b>
3rd Feb	Anti-Slavery Partnership meeting (on Teams)
7th Feb	New Monthly Signed Mass for the Deaf live-streamed at 10am Mass
9th Feb	Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron of enslaved and trafficked people
11th Feb	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick (Healing Mass)
14th Feb	<b>Baptismal Sunday</b>
17th Feb	<b>ASH-WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>
21st Feb	Mass with LBTQ community at 3.00pm - all welcome
4th April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - Baptismal Sunday</b>

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, **the patient or their family MUST request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain** - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** [1] **First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Programmes:** In the light of the current Lockdown and the dangers associated with this New Variant Covid 19, it has been decided to postpone Preparation until we can safely gather the children together around the table in the Assisi Centre which hopefully might be after half-term (mid to late February). It will be too difficult to commence the programme on Zoom. If the restrictions still prohibit meeting together after February we will reconsider this decision.

[2] **Young Peoples Journey of Faith (16-19+), preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation:** we have made a good start with this programme on Zoom last Friday and will con-

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tinue to meet on Zoom each Friday at 5.00pm. If there are other young people in this age group (whether or not they have been confirmed) who would like to join in, you will be very welcome - let Richard have your email address.

[3] **Confirmation Programme for young people 13-15+** This would need to be a separate group and at the moment we have only 2 youngsters of that age. Unless significantly more young people of this age apply, we will not commence the Programme until late 2021/early 2022. To apply, please contact Richard or Mary.

**POPE FRANCIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS** Pope Francis stated the following last November: *'Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession... genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian effects of any employment of nuclear devices and the risk of accidental detonation as a result of any kind of error, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned. They exist in the service of a mentality of fear.'*

**CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS** Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Andrew (07519991066) who is co-ordinating this ministry.

**POST-PANDEMIC CHALLENGES** It is clear that so many are struggling with physical and emotional exhaustion because of the Lockdown and especially serving the sick and vulnerable during this Public Health Crisis. Enforced isolation has worsened the mental health of so many people. How can we respond as a Healing community to this situation? how can we develop our parish as 'God's Field Hospital', creating safe spaces for people to recover their inner well-being and self-confidence? Can our parish's mental health workers advise?

**CLIFTON DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER** Sign-up for this useful round-up of news, views, events and other information from around our diocese. It is easy to do, just go to our website [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com), click on the newsletter icon and register your email address.

**WHAT IS THE COVENANT WITH THE POOR?** IN PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT MILLENIUM OF YEAR 2000 THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES ASKED EVERY PARISH TO DRAW UP AND MAKE A 'COVENANT WITH THE POOR'. AS PART OF OUR PARISH'S COVENANT WE PLEDGED TO PRAY REGULARLY FOR JUSTICE & PEACE, TO SERVE THE HOMELESS AND POOR WHO COME IN INCREASING NUMBERS TO OUR EXTENSIVE FOOD BANK AND THE WILD GOOSE CAFÉ AND TO ENCOURAGE PARISHIONERS TO VOLUNTEER TIME AND ENERGY TO WORK IN THE FOOD BANK AND THE WILD GOOSE CAFÉ; AND ALSO TO GIVE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD (ESPECIALLY RICE, PASTA, TINNED FRUIT AND TOMATOES, TINNED FISH AND MEAT ETC) AND/OR MONEY (IN SPECIAL ENVELOPES) TO BE USED FOR THE POOR. THIS FOOD AND MONEY GOES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY AMONG THE POOR OF OUR AREA. DURING LOCKDOWN THIS AS GREATLY EXPANDED AND VERY MANY PEOPLE IN BRISTOL ARE SUPPORTING US, IN ADDITION TO OUR PARISHIONERS. WE ALSO FOUNDED AND DEVELOPED OUR BORDERLANDS CHARITY ('FROM EXCLUSION TO BELONGING') TO SERVE OUR ASYLUM & REFUGEE COMMUNITY THAT HAS REMAINED SERVING THROUGHOUT THE PERIODS OF LOCKDOWN. IN NORMAL TIMES, THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION AT MASS REGULARLY SEES GIFTS TO BE SHARED WITH THE POOR AND VULNERABLE, CARRIED TO THE ALTAR (RESTORING THE ANCIENT MEANING OF THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION). SO THE COVENANT WITH THE POOR THAT WE RENEW SOLEMNLY AT EACH PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO (EARLY SEPTEMBER) HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AND DEVELOP AND AS SUCH HAS SHAPED THE LIFE, MISSION AND WITNESS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH OFFICE HAS ENABLED US TO DEVELOP OUR 'OPTION FOR THE POOR' IN OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL LET US PRAISE GOD FOR SUCH RICH GRACE AND LOVE POURED OUT UPON OUR COMMUNITY, AND THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY TO MANY IN THEIR NEED.

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