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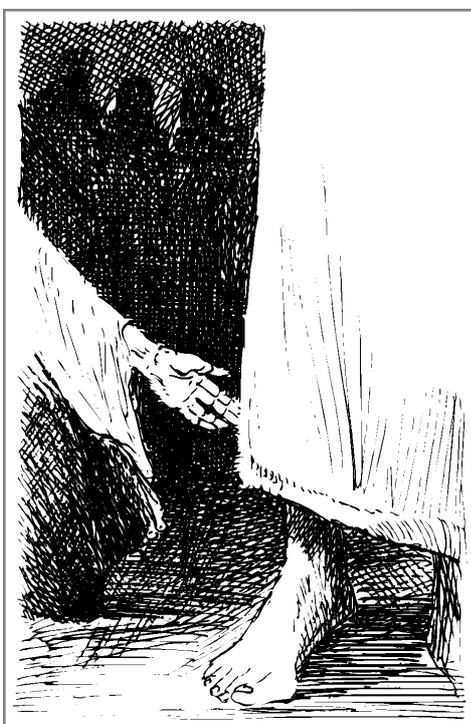
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Touching the Hem of His Garment!

An important man - a leader of the community - comes and speaks to Jesus, heart-broken because of his dying daughter. Of course I will come! Then lost in the crowd an excluded, powerless woman with no status does not dare to address Jesus but creeps us hidden and touches the the hem of his garment. I will be healed and He will not know anything about it! I can slip away in my guilt and no-one will know!

Jesus, in love with the little ones, the excluded ones, interrupts His urgent journey to enter into dialogue with 'a worthless woman'. Does the important man think 'I am important and I was first in line - and my daughter is dying. Why waste time on this woman?'

But My thoughts are not your thoughts - My ways are not your ways! The powerless come first before the privileged in the Kingdom ... but both are healed! In God's heart a place for all, but poor first!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Annual Financial Statement at 10am
(live steamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY: Feast of St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (130-200)
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: FEASTS OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES, (Holyday of Obligation)
Adoration at 10.30am Mass with school (steamed) at 11.00am (NB NOTE TIMES!)
Adoration at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

WEDNESDAY: Patronal Feast of Clifton Cathedral - Mother Church of the Diocese
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Last Reformation Martyr of Britain***
 Requiem Mass for John Westcott RIP at 11.00 am

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

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Thomas, Apostle of India***
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass at 9.00am (NB CHANGE OF TIME)**
Evening Prayer & Adoration at 5.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book*)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.00-4.30pm only

TODAY [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'.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Prophet whose Word is rejected - and to reject His Word is to reject Him, for Jesus is the Word made Flesh. So often we refuse to listen to the Prophets among us, because they challenge us to change, to broaden our horizons and to 'dare to dream' of a new and different world. Let us welcome His challenging Word ... and be His Challenging prophets today!

[2] We rejoice to **celebrate Baptism New Life** two of our children into the New Life of Christ, so that they can grow in all ways into Christ!

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon (all in the Forest of Dean), served by Fr Barnabas Page, Deacon Paul Dekkers, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Mission of the Wild Goose Café**. St Nicks has had a long association with this ecumenical mission among the 'street poor' of our area. serving with hot meals so many who would otherwise go hungry, and creating a safe place for friendship and support. From 'Carpenters House' many life-skill courses are conducted to enable people to move on in their lives. They are often looking for volunteers to work in teams preparing hot meals, serving and befriending. Please contact John Flannery for more information.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 / Psalm 29 / 2 Corinthians 8: 13-15 / Mark 5: 21-43
Monday Genesis 18: 16-33 / Psalm 102 / Matthew 8: 18-22
Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11 / Psalm 33 / 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16: 13-19
Wednesday Genesis 21: 5, 8-20 / Psalm 33 / Matthew 8: 28-34
Thursday Genesis 22: 1-19 / Psalm 114 / Matthew 9: 1-8
Friday Genesis 23: 1-4, 19, 24: 1-8, 62-67 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 9: 9-13
Saturday Ephesians 2: 19-22 / Psalm 116 / John 20: 24-29

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £106.00 + Loose £119.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £336.05 thanks!

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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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL - VERY DIFFERENT BROTHERS!

Such different characters! Peter, ill-educated but skilful fisherman, impetuously generous but also weak, cautious; Paul, intellectual man of letters, visionary and adventurer with courage to break new ground! One a compassionate shepherd who knew his own weakness; the other a fearless prophet who knew his strength in the Lord.

Both are foundation stones of the Church, both witness to Christ with their blood in the powerhouse of Rome. One has the keys to open the gates of God's mercy and healing; the other wields the incisive sword of the Word that penetrates to the heart and converts! It is not always easy to be both gentles shepherd and courageous prophet - but that is the challenge for the Church of every age and place!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

If you wish your child to be baptised at St Nicks, please contact Eustace (07860876640) or Richard to enrol in the parents preparation. There are two Baptismal Sundays scheduled (in addition to the Baptismal Sunday with Spanish translations also scheduled)

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

MAJOR CHURCH CLEANING AFTER ASSISI REFURBISHMENT

By Friday next week the work will be completed to the refurbished Assisi Centre (with the exception of the new ramp and entrance beside the Foodbank). Next Saturday (July 3rd) there will be a major deep clean of the church itself beginning at 10.00am (ie after 9.00am Mass). We will need many volunteers. Please see Margaret (Parish Office) or Mary if you can help. After July 19th we will also need a professional shampoo of the chairs in the church, again because of all the dust and accumulated dirt of the chairs not used during the Covid restrictions. WATCH THIS SPACE!

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FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAYS UPDATE With the extension of Covid restrictions until at least July 19th, it has become clear that we cannot accommodate 17 families and guests, at a single Sunday 10am Mass on July 18th. After consultation with the families concerned the following has been decided: [1] **The 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.

[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.

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>

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.

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