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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Broken to heal the broken!

The Divine Love comes into a beautiful world - God's creation! But that Love finds so much brokenness obscuring that beauty. And it breaks the Divine Heart!

So Jesus enters the brokenness and loves to the breaking of His own Sacred Heart, pierced by the lance of human brutality on the Cross. God embraces this world with the touch that heals and liberates - and is wounded and torn apart in the embrace that heals. He Who is the strength of God brings us that strength precisely in the vulnerable love that allows itself to be wounded, pierced by the pain of too much loving. Only in this way is healing and freedom unleashed by Divine Mercy!

SUNDAY: SIGNED MASS of World Day of the Sick at 10am (live-steamed: [Parish Website](#))

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Nun, Patron of Slaves & Trafficked people*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass for an end to Trafficking & slavery at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Scholastica, co-founder of all Benedictine nuns (died 543)*
Prayer and Reflection at 11.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass of Healing at 6.30pm (live-steamed: [Parish Website](#))

FRIDAY: Prayer and Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Mass for St Brendan's 6th Form College at 12.15pm (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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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] The **Fifth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus the Healer, the One who heals our wounds guides us to wholeness and holiness and liberates our world from evil. He also challenges our comfortable cultural norms (ie going into the women's room to heal Peter's mother-in-law). If only we as a Church would take seriously that Jesus liberates women, recognising radical equality and equal ministry.

[2] February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the **Church's World Day of Prayer for the Sick and all who care for them**. We will observe this during our Sunday Mass, as well as celebrating a Healing Mass on February 11th.

[3] This Sunday Mass will be a **Mass 'Signed for the Deaf'** to enable our deaf sisters and brothers to participate more fully. Thank you to Sherrie Eugene-Hart for agreeing to sign the Mass on the First Sunday of each month (unless otherwise notified).

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Sixth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who liberates us for human wholeness, for He is our redeemer, our healer, our reconciler. It is not only physical sickness that paralyses us! The paralysed man in today's Gospel represents also the deeper paralysis of sinfulness - wrong priorities, self-centredness, the pursuit of pleasure over the call to service and care! The structures of injustice, inequality and discrimination also paralyse our society more effectively than any Covid pandemic. Jesus forgives to the depth of our being and liberates us to move in the direction of the Kingdom of Justice, love and peace! Jesus heals the whole person, body, mind and spirit - as His Church, have we the love and faith to do the same? In the power of His Spirit, do we 'redeem, heal and reconcile'?

[2] We celebrate the **Sacrament of our Liberation into a New Life - Baptism**. Let us pray for the families whose children are being baptised, that they and their children may experience the love of God bringing them to 'new birth' each day of their lives.

[3] This is a **Day of Prayer for the Unemployed** whose number are tragically increasing at an alarming rate, because of the economic effects of Covid and profound changes in the way we shop (on-line shopping leading to the closure of major retail chains. We need also to pray and campaign against the denial of the right to work for our asylum-seeking sisters and brothers - an inhuman rule that denies them dignity and keeps them in extreme poverty!

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 Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol, served by Fr Eugene Campbell, Deacon Donald Cramer-Barnicoat and all the community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of those who clean our church and the Assisi Centre**. Led by Andrew Bent, a small group of men clean the church each Friday and two friends from our sanctuary seeking community clean the Assisi Centre each morning, Monday to Friday - part of our Covid prevention measures. Andrew and Marta spray the church with Covid disinfectant spray (the spray machine a gift from a parishioner) after Sunday Masses and funeral

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Masses. Their work protects us all and we are so grateful to them. The Friday cleaning team really need others to come and help them on a regular basis - please see Andrew to volunteer.

WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 146 / 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 / Mark 1: 29-35
Monday	Genesis 1: 1-19 / Psalm 103 / Mark 6: 53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1: 20-2: 4 / Psalm 8 / Mark 7: 1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17 / Psalm 103 / Mark 7: 14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2: 18-25 / Ps 127 / Mark 7: 24-30
Friday	Genesis 3: 1-8 / Psalm 31 / Mark 7: 31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3: 9-24 / Psalm 89 / Mark 8: 1-10

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £190 + Loose £75 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £376.05 thanks!

CAFOD £0 *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

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	Baptismal Sunday
17th Feb	ASH-WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS
21st Feb	Mass with LGBTQ community at 3.00pm - all welcome
25th Feb	Borderlands Trustees meeting (via Zoom)
4th March	Parish Pastoral Council - Vision Meeting
17th March	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meeting (via Zoom)
24th March	Feast of St Oscar Romero
25th March	Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord
28th March	PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS
4th April	EASTER SUNDAY - Baptismal Sunday

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.

TALKING AND LISTENING GROUP - the group runs every Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are effecting them and listen to others. The group supports those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. One to one sessions over the phone or social media are available. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or robertvh@hotmail.co.uk. Or, just come along.

ADULT JOURNEY OF FAITH GROUP In November we began our 2020/2021 Journey of faith group, using Zoom. The group includes some who had originally contacted St Mary-on-the-Quay who can no longer support such a group, so unusually we have not met most of the group at church. But the group is now progressing well and numbers are growing. Meeting on Tuesdays 4.30-5.45pm, we are about ten people, including two parishioners

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who wish to deepen their understanding of the Faith through participating in the 'course', led by Richard, Mary and Margaret, it is interactive and thoroughly Bible based. If anyone wishes to join us, let Richard have your email address so we can send a Zoom 'invitation'.

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 those 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?

FORCED ABORTION FOR UYGHUR MUSLIM WOMEN IN CHINA - PROTEST!

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:
<https://genocideresponse.org/>

TWO IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK [1] **On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita.** Born in Sudan, as a young girl she was captured, trafficked to Egypt and sold (and abused) as a slave. Eventually rescued by the Italian Consul and taken to Italy, she was baptised and heard the call of God to become a Canossian Nun in Venice. She lived simply, lovingly and humbly. She carried all her life the physical and emotional scars of her slavery and trafficking and during her last painful illness so often cried out - 'break these chains'. She is the patron saint of all victims of slavery and human trafficking, which is horrifyingly on the increase. There are estimated to be at least 300,000 enslaved and trafficked people in UK today! About 30% are white British, about 30% are children trapped in 'County Lines' used to move drugs around the country and sell them, or deliver them to dealers. There has been an increase in trafficking through Portishead, in Weston-super-Mare, Highbridge and any other part of our diocese. David Maggs and I currently represent the diocese of Bath & Wells and Clifton Diocese (respectively) on the 'Avon & Somerset Anti-Slavery Partnership'. As a parish we look forward to working once again and more closely with the Clewer Initiative to combat slavery and trafficking in our own city of Bristol.

[2] **Thursday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick.** Lourdes as perhaps the greatest Healing Shrine in the Catholic world is a prophetic sign to the Church that everywhere we are called to be a healing community, a healing presence in a world of brokenness, sickness and inner turmoil. We are called in the now famous words of Pope Francis to be God's 'field hospital' - open and welcoming, holding and healing for the broken and wounded of our world. A place of belonging for the lonely and isolated, a place of patient listening and healing compassion, a place of faith in the wholeness of humanity. Let us pray for all health and care workers and researchers and all the sick.

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