



## St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 ORE

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *Be Seeds of the Dynamic Kingdom!*

So often Jesus speaks of the Reign of God, the Kingdom of God in the images of dynamic growth. From the tiniest seed, hidden in the cold earth comes the great shrub of salvation and hope! From the smallest seeds of love and faith that we sow into the field of the world, the Holy Spirit, Who renews the face of the Earth, waters them and gives growth and they become a great harvest of compassion, justice and freedom!

Let us be such a Church, dynamic in compassionate love, prophetic in courageous witness so that the broken and wounded can find shelter, humanity, hope among us - like the birds coming and sheltering in our branches.

Let us be Christians, who like Jesus, sow the seed of our own lives as gift to the world and its poor, so that justice can grow, peace can flourish, healing can liberate. We are His seeds ready to become His Saving shrub, His harvest of Hope! What a privilege!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist Families at 10am  
*(live streamed: Parish Website)*

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

**TUESDAY:** Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1197-1253)*  
 Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm *(Live-streamed on Parish Website)*

**THURSDAY:** Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am *(live-streamed on Face Book)*  
 Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30.pm                      **Mass at 9.00am**

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.00am              **Mass at 12 noon**  
*Evening Prayer & Adoration* at 5.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book*)  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

**TODAY** [1] With the **Eleventh Sunday of the Year**, the green vestments reappear - symbolising our call to be a People of Hope, bring hope of justice and humanity to our world; symbolising our growth as disciples of the Lord Jesus, seeking to bear the fruit of God's love, Justice and peace for people to 'taste and see that the Lord is Good'. Jesus gives us two 'Parables of the Kingdom' - both emphasising this growth of love in the quiet silence of our lives 'hidden in Christ', growing a Church that welcomes and shelters all.

[2] We have the joy of celebrating the **Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist** 21 children and their families. Please pray them in the weeks that lie ahead.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **Twelfth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate that Jesus, our Emmanuel, is always with us, in our midst guiding us through every storm of life. He is the source of our peace whenever we or the Church finds itself in troubled waters, in the eye of the storm. The world is going through such a storm at this time, both with Covid and even more with Climate Change - will we look to Jesus and the values of the Gospel to guide us through these storms to a better, more just world?

[2] We rejoice to welcome some children and families who are preparing for the baptism of their children. We are celebrating the **Rite of Child Catechumen** at 10.00am Mass

[3] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community**, family and friends at 3.00pm - all are very welcome to share this Mass.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** Today the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury and St Michael, Tetbury, served by Fr Philip Thomas, Fr Tomas Kulandaisamy MSFS, Deacon Steve Boughton, Parish Administrator, Mrs Elaine Wright, and all their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of our St Vincent de Paul Society**. There has been a very long association of the parish with the Vincentian Charism and family which is continued with our SVP Conference. We seek to strengthen the membership of this group which serves the poor and visits the elderly and housebound especially. This is even more necessary in these Covid and post-Covid days. They meet alternate weeks and spend 2 hours visiting and caring. Please consider joining this group and serving the elderly and vulnerable. Contact Peter Sorhaindo or Jenny Sowah for more details.

**WORD OF GOD FOR ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24 / Psalm 91 / 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 / Mark 14: 26-34
<b>Monday</b>	2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 / Psalm 97 / Matthew 5: 38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Corinthians 8: 1-9/ Psalm 145 / Matthew 5: 43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 / Psalm 111 / Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Corinthians 11: 1-11 / Psalm 110 / Matthew 6: 7-15
<b>Friday</b>	2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30 / Psalm 33 / Matthew 6: 19-23
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 / Psalm 33 / Matthew 6: 24-34

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £223.00 + Loose £172.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £507.05 thanks!

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**Donation** £20.00 *I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish serving the Kingdom of God.*

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

13th June	Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist children and families at 10am Mass
14th June	Second Dose Vaccination Clinic at St Nicks
18th June	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm on Zoom
22nd June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (Parish Office)
23rd June	Borderlands Trustees meet
24th June	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
25th June	Re-occupation of the refurbished Assisi Centre and sacristy - Alleluia!
25th June	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm on Zoom
27th June	Annual Parish Financial Statement at Mass
29th June	<b>Feast Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
4th July	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
18th July	<b>First Eucharist Sunday</b>
23-25 July	Annual Quest Conference - for details contact John Flannery
1st Aug	Rite of Child Catechumen with Spanish translation at 10am Mass
3rd Aug	Borderlands Trustees meet
6th Aug	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord &amp; Hiroshima Day</b>
8th Aug	Baptismal Sunday for Spanish speaking families at 10am Mass
13th Aug	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
15th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b>
15th Aug	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass
20th Aug	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm on Zoom
22nd Aug	<b>First Eucharist Sunday for Spanish Speaking children at 10am Mass</b>
29th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass
5th Sept	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am</b>
10-12 Sept	Root and Branch Synod in Bristol - participation encouraged.

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS**

If you wish your child to be baptised at St Nicks, please contact Eustace (07860876640) or Richard as soon as possible to enrol in the parents preparation. There are two Baptismal Sundays scheduled (in addition to the Baptismal Sunday with Spanish translations also scheduled) please see all dates below. Spanish speaking preparation Sessions notified next Sunday.

18th June: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm on Zoom

25th June: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm on Zoom

**Rite of Child Catechumen 20th June; Baptisms 4th July both at 10am Mass**

13th August: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

20th August: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

**Rite of Child Catechumen 15th August; Baptisms 29th August - both at 10am Mass**

**With Spanish Translation: Rite of Child Catechumen 1st Aug; Baptisms 8th Aug 10am**

### **SECOND DOSE VACCINE CLINIC AT ST NICK'S**

All who received their first vaccine Dose at St Nick's on April 29th are requested to come back to St Nick's for their Second Dose on Monday 14th June. **Unless given a different time, please come at the same time you did for your first dose, bringing the vaccination card you were given then.** This is for the **second dose only** - first dose will not be given at this 'pop-up' clinic. **You are eligible for your second dose if you received your first dose at least 8 weeks before (ie on or before 19th April).** With the new Indian Variant it is most important that all receive the second dose as soon as they are eligible to strength their immunity and thereby also protect the family and wider community. Thank you!

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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.***

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** [1] We are delighted that Seamus and Debo have agreed to help form a young people's group in the parish - something we have long wanted to achieve. We look forward to increasing the active involvement of our young people and their gifts and skills in the life of our parish. [2] We are happy to support the work of the 'Root and Branch Inclusive Synod' who are holding their conference in Bristol in September (see below) and encourage our parish family to take part and make their voices heard. 'Root and Branch' is in accord with Pope Francis 2 year Global Synod and his restated call for profound reform and renewal of the Church, as seen in his letter to Cardinal Marx of Munich.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS** The Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding awareness sessions to volunteers on the following dates and times. The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams therefore, if you would like to attend, please contact Beci Monks on [rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com) Beci will send you a link to the training a little nearer the time.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm or Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am – 11.00am

Many thanks and best wishes The Diocesan Safeguarding Office

**ROOT AND BRANCH INCLUSIVE SYNOD IN BRISTOL** Inspired by Pope Francis's synodal vision, some lay Catholics from across the UK invite you to embrace and advance renewal, reform and healing in the Catholic Church. Already taking place twice-monthly on Zoom, Root and Branch Inclusive Synod will reach its conclusions on issues of equality, inclusion and governance in **online workshops from 5 – 8 September 2021**. **The Synod will culminate with a conference on 10 – 12 September 2021**, earthed in the conference centre of St Michael's Church, Stoke Gifford. It will start with the presence of Rt. Revd. Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol, and a recorded welcome from Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton. Speakers (like Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland and a campaigner for the reform of the Church) will encourage a process of "Heart speaks unto heart" (St John Henry Newman), with laity, religious and clergy meeting as equals. "Do not be afraid" says Jesus – not be afraid to speak to one another with honesty about issues affecting us deeply in our Church today. Come together, give each other the confidence to speak and listen. For further information about this Synod: how to Zoom with us and how to book for the virtual and actual Synod, please visit: <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org>

**JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART** June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert loveless Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

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