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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Where do we belong? World? Jesus? or both?

Each of us is made for relationship - we cannot survive with friends, without someone or something to belong to. And belonging means we find a home in the heart of the other.

Jesus prays that we will belong to Him, find our home in His Heart, His Word, His Kingdom - that He will be the place of our belonging. Does that mean that we 'do not belong to the world'? Yet He sends us into the world, does not want to remove us from the world. And when He took flesh in the womb of Mary, He embraced belonging to the world. So what does He mean?

Well, there is the 'world' that is the dwelling place of the God who has created all things out of Love and all is Good. God is alive in every atom of creation, including ourselves! There is also the 'world' of injustice, dishonesty, self-centredness, war and oppression - the world Jesus is 'in' but not 'of'!

He consecrates us in the truth to belong to the divine heart of the world - and to transform the dark heart of the world!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS for Creation ('Laudato Si' week) at 10am (steamed: Parish Website)

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (steamed: Parish Website)

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Dunstan, Abbot of Glastonbury & Archbishop of Canterbury (d.988)*
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Christopher Megallanes, Priest and the 24 Mexican Martyrs (20th Cent)***
Adoration at 8.30.am **Mass at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Rita of Cascia, wife, mother, Augustinian Nun (1381-14)***
Adoration at 11.00am **Mass at 12.00 noon**

Solemn Vigil Mass of Pentecost at 7.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [1] The **Seventh Sunday of Easter** celebrates Jesus' calling us to mission and to waiting upon the Holy Spirit for the wisdom we need, the vision we need and the power of Divine Love which is the energy for that Mission. Without the Holy Spirit we are ritualists in our devotions and activists in our work: but with the Holy Spirit we are servants and instruments of God's action and love in the world. So let us join those first disciples in the Upper Room of waiting, yearning, praying as we too cry out 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, enkindle the fire of Your love in us, may we be part of Your renewing the face of the Earth'!

[2] It is also **World Communication Sunday** as we pray that all will use modern media especially in our instant digital age, in a way that will 'consecrate in truth' and strengthen our awareness and our communion with all humanity and all creation. **There is a retiring Collection to support the development of the Church's Mission in the world of Modern Media.**

[3] We begin '**Laudato Si' Week** focussing our attention, concern, prayer and action upon caring for our planet and listening to the cries of the Poor. Care for the Planet and bringing justice to the Poor are intrinsically connected - neglect of the one is neglect of the other. What changes do we need to make to our own life-styles to heal our planet from the abuse of we have inflicted upon our environment during the past 100 years; and to do so in a way that brings justice, equality and opportunity to the poor of the Earth!

[4] **Rite of Child Catechumen** at 10.00am Mass - please pray for the children & families.

[5] We rejoice to share **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community** at 3.00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We conclude the celebration of Easter-tide with the great **Feast of Pentecost, a Feast second only to Easter Sunday itself.** We celebrate the birth of the Church in a ferment of Mission and Praise. The Spirit came with mighty wind that shook the foundations; with tongues of fire that penetrated the disciples hearts with divine love; with gifts that empowered them all to proclaim and witness, to build the Church and transform the world. The Holy Spirit comes to us to do the same! Dare we welcome the Holy Spirit?

[2] Fittingly on this Feast, we have the great joy of **celebrating Sacraments of Initiation with our elected Catechumens:** Naomi and Mary (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); Kimberlee (Reception into Full Communion, Confirmation, Eucharist), Michaela (Confirmation, Eucharist), Abel and Yssa (Confirmation). Please pray for their on-going growth in Christ.

[3] You are invited to the **Solemn Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday at 7.00pm.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gregory the Great and St Thomas More, Cheltenham, served by Fr David Mills, Fr Tony Pazhayakalam CST, Canon Alan Finley, Deacon Robin Littlewood, Parish Administrator, Mrs Mary Challis, and both their communities. We pray also for all who serve our annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for our **Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists.** Led by Mary Hopper, this important ministry enables our children (4-8 years) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word each

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Sunday in a way appropriate to stage of child and faith development. It also forms the 'little church' community and provides the foundations for both further catechesis, sacramental programmes and sense of dignity, care and belonging in our community. Although this ministry has had to be suspended because of Covid restrictions, we look forward to recommencing in September. With the refurbished Assisi Centre we hope to develop two separate groups, but will need more CLOW catechists to achieve this. We can provide training for those willing to serve the faith development of our children in this way. **Would all existing CLOW catechists and all who are willing to join them in serving our children, please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.**

WORD OF GOD FOR SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17, 20-26 / Psalm 102 / 1 John 4: 11-16 / John 17: 11-19
Monday	Acts of the Apostles 19: 1-8 / Psalm 67 / John 16: 29-33
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 20: 17-27 / Psalm 67 / John 17: 1-11
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 20: 28-38 / Psalm 67 / John 17: 11-19
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 22: 30, 23: 6-11 / Ps 15 / John 17: 20-26
Friday	Acts of the Apostles 25: 13-21 / Psalm 102 / John 21: 15-19
Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 28: 16-20, 30-31 / Psalm 10 / John 21: 20-25

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

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I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish serving the Kingdom of God. Thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th May	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass
16th May	Mass with our LBGTO+ friends and community at 3.00pm
21st May	Parents Baptismal Preparation - Session Two at 6.30pm (on Zoom)
22nd May	Pentecost Vigil Mass at 7.00pm - 'Come Holy Spirit'
19th May	Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)
23rd May	PENTECOST SUNDAY - celebration of Adult baptism and Confirmation
25th May	Ethiopian Orthodox Mass in St Nicks Church
30th May	TRINITY SUNDAY - child Baptism Sunday
6th June	Feast of Corpus Christ (Body and Blood of the Lord)
22nd June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (Parish Office)
23rd June	Borderlands trustees meet
24th June	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
27th June	Annual Parish Financial Statement at Mass
29th June	Feast Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)
18th July	First Eucharist Sunday
23-25 July	Annual Quest Conference - for details contact John Flannery
3rd Aug	Borderlands Trustees meet
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord & Hiroshima Day
15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Mary

PARENTS BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE Parents seeking the baptism of their children this year are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism course and celebration:

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 30th MAY at 10am Mass (Trinity Sunday)

Preparation Sessions: Friday 21st May at 6.30pm (on Zoom - link from Eustace)

Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 16th May at 10am Mass

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FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME - PARENTS MEETINGS The special sessions for the parents are also very important and an essential part of the Preparation programme:
Spanish-speaking parents in the church alternate Saturdays at 2.30-4.15pm
English-speaking parents on Zoom alternate Fridays at 6.30-7.30pm.
THESE PARENTS MEETINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES JOURNEYING TO FIRST EUCHARIST.

CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT - A LIVE 'WEBINAR' Bristol Inner City Primary Care Network are holding a 'Webinar' featuring Dr Tom Allport, Community Consultant Children's doctor, who will be talking about child developmental issues (eg delayed speech, learning difficulties and Autism. **This will be held on May 26th 1.45-2.45pm.** If you would like to be part of this live 'Webinar', please contact lucy.taylor63@nhs.net for the internet link and if you want to ask any questions of Dr Allport.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP - CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME Each week on **Thursdays at 5.30pm** come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers Ministers of the Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) or Richard (email above) for the Zoom link.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK - 16-24th MAY 2021 Just imagine if 1.3 billion Catholics from six continents come together to celebrate the great progress we have made and prepare for the future of our 'common home', Planet Earth, with HOPE! From 16-24th May (part of the Novena to the Holy Spirit leading to Pentecost) Catholics all over the world will reflect on and prayer for the success of Pope Francis great Encyclical on Global Warming, Climate Change and Justice for the Poor of the Earth. We will seek renewed inspiration of the Holy Spirit for our next steps on our Ecological Conversion Journey. Resources will be posted on our Parish Website and will be incorporated into the Prayer and reflection of our parish community between Ascension Day and Pentecost - 'Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth - through us!' - as Pope Francis says 'We know things can change!'

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT This is the first and greatest Novena of Prayer in the Church's tradition, opening ourselves and the Church to the mighty wind of the Spirit - the energy for Mission; opening to the Living Water of the Spirit welling up to Life in all its fullness; opening to the Flame and Fire of God's Spirit that transforms us into flames of Divine Love in the heart of the world. Without the Spirit of God in us we can do nothing for God, without the Spirit of God we have no real life, without the Spirit of God we have no vision for our mission, no energy to serve the Gospel and the Kingdom. ***COME HOLY SPIRIT!***

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 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!'

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MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY It is a long and honourable tradition that the month of May is the Month of Mary. But why? Mary allowed the Holy Spirit to fill her life and reshape her future - and she gave flesh, humanity to the Son of God. In becoming the mother of the Saviour of the World she said yes also to a unique relationship with the world He saved! Forever she now holds the whole world in her heart of prayer, interceding, bring God's love within her to bear upon the pain and struggles of the world and its peoples. If she loves her Son, she loves the world He died for! She teaches us how to love, how to intercede, how to heal, how to walk in solidarity with a pained world, helping it to come to a new birth.

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