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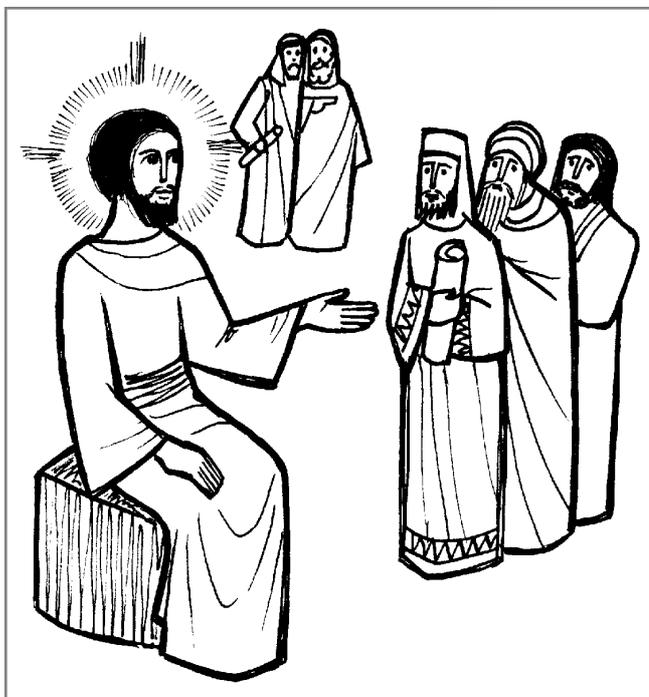
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus shakes their foundations!

Should have been a great homecoming - one of their own, local boy made good, coming to bring the beauty of His Word, the immensity of His Vision and the tenderness of His Healing to His own community.

'Who do you think you are? - getting above your station! - Why, you are the odd-job man's son - how dare you preach to us!!' Homecoming turns to rejection, scorn and 'despising'! How sad that we cannot find the wonder of God in those most familiar to us.

But then His Word is radical: embrace as brothers and sisters the very ones you have been taught to shun - the Gentiles. See God no longer as the punishing Law giver, but as the tender Father. Do not be obsessed by Law but learn compassion and mercy. Do not put your faith in sacrifices and rituals - but in the love you bear one another! He opens a new vista of experience of God and faith, but they could not take it - and despised HIM!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Child Baptisms at 10am (*live streamed: Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*Live-streamed on Parish Website*)

WEDNESDAY: Prayer and Reflection at 9.00am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (NB CHANGE OF TIME)

FRIDAY: Feast of St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and 119 Chinese Martyrs (1648-1930)
Adoration at 5.45pm Mass for Ndikum Ferdinand RIP at 6.30pm

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SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 10.30am **Mass at 11.00am (NB CHANGE OF TIME)**
Wedding Service for Alon Samuel and Mairead Coyle at 2.00pm (guests only)
Evening Prayer & Adoration at 5.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book*)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [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 (Bianny and Peace) into the New Life of Christ, so that they can grow in all ways into Christ!

NEXT SUNDAY [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 LBGTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Immaculate Conception, Devizes with St Joseph, Lavington (Wiltshire), served by Fr Paul Gonsalves MSFS, and both their communities. We remember the parish as they grieve their recently deceased Deacon David Wakefield (praying also for David's family)

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Mission of our Borderlands Charity** and its work of caring and support for our asylum-seeking and refugee sisters and brothers. St Nicks has been welcoming and supporting this marginalised and often traumatised community for over 20 years and 8 years ago we set up Borderlands Charity to expand the work beyond the capacity of our own parish community. Our Tuesday 'Drop-in' provides a safe and welcoming place for all our refugee community, where they can receive support in their legal struggle with the Home Office, English classes, acquire IT skills and find friendship. We also have a mentoring scheme and a house for homeless refugees to enable them move towards independent living. Please pray for our staff, our Trustees, our volunteers and above all for our members.

WORD OF GOD FOR FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Ezekiel 2: 2-5 / Psalm 122 / 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 / Mark 6: 1-6
Monday	Genesis 28: 10-22 / Psalm 90 / Matthew 9: 32-38
Tuesday	Genesis 32: 23-33 / Psalm 16 / Matthew 9: 32-38
Wednesday	Genesis 41: 55-57, 42: 5-7, 17-24 / Psalm 32 / Matthew 10: 1-7
Thursday	Genesis 44: 18-21, 23-29, 45: 1-5 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 10: 7-15
Friday	Genesis 46: 1-7, 19, 28-30 / Psalm 36 / Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	Genesis 49: 29-33, 50: 15-26 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 10: 24-38

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK - notifying totals next week

Env £225.00 + Loose £130.00 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £466.05 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.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

4th July	Baptismal Sunday at 10am Mass
11th July	Mass singed for the Deaf at 10.00am
11th July	Mass with LBGTO+ community and friends at 3.00pm
17th July	Meeting with PPC Chairs and Vice-Chairs at 9.30am - Assisi Centre
18th July	First Eucharist Sunday Masses 10am and 3.00pm
23-25 July	Annual Quest Conference - for details contact John Flannery
25th July	First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
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
21st July	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
27th July	Parish Finance Meeting at 7.30pm
1st Aug	Rite of catechumen for Spanish-speaking Community at 10am mass
4th Aug	Borderlands trustees Meeting at 1.30pm
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration & Hiroshima Day (Prayer for Peace)
8th Aug	Baptisms for Spanish-speaking community at 10am mass
15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
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

MAJOR CHURCH CLEANING AFTER ASSISI REFURBISHMENT

Thank you to those who came yesterday to give the Church a 'super-clean' - we are most grateful. In fact there has been a further delay in completing the refurbishment - it is nearing completion but some finishing will take place next week including the sacristy and parish office floors being sanded and re-sealed. The ramp and new entrance will be completed hopefully within another 10 days or so - in time for First Eucharist Sunday. 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!

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.

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[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.

YOUNG CHRISTIANS CLIMATE NETWORK - COP7 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.

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