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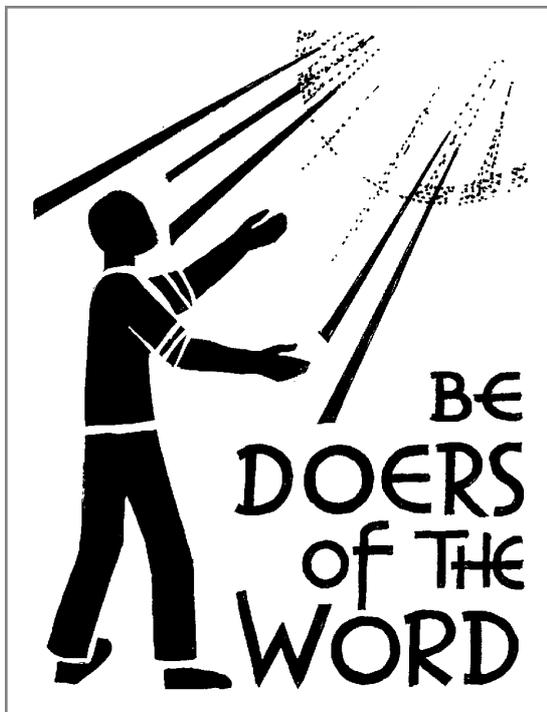
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



WHAT IS TRUE HOLINESS?

So many rules! So many 'sacred' customs! So many pious observances! But do they deepen our holiness? Do they lead us to be more human, more compassionate?

Jesus is clear: holiness is never about the externals - all the prayers and rituals, all the laws, rules and customs we keep so carefully. They might help us towards holiness but so often they give us a false sense of security - we are OK with God! It is love and truth, integrity and a passion for justice in the world; it is compassionate humanity, the kind word, the gentle healing touch, the hidden acts of love and generosity: these are the signs of holiness.

It is no good reading the Bible every day unless we live the Word in our hearts and daily living. It is no good going to daily Mass unless we become the Christ we receive and to whom we listen. Do the Word, live the Love, embrace the Sacrifice, engage with the world and its pain - this is true holiness, true humanity!

- SUNDAY** PARISH MASS with Celebration of Child Baptisms at 10.00am
(live streamed: Parish Website)
- MONDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm
- TUESDAY:** Feast of Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs (d.1580's)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Feast of St Aidan, Celtic Monk and Bishop & Saints of Lindisfarne (died 651)
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:** Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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FRIDAY: *Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Theologian & Apostle of England (540-604)*
Adoration at 6.00pm HEALING MASS at 7.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Cuthbert, Monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne (634-687)*
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon
The Stations of Creation at 5.30pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY 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.

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NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year** we celebrate our **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino** (earlier than usual so as not to clash with the 'Root and Branch' Synod in Bristol). This year the the Word of God set for the Sunday are ideal for this Healing Saint who is a lover of the poor, so we will not change the readings. We will however celebrate our re-dedication as a Parish, *so please come in numbers!* We ask two things of everyone - come in national or cultural dress and bring food for the Food Bank (especially tins of meat, fish and fruit, as well as packets of rice - **no** soup or tomatoes please!)

[2] The **Season of Creation begins**, concluding with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th - this is especially important as we prepare for COP26 Conference which is the past chance to make decisive policy changes to heal our planet before it is too late! This will be reflected in our Rededication to our Mission as a parish community.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Benet, Kemerton, St Joseph's, Tewkesbury and St Nicholas, Winchcombe (with Bishop's Cleeve), served by Fr Francis Hughes OSB, Parish Administrator, Chris Davies and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for our **the Ministry of the Food Bank ('St Nicholas' Bread')**. We thank and pray for those who serve on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, those organisations, churches and individuals who bring food to distribute. Given the inspiration of our Patron Saint, we must prioritise 'breaking of bread' with the poor of our area and city. If you wish to support by your time or by donating money or food, please contact Margaret Ulloa on the parish office tel no.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 / Psalm 14 / James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 / Mark 7: 14-15, 21-23

Monday 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 / Psalm 95 / Luke 4: 116-30

Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Psalm 26 / Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday Colossians 1: 1-8 / Psalm 51 / Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday Colossians 1: 9-14 / Psalm 97 / Luke 5: 1-11

Friday Colossians 1: 15-20 / Psalm 99 / Luke 5: 33-39

Saturday Colossians 1: 21-23 / Psalm 53 / Luke 6: 1-5

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £56.00 + Loose £279.00 + PayPal £? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £446.05 thanks!

Donations £30.00 **CAFOD (Haiti & Afghanistan fund)** £200.00 (remains open for 2 weeks) - many thanks, especially for the contributions to the foodbank fund and CAFOD! *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

29th Aug	Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass
1st Sept	Borderlands Trustees at 1.30pm
3rd Sept	Healing Mass in honour of Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino at 7.00pm
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

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>

JOB VACANCIES WITH THE DIOCESE**[1] 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.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/**

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

[2] Safeguarding Officer Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)

The Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team. The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge

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of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Health, Probation or Policing, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. Closing date for receipt of applications: 17 September 2021

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'*. 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'

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE CRISES ACROSS THE WORLD

[1] 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.

[2] 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. 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 an appointment by visiting www.blood.co.uk, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

PLEASE PRAY WITH URGENCY FOR THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN We are expecting in Bristol a sudden increase in the number of Afghan families and individuals (including unaccompanied child refugees). There is such fear in Afghanistan - please pray!

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