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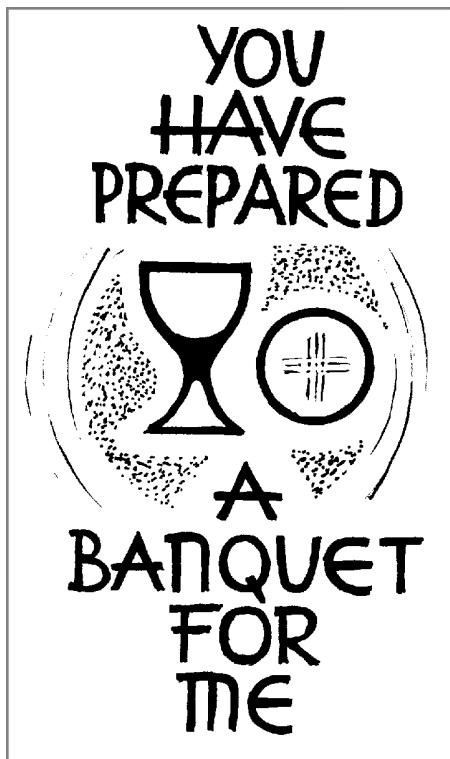
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY



COME, EAT AND DRINK THE LORD'S LOVE!

What an amazing gift! Invited to the Table of the Lord, to eat and drink with Him, to eat and drink of Him! He gives Himself as our food and drink, He pours the love of His own heart into ours! He shares all that He is with us, all His life!

Today with our children, we celebrate His Presence, that He really is our food and drink. In the Eucharist we come into the Presence of the whole Christ, we absorb Him into our very life-blood, our growing and becoming now is His growing and becoming in our world - in our flesh!

Despite every challenge to believe less, the Church has always prized the Real Presence, the dynamic Presence, the utter reality of Jesus Christ in this transformed Bread and Wine. There can be no greater food, no more exquisite banquet - and it is free! Yet to live its Love can cost everything - but this is such a small exchange for this amazing gift!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of First Eucharist at 10.00am (*live steamed: Parish Website*)
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MONDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30pm

Mass at 9.00am

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm

Service of Word and communion at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm

Mass at 6.00pm (*Live-streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Feast of St Mary of Magdala and St Mary of Bethany*

Prayer and Reflection at 9.15am (live-streamed on Face Book)

Requiem Mass for Bernice Demetrius RIP at 11.00am

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FRIDAY: *Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe*
Adoration at 8.30am *Mass at 9.00am*

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Sharbel Makhluf of Lebanon, Maronite Priest & Hermit (1828-1898)*
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 We celebrate our **First Eucharist Sunday** rejoicing with **8 of our children at 10.00am Mass and 5 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. Unfortunately two of our children have to self-isolate (along with their school bubble), so they will celebrate their first Eucharist on Sunday 1st August.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** we interrupt the readings from Mark's Gospel to proclaim John's Gospel Chapter 6 and celebrate Jesus, Bread of Life, Bread of the Word and Bread of the Eucharist. We begin with the Feeding of the 5000 - a young boy shares his food and Jesus welcomes his small gift and as a result 5000 or more hungry people are fed. Jesus responds to every form of hunger, physical as well as spiritual - and expects His Body the Church (you and me) to do the same!

[2] This is the Catholic Church's **First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** - a day to value and reverence to great contribution of care, wisdom and faith that our grandparents and elderly give us, especially in their special bonds with children. It is also a reminder of our responsibility to care for those who have cared for us.

[3] Richard (with a few others of our community) is not with us as he is in Manchester for the weekend as Chaplain to the Annual Quest Conference (for the Catholic LGBTQ+ community). Let us pray for one another that our hungers for faith, for acceptance, for an end to discrimination will be satisfied in the limitless love of God.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Stanislaus, Dulverton and Sacred Heart, Minehead with Watchet (Exmoor in Somerset), served by Fr Michael Thomas, Deacons Vincent Woods and David Croucher, Parish Administrator, Lorraine Taylor and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Flower Arranging Ministry Team**: each Friday they work long and hard to beautify our church and our Liturgy with the flower arrangements. It is important that nature, the 'flowers of the field' are part of the worship space and our worship ... giving thanks to the beauty of God's creation. Volunteers who want to come and help, or learn about flower arranging are very welcome - also any donations towards the flowers are very welcome. Please contact Minette Semper.

WORD OF GOD FOR SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 / Psalm 22 / Ephesians 2: 13-18 / Mark 6: 30-34
Monday	Exodus 14: 5-18 / Responsorial Exodus 15 / Matthew 12: 38-42
Tuesday	Exodus 14: 21-15: 1 / Responsorial Exodus 15 / Matthew 12: 46-50
Wednesday	Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15 / Psalm 77 / Matthew 13: 1-9
Thursday	Song of Songs 3: 1-4 / Psalm 62 / John 20: 1-2, 11-18
Friday	Exodus 20: 1-17 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24: 3-8 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 13: 24-30

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £119.00 + Loose £201.00 + PayPal £53.83 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £484.88 thanks!

Donation: £150.00 **Foodbank** £350 - many 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

18th July	First Eucharist Sunday Masses 10am and 3.00pm
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
28th July	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
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.

FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY - LET THE LITTLE ONES COME TO ME!

It was Pope St Pius X who around 1910, prompted by the Holy Spirit and his love both for children and for the Eucharist, first encouraged us to bring our young children to Jesus in the Eucharist - from the age of 7 years (the traditional 'age of reason').

So today we have the joy of bringing the little ones to Jesus, not keeping them away but opening the Table of the Lord to them. They sit with us at this Feast of Love. They share with us the transforming meal whereby we become 'bread in God's hands to be broken and given for the life of the world', whereby we become God's Cup of Joyous and Suffering Love, so that the peoples of the Earth can taste the Bread of Heaven, drink deeply from 'the wells of salvation' and find New Life poured out and running over!

The Banquet of the Eucharist will always be beyond our understanding, for it is the sheer extravagance of God's loving, of the Father's embrace of tenderness for our little ones - the children of His Love!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sheep without a Shepherd

They just needed a break - a rest after weeks and months spent with Jesus experiencing a new and challenging world. Not the tranquility of fishing anymore! Not the gentle rhythms of farming the seasons anymore! Not the settled round of companionship and family anymore! Now they had opened their lives to the pain and despairs, the oppression and injustice the people around them suffered. And it was hard work, no matter how exciting and thrilling to be involved in a new world emerging with this amazing Jesus.

And when they found their quiet retreat just to be together - they were all waiting for them: the broken, the hurting, the questioning, the hoping, the searching. And Jesus put aside His need - and His disciples' - to serve, to give hope and healing, to be the Shepherd they yearned for!

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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

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:

Saturday 25th September 9.30am – 11.00am

Many thanks and best wishes The Diocesan Safeguarding Office

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

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 DECISIONS CONCERNING COVID PROCEDURES

The PPC have received advice from our parishioners (Dr) Diarmuid and Liz (infection control nurse at BRI), as well as (later) guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. We remain with a duty of care towards all who come to Mass (or otherwise use our premises) and a responsibility to ensure all Health and safety measures are in place. The guidance stresses we need to take into account local levels of Covid infection and members of our community who might be at risk of infection (eg low immunity).

The infection levels in Bristol are very high and therefore the PPC has decided unanimously that face masks should be worn, safe distancing observed and track and trace continue along with hand-sanitising. Both sets of toilets can now be used, but after use please sanitise hands. The choir only can sing but the congregation can ‘hum along’ if wearing face masks. We will resume the taking of the collection (and bringing food to the altar for the foodbank) at the offertory. We are not yet able to socialise inside (eg coffee after Mass). However the PPC will monitor the situation and relax further as we are advised by our health-care advisers.

I ask all parishioners to understand that these measures are to maximise the safety of others and the whole community, not just ourselves. They will be regularly reviewed.

WALK-IN COVID 19 PFIZER VACCINATION CLINICS

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 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. You can find out your NHS number by [downloading the NHS App](#).

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