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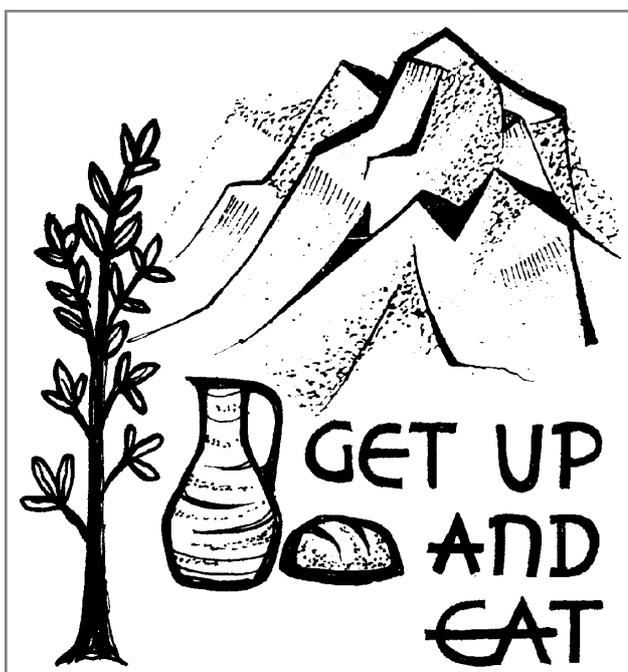
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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *'Come, Eat; Come, Drink - find Life!'*

Come to Wisdom's Table and feast! Jesus invites us every Sunday to come and feast on Life in all its fullness - and the same invitation is there for weekdays if we can! What is it we eat and drink: nothing less than Jesus himself, given utterly and entirely to us to be our life and our love in this most sacred of gifts, the Eucharist.

And He says - eat and drink: not drink only! It was one of the causes of the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century that lay people were denied the Cup: the Reformers were right then yet it took 400 years for the Church to share the Cup with all the People of God - and then only grudgingly and not everywhere, scandalously!

Sharing the Cup means drinking in the Saving, Redemptive love of the Lord; it means sharing the sufferings and joys of one another and the world as Jesus did when He 'drank from this Cup' on the Cross; it means daring to drink from the Loving Cup of the Lord. Please do not pass the cup by, but drink the Blood of the Lord with reverence and love.

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Celebration of Baptisms (with Spanish Translation)  
at 10.00am (live streamed: Parish Website)

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

**TUESDAY:** Feast of St Edith Stein, Carmelite Nun and Martyr of Auschwitz (1891-1942)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of Ss Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (d. 258) & Clare of Assisi (1194-1253)  
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

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**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Jane Frances de Chantal, co-founder of Visitation Sisters*  
*Requiem Mass for Una Sorhaindo RIP at 12noon*

**FRIDAY:** *Adoration at 6.00pm* **Mass at 6.30pm (NB Change of Time)**

**SATURDAY:***Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest & Martyr of Auschwitz (1894-1941)*  
*Adoration at 11.30am* **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 on the **Nineteenth Sunday of the Year** Jesus, Bread of Life, who give us His Flesh and Blood in order to bring life to the world. He calls us to faith ... faith in His Presence in the Eucharist, faith in the Liberating Truth of His Word, faith in His Father's Love for each one of us. A life of faith (profound trust in God's love for us) leads us to profound joy and 'life in all its fulness'!

[2] We celebrate **Baptism** with our Latin American families with Spanish translation.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven**, the great sign of humanity's redemption in Christ. Mary shares fully in the Resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ - as each of us will also. She is a sign of God's faithfulness to His promise to bring us 'life in all its fulness': the glory of her Assumption is the pledge of the glory of our own Resurrection. This the feast of Easter Life shared with humanity.

[2] We also celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen**, praying for the families preparing for the baptism of their children.

[3] **Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine, Frome and St Dominic, Mells, served by Canon Richard Dwyer, Deacon David Brinn, Parish Administrator, Anna Pang, and both their communities. We pray also for Bishop Crispian Hollis, Bishop Emeritus of Portsmouth Diocese, who resides in Mells.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Team who clean the church on Friday's**. Overseen by Andrew and Edmund, the Team has shrunk of late and we need more volunteers, so that the same few do not have to clean the church every week. There is also of course extra sanitising of chairs after each mass and spraying of the church after Sunday Masses and when we have larger congregations. Thank you to all who do these tasks so faithfully that keep us all safer. This Cleaning Ministry is a humble service to the community and the worship of God (caring for the 'sacred space' of the church where we gather as the Church): we greatly appreciate all who carry out this Ministry. Thank you! Volunteers please contact Andrew or Edmund (or Richard).

**WORD OF GOD FOR NINETEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday** 1 Kings 19: 4-8 / Psalm 33 / Ephesians 4: 30-5: 2 / John 6: 41-51  
**Monday** Hosea 2: 16-17, 21-22 / Psalm 44 / Matthew 25: 1-13  
**Tuesday** 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10 / Psalm 111 / John 12: 24-26  
**Wednesday** Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 / Psalm 65 / Matthew 18: 15-20  
**Thursday** Joshua 3: 7-11, 13-17 / Psalm 113 / Matthew 18: 21-19: 1  
**Friday** Joshua 24: 1-13 / Psalm 135 / Matthew 19: 3-12  
**Saturday** Joshua 24: 14-29 / Psalm 15 / Matthew 19: 14-20: 15

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £128.00 + Loose £212.00 + PayPal £? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £451.05 thanks!

**Foodbank** £3,400.00 (due to publicity on Points West!) **CAFOD** £20.00 **Flowers** £10 - 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**

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	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b>
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	<b>First Eucharist Sunday for Spanish Speaking children at 10am Mass</b>
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	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - celebration Mass at 10.00am</b>
7th Sept	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm
8th Sept	Borderlands Trustees at 1.30pm
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. There are two Baptismal Sundays scheduled (in addition to the Baptismal Sunday with Spanish translations also scheduled)

11th August: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (on Zoom)

21st August: Parents Baptismal Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm (on Zoom)

**Rite of Child Catechumen 15th August; Baptisms 29th August - both at 10am Mass**

**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](mailto:rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com) to have a link to the training:

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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-

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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>

**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.

**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!

**POPE FRANCIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS** Pope Francis stated the following last November: *'Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession... genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian effects of any employment of nuclear devices and the risk of accidental detonation as a result of any kind of error, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned. They exist in the service of a mentality of fear.'*

**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 abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail'

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE TWO YEAR GLOBAL 'SYNOD'** "Breakthrough comes about as a gift of dialogue, when people trust each other and humbly seek the good together, and are willing to learn from each another in a mutual exchange of gifts. This is an 'overflow' of love, breaking the banks that confined our thinking and causes to pour forth answers that formerly we could not see. As Pope I want to encourage such 'overflows' by reinvigorating the ancient practice of 'Synod'. The term comes from Greek and means 'walking together' and its goal is to recognise, honour, and reconcile differences on a higher plane where the best of each can be retained: differences are expressed and polished until you reach, if not consensus, a harmony that holds all together. Therein lies its beauty: the harmony that results can be complex, rich and unexpected. In the Church the One who brings about harmony is the Holy Spirit."

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