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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



The Eucharist - the Test of Faith

The words of Jesus stretches our imaginations, challenges our narrowness of mind, and reveals the shallowness of our love! He asks His followers - you and me - to believe because he says so, because he is the Truth, God's Truth. So to follow Him is to trust what He says, feed on the Gift He gives, and love in the limitless power of His loving.

Yes, this has always been 'intolerable language'! And so the Eucharist has always been the test of our faith as well as the measure of our love - for God and each other! Eating a scrap of bread, drinking a drop of wine - and we taste the Eternal Banquet?? We enter into the mystery of Jesus and become utterly one with Him?? We are embraced by His dying on the Cross and raised up by His Rising?? Like Peter, we too say 'To Whom shall we go - you have the Words of Life' - The Eucharist not only tests our faith, but also nourishes us with Bread of Faith and of Trust!

SUNDAY

PARISH MASS of First Eucharist (with Spanish translation at 10.00am)

(live streamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY:

Feast of Rose of Lima, First Saint of the Americas (1586-1617)

Adoration at 5.300pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY:

Feast of St Bartholmew, Apostle

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY:

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 Bl Dominic Barberi, Passionist priest, Missionary (died 1849)

(Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12 noon

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FRIDAY: *Feast of St Monica, wife, mother of St Augustine (332-387)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Theologian (354-430)*

Adoration at 11.00am *Mass* at 11.30am (for Brice & Sonia's wedding in Canada)
(NB Change of time)

Wedding of Francis Charles and Emma Loughran at 2.30pm

Evening Prayer & Adoration at 5.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Face Book*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY On the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year** we conclude our celebration of Jesus, Bread of Life, in Word and Sacrament: some of his disciples are scandalised by His words and leave him; those who remain are challenged to choose whether to trust Jesus or walk away! We also face the same challenge in the face of scandals or crises - will we re-affirm our faith in Christ, in His Body in the Eucharist and especially in His Body, the Church!
[2] Appropriately, we have at the 10am Mass the joy of celebrating **First Eucharist with our Latin American families (with Spanish Translations)**; two other children will join them for particular pastoral reasons.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year** we resume readings from Mark's Gospel and celebrate **Jesus the Mercy of God made Flesh** who challenges all religious hypocrisy, legalism and a traditionalism that imposes the rigours of the past instead of liberating people with divine compassion. His words are as challenging to us the Church today as they were to the Jewish leaders of Jesus' time. We are called not to external observance but to a purity of heart ... to live with heart of love and compassion

[2] We rejoice to **celebrate the Baptism into Christ** of six of our children during our 10.00am Mass. Please pray for them and their families.

[3] There will be a **Special CAFOD Emergency Retiring Collection** to support the work of CAFOD in Afghanistan, Haiti and Ethiopia/Tigray, South Sudan during their crises.

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson and English Martyrs, Tuffley, served by Fr Gerry Walsh, Parish Administrator, Mrs Marisa Wood, and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for our **Team of Catechists**. Led by Mary Hopper, through this essential ministry we prepare children and adults for the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation). There is much more catechesis that takes place, in homilies, scripture sharing, Journey of Faith, Marriage Preparation and Children's Liturgy of the Word - but today supports the work with our children, young people and parents. This ministry helps shape the future of our faith community as it nurtures in our children and families a vision of the Church in the service of the poor. **We have urgent need to recruit and train more catechists Please contact Mary Hopper to explore whether you might be called to this ministry.**

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18/ Psalm 33 / Ephesians 5: 21-32 / John 6: 60-69

Monday 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8-10 / Psalm 149 / Matthew 23: 13-22

Tuesday Revelations 21: 9-14/ Psalm 144 / John 1: 45-51

Wednesday 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 / Psalm 138 / Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday 1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13 / Psalm 89 / Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8 / Psalm 96 / Matthew 25: 1-3

Saturday 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11 / Psalm 97 / Matthew 25: 14-30

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £115.00 + Loose £220.00 + PayPal £? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £446.05 thanks!

Donations £160.00 - many thanks, especially for the contributions to the foodbank fund! *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

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
1st Sept	Borderlands Trustees at 1.30pm
5th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am
7th Sept	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm
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
9th Oct	Memorial mass for Joan Brannigan RIP at St Nicks 11.00am(with family)
24th Oct	Baptismal Sunday
13th Nov	Memorial Mass for all who died during Covid Pandemic at 11.00am

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. **The Next Baptismal Sunday is 24th October**

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)

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>

POPE FRANCIS ON HEALING THE PLANET

'Laudato si, o' mi Signore' (Praise be to you, my Lord). In the words of this beautiful canticle, St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us : *'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs'*.

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This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of all with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail'

JOB VACANCY WITH THE DIOCESE Schools & Colleges Department Administrator - Term-time – 25 hours per week

The Schools & Colleges Department are recruiting for a vacancy to join the team as the Department Administrator. Based in Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol, the role supports the department with various administrative activities and hours of work are 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday. The successful applicant will need to have office administration experience and be well organised.

For the job description, personal specification and application form please visit:

www.cliftodiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/

Closing Date is midday on Friday, 10th September 2021.

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE CRISES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CAFOD UPDATE: 10 Year of Conflict conflict - how you have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

URGENT APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS The NHS has issued an urgent call for more Black people to give blood to meet increasing demand for Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed ethnicity donors. Some 16,000 new donors from these ethnic groups must be recruited this year as demand rises for life-saving transfusions for people with sickle cell disease, according to the health service. Sickle cell is the fastest growing genetic disorder in the UK, affecting 15,000 people with around 300 babies born with the blood disorder each year; the illness can cause organ failure, stroke or loss of vision, sometimes even leading to death. The disorder is more common in Black people and, as such, people from this ethnic group are more likely to have the rare blood sub-group Ro that many Black sickle cell patients need. The Church strongly encourages blood donation as a life-saving gift to others. **PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR - ONE PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES!** To become a blood donor today, register today and book and appointment by visiting www.blood.co.uk, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

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