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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



A Shepherd? Or Prophet? Or Healer?

So who is this Jesus who sends His friends out into a pain-filled world of oppression and injustice with ... NOTHING! But love and vision and unconquerable hope in a different kind of world.

Do not be weighed down with possessions to protect, He says, buildings to keep safe, strategies and timetables to computerize! No go with nothing but the Love I place in your hearts. That Love has everything you need - power to heal, courage to challenge evil, vision to see the most broken people whole and free, the most despairing living with a new hope. I am a shepherd, but not to build up my flock, but to give life in abundance to all. I am a prophet who will challenge all the evil that oppresses and denies humanity to my little ones. I am a healer who brings the Kingdom breaking into lives not with empty words, but with the Word of Power that literally sets you free! And I send you - 'to go and do likewise ... for by your Love they will know me, and find themselves!'

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS (signed) at 10am (*both Masses today live streamed: Parish Website*)
 Mass with the LBGQTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all are welcome

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)
 Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm (*Live-streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Feast of St Bonaventure, Bishop & Franciscan Theologian (1218-1274)*
 Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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FRIDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
Adoration at 8.30am **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 and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] We celebrate on the **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** Jesus the collaborative worker, Jesus who empowers others for Mission, as He sends the Twelve Apostles to preach, to challenge evil and to heal in His Name. Jesus is not possessive of His power or gifts, but always shares them - sharing responsibility for the Kingdom and the Gospel. He pours out upon us that same Spirit that fills His heart and life so that we will carry on His work and do even greater things than He did!

[2] This Mass will be **Signed for the Deaf** (instead of the First Sunday of the month)

[3] **Mass with the LBGQTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate our **First Eucharist Sunday** rejoicing with **8 of our children at 10.00am mass and 7 of our children at 3.00pm Mass**. Please pray for them and their families that the excitement they feel in receiving Jesus and His love this day may only grow in their hearts as they become older. May their love for Christ, for the Mass and for the Church may never diminish but only grow greater with time. I hope many of our parish family will attend the 3.00pm Mass.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Abbey Church of Downside and the parish of St Benedict, served by Abbot Nicholas Letz OSB, and the community of the monks. This now small community will be leaving Downside and joining the Belmont Abbey community - we pray for them at this challenging time.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Hospitality Ministry**: the teams who week by week (pre-covid) welcome all who come to St Nicks ensuring that none feel strangers and out of place. They also provide refreshments after the Mass in the parish Hall - a ministry we hope we can soon restart. as restrictions are lifted. Some of these teams have ensured safe participation at mass during the Covid restrictions by stewarding, and conducting the track and trace and sanitisation duties that have been necessary to enable us to gather safely for Mass. Thank you!

WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Amos 7: 12-15 / Psalm 84 / Ephesians 1: 3-14 / Mark 6: 7-13
Monday	Exodus 1: 8-14, 22 / Psalm 123 / Matthew 10: 34-11: 1
Tuesday	Exodus 2: 1-15 / Psalm 68 / Matthew 11: 20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12 / Psalm 102 / Matthew 11: 25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3: 13-20 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 11: 28-30
Friday	Exodus 11: 10-12: 14 / Psalm 115 / Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12: 37-42 / Psalm 135 / Matthew 12: 14-21

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £88.00 + Loose £37.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £236.05 thanks!

I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish serving the Kingdom of God. However, our Offertory Collections have diminished in recent weeks with the potential for a financial crisis for our parish in the coming months. Please be as generous as you are able - thank you.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th July	Mass signed for the Deaf at 10.00am
11th July	Mass with LBGTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm
14th July	Parish Pastoral Council Zoom meeting at 7.00pm
17th July	Meeting with PPC Chairs and Vice-Chairs at 9.30am - Assisi Centre
18th July	First Eucharist Sunday Masses 10am and 3.00pm
21st July	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
23-25 July	Annual Quest Conference - for details contact John Flannery
25th July	First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
27th July	Parish Finance Meeting at 7.30pm
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 to enrol in the parents preparation. There are two Baptismal Sundays scheduled (in addition to the Baptismal Sunday with Spanish translations also scheduled)

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 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 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.

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YOUNG CHRISTIANS CLIMATE NETWORK - COP26 Pilgrimage in Bristol This group of young people are on a 1000 mile pilgrimage walk and will be in Bristol 12-16th July. Various events are organised, including daily morning prayer on Zoom; welcoming the walkers, a webinar on Climate change, a Special Eco-Eucharist at Cotham Anglican Parish Church and a farewell social gathering. I would encourage our young people to participate as much as they can - please enquire with Jackie Chenier and Caroline Price and also email: sophie.mitchell@live.co.uk

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

POPE FRANCIS CALLING US TO PRAYER AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

'The Bible says that whoever finds a friend has found a treasure. I would like to invite everyone to go beyond their groups of friends and build social friendship, which is so necessary for living together well.

We especially need to have a renewed encounter with the most impoverished and vulnerable, those on the peripheries. And we need to distance ourselves from populisms that exploit the anguish of the people without providing solutions, proposing a mystique that solves nothing.

We must flee from social enmity which only destroys, and leave "polarization" behind.

And this isn't always easy, especially today when part of our politics, society and media are bent on creating enemies so as to defeat them in a game of power.

Dialogue is the path to seeing reality in a new way, so we can live with passion the challenges we face in constructing the common good.

Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship, men and women who always hold out a helping hand, and may no spaces of enmity and war remain.' Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Zoom meeting to discuss Covid derestrictions after July 19th and how we should proceed with caring caution for all parishioners.

WALK-IN COVID 19 PFIZER VACCINATION CLINICS at our East Trees Health Centre.

It's a really quick and easy way for anyone aged 18+ to get a Covid-19 vaccination, there is no need to make an appointment. Please do not phone East Trees Health Centre, further information is available on their website (click link below).

Anyone **aged 18+** can attend this clinic for a first dose, or a second dose if your first dose of Pfizer was over eight weeks ago.

WHEN SAT 17 JULY 9AM – 5PM

SAT 24 JULY 9AM – 5PM

WHERE **EAST TREES HEALTH CENTRE**

100a Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6SA

WHO 18+

To speed up your appointment, please bring your NHS number if you have one. You can find out your NHS number by [downloading the NHS App](#).

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