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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



'Give us that bread always!'

They asked for bread ... and He gave them Himself!
 They asked for a bread that would feed them in this life ... and He gave them a food that united this life with eternity! 'Give us this bread' they asked ... and He told them to become God's Bread for the world - give, feed, nurture, love and you become Bread in God's hands, given that others might truly live!

They wanted to eat ... He wanted to be devoured!
 They wanted their hungers satisfied ... He wanted to fill every person with hope and life! So He invites us to give ourselves like Him to feed and fulfil others!

Do we come to receive Communion, or to become Communion? Do we come to eat and drink, or to become such love in the world that we surrender to be eaten up by the world's pain and need, become a spring of peace from which others drink their fill?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen and 2 First Eucharists
 at 10.00am (*live streamed: Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: Requiem Mass for Joan Brannigan at 3.00pm (Corpus Christi, Weston-s-M)
 No Mass at St Nicks

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Jean-Marie Vianney, priest (1786-1859)*
 Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)
 Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*Live-streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Feast of Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica, Rome ('Our Lady of the Snows')*
 Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon

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 all who believe in me will never thirst!***

WORD OF GOD FOR SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 / Psalm 77 / Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 / John 6: 24-35
Monday	Numbers 11: 4-15 / Psalm 80 / Matthew 14: 13-21
Tuesday	Numbers 12: 1-13 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 14: 22-36
Wednesday	Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29, 34-35 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 15: 21-28
Thursday	Numbers 20: 1-13 / Psalm 94 / Matthew 16: 13-23
Friday	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 96 / 2 Peter 1: 16-19 / Mark 9: 2-10
Saturday	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13 / Psalm 17 / Matthew 17: 14-20

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £131.02 + Loose £173.98 + PayPal £? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £416.05 thanks!

Foodbank £100.00 - 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

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
15th Aug	Mass with LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome
20th Aug	Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm on Zoom
22nd Aug	First Eucharist Sunday for Spanish Speaking children at 10am Mass
28th Aug	Brice and Sonia's Church Wedding in Canada (Mass 12 noon for their blessing)
29th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass
5th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am
9th Sept	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
10-12 Sept	Root and Branch Synod in Bristol - participation encouraged.
6th Oct	Bristol City of Sanctuary AGM at 2.00pm
24th Oct	Baptismal Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS, UNA SORHAINDO & JOAN BRANNIGAN RIP

Sadly we heard this week of the deaths of two women who have given so much to build our community in faith, caring and love - Una and Joan. Both generous with their time, their skills and above all with their caring hearts. Please pray Peter and his family and Deacon Jack and his family as they grieve. Joan's funeral Mass will take place in Corpus Christi Church, Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday August 3rd at 3.00pm, followed by Cremation in Weston. There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated at St Nicks on a Saturday to be arranged with Deacon Jack and his family who hope to attend.

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

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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

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.

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>

LOV VERBUM DEI - A LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM

This prayer initiative has grown up in Bristol and reached Catholics all around the world since the pandemic began. The group is open to anyone (clergy, lay, religious, non-religious) – and now has members throughout the UK and in many other countries around the world. LOV Verbum Dei family began in Bristol at the start of the pandemic in 2020, bringing together Catholics worldwide for daily scripture, podcasts and weekly online prayer gatherings. Through intercessory prayer, meditations, and sacred music, we strive to fulfil our founding principle of the meaning of LOV: To read-To pray-To live daily the Word of God in our lives. To know more and get involved in this very special ministry please use this link: https://linktr.ee/lov_verbumdei

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL: Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, **the patient or their family MUST request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain** - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS

Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Andrew (07519991066) who is co-ordinating this ministry.

RETURN GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDER FORMS PLEASE

At the recent Financial Statement to the parish a number of Gift Aid forms were taken by parishioners but only two have been returned. Please complete and return them as soon as possible! Thank you!

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