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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus is found in the eye of the Storm!

We can feel very close to God when in a place of tranquillity and peace, a place of beauty and stillness. But when life buffets us, when the storm rages we can feel alone, deserted by God. God can seem like He has gone asleep not caring about us.

But faith can trust God in the very heart of the storm. God's hands never stop holding us - we stop feeling them, we stop trusting Him! There is never a moment of our lives when we are not cherished in God's heart, held tenderly in the palm of His hand.

It is in the raging storm that we meet Him as the Saviour, the Rescuer, the ever faithful One who carries us. Whether it is the storm of terminal illness, or painful relationships, failed hopes - these are all moments for the growth of faith, to encounter the Living God as never before. The storm is the privileged place of meeting Him in a maturing faith. Nothing separates us from the Love of God!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Liturgy of Child Catechumen at 10am

(live streamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY: Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Jesuit (dies serving the sick 1591, aged 23)

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Politician, Martyrs (d. 1535)

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**

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] 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 LBGTQ+ community**, family and friends at 3.00pm - all are very welcome to share this Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year** Jesus the Healer - the one who touches our deepest needs for healing and wholeness. He heals not only individuals in body, mind and spirit, but also heals social relationships, and challenges our cultural norms when they oppress and marginalise people. The healing of this woman and this young girl are just such challenges to the faith cultures of His people in His time - what is Jesus challenging in our faith and cultures in our time? And do we have the courage to change?

[2] There will be the **Annual Financial Statement to the parish at the end of Mass** - reminding all of us our financial responsibility for the Mission of the Church in our parish - the Mission to be 'Good News to the Poor'.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of The Immaculate Conception with Ss Dunstan and Anthony, Yatton, St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea, and St Joseph's, Portishead, served by Fr Reg Gray OFM, Fr Anthony Collins OFM, Fr Antoine Baya OFM, Fr Richard Elson, Deacons John Woodcock, Mario Kossman, Paul Reddington, Ivan Reynolds, Didier Delaplace, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Mission of Parish School of St Nicholas of Tolentino**. We pray for our Head and the whole staff team, as well as the families and children who are part of the school community. Covid restrictions for the past 15 months has meant that there has been little opportunity to deepen our links with the school - **as we emerge from Covid let us work and pray together to bring school and church much closer together in the service of the Church's Mission of Education** especially in more deprived areas such as ours.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Job 38: 1, 8-11 / Psalm 106 / 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 / Mark 4: 35-41
Monday	Genesis 12: 1-9 / Psalm 32 / Matthew 7: 1-5
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 24: 4-13
Wednesday	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 7: 15-20
Thursday	Isaiah 49: 1-6 / Psalm 138 / Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26 / Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Friday	Genesis 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22 / Psalm 127 / Matthew 8: 1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18: 1-15 / Responsorial Luke 1 / Matthew 8: 5-17

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £111.00 + Loose £159.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £381.05 thanks!

Terry's stalls (inc repository and coffee mornings pre-Covid) £681.00 CAFOD £20.00
 - Many thanks , Terry and others! *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

22nd June	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (Parish Office)
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	Borderlands Trustees meet
29th June	Feast Ss Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses 11.30am & 7.00pm
4th July	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
18th July	First Eucharist Sunday Masses 10am and 3.00pm
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	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord & Hiroshima Day
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	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
15th Aug	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass
20th Aug	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm on Zoom
22nd Aug	First Eucharist Sunday for Spanish Speaking children at 10am Mass
29th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass
5th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am
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.

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

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAYS UPDATE With the extension of Covid restrictions until at least July 19th, it has become clear that we have a problem accommodating all 17 families and guests, together with the Parish community at a single Sunday 10am Mass on July 18th. After consultation with the families concerned the following has been decided: [1] **The**

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Latin American families and children being prepared by Jackie Chenier will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday 22nd August at 10am Mass: we will maximise Spanish Translation at this Mass.

[2] **The families and children being prepared by Mary Hopper and Andrew Bent** will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday July 18th - half the group during the 10.00am Mass and half the group at the second Mass at 3.00pm on the same day. We will try our best to accommodate the wishes of families as to which Mass to attend, but I do ask understanding if this is not possible to meet the preference of everyone. I realise that the 3.0pm Mass might present some difficulties for guests who have travelled from some distance and have the return home on Sunday evening for work Monday morning, but I do ask understanding of the dilemma we have had to face. We must celebrate the children's First Eucharist in accordance to Government Covid Restrictions in force for churches.

[3] As with the First Eucharist Celebration in December 2020, the parish has adopted the policy (very widely practiced in many countries) of providing First Eucharist robes (albs) for both girls and boys. The white garments worn at First Eucharist are not meant to be mini 'bridal dresses', but rather 'baptismal garments', because First Eucharist is a major 'Sacrament of Initiation' associated with Baptism. We are very grateful to Mike and Jane for making these First Eucharist robes, which will enhance the dignity of our celebrations and assure equality among all the children and families.

[4] All three First Eucharist Masses will be live-streamed in the Parish Website so that friends and family members unable to attend can take part. A recording of the appropriate First Eucharist Mass will be given to each family on a USB Memory Stick.

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 support the work of the 'Root and Branch Inclusive Synod' (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 call for profound reform-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: if you wish to attend, please contact Beci Monks on rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com to have a link to the training: Thursday 15th July 2021 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm or Saturday 25th 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>

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