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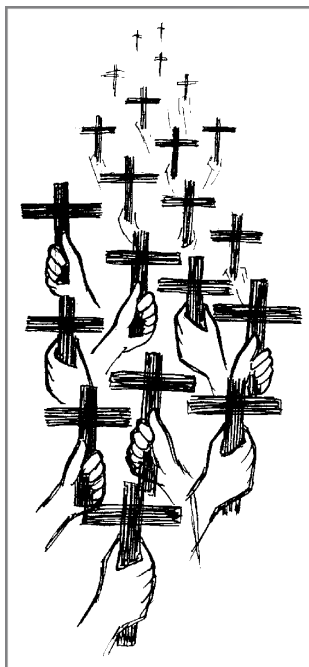
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Season of Creation)



THE CROSS - THE SWEET YOKE!

He is the Christ: He is the Anointed One - anointed by the Spirit for the Mission of the Father's Kingdom. And He anoints us, those who follow Him, anoints us with the Spirit to serve and proclaim the Father's Kingdom.

Love and witness and Truth-telling cost Him His life - the Cross. He asks us, 'Can you drink My Cup? Embrace My Cross?' Because that is the cost for us of Love, Witness and Truth-telling! The Cross is not out illnesses, even our bereavements: the Cross is the cost of Loving Jesus, Witnessing to Jesus and Truth-telling in the name of Jesus.

That Cross is painful, but a sweet yoke, for He carries it with us and we with Him. We are 'yoked' together with Jesus, so that the Father's Kingdom will finally come. Life-Giving Cross! Jesus famously said of His Father and also of his disciples: 'Everything I have is yours and everything you have is Mine!' He also said 'I have come to bring you Life in all its fullness'.

SUNDAY **PARISH MASS at 10.00am** (*live streamed: Parish Website*)

MONDAY: **Feast of St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Theologian (347-407)**
Adoration at 5.30pm *Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm*

TUESDAY: **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Adoration at 6.00pm *Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm*

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**
Adoration at 6.00pm *Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm*
(Live-streamed on Parish Website)

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (3rd Century)**
Adoration at 11.30am *Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon*

***All who want to be followers of mine, let them renounce themselves,
 take up their cross and follow me - then they find life and love in abundance!***

There is so much ambition in our world - ambitions for honours, for success, for wealth, for recognition, for power. Paul tells us 'be ambitious for higher gifts' - and then speaks of love! Love is the measure of true greatness, love that safeguards the child and the vulnerable. Love that far from abusing or ignoring, places the children of the world, the children of our parish, the children of our families above every ambition.

Children need less of our money and goods and more of our time and love. They have a right to be safe from all harm, safe from violence of every kind in their homes, in their church, on their streets. Honours mean nothing, power means nothing - what matters is that we build a safe world for our children!

19/09/2021 [1] On the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who comes to suffer and die for love of all humanity and so to win love's victory over hatred and pride. His Way to victory is through the seeming defeat of the Cross, the Suffering Servant!

[2] **Service with the LBGQTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 / Psalm 53 / James 3: 16-4:3 / Mark 9: 30-37
Monday	Ezra 1: 1-6 / Psalm 125 / Luke 8: 16-18
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 9: 9-13
Wednesday	Ezra 9: 5-9 / Responsorial Tobit 13 / Luke 9: 1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1: 1-8 / Psalm 149 / Luke 9: 7-9
Friday	Haggai 1: 15-2: 9 / Psalm 42 / Luke 9: 18-22
Saturday	Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15 / Responsorial Jeremiah 31 / Luke 9: 43-45

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Osmund, St Gregory and the English Martyrs, and Holy Redeemer, Salisbury, with Downton and Whaddon, served by Fr Anthony Paris, Deacons Steven Godwin, John Detain, John Proctor, Parish Administrator, Marilise Smurthwaite, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION These two weeks, pray God's Blessing for our **Live-Streaming & Social Media ministry and our Lay Proclaimers of the Word**. Covid has brought us a new ministry, the harnessing of live-streaming through the Internet and the use of Social media in the service of the Gospel. We have extended the scope of our community and enabled the housebound to be nourished by Word and Spiritual communion with the Eucharist we celebrate. Our Lay Proclaimers of the Word enrich our understanding and proclaim Good news as they share the Word with faith and love in the heart of our worshipping community. Pray God's anointing for these ministries.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £380.77 + Loose £544.33 + PayPal £? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £1036.15 thanks!

Foodbank £160.00 **CAFOD** £169.90 - many thanks, especially for the contributions to the foodbank and CAFOD (Afghan/Haiti relief) funds!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)
14th Oct	Journey of Faith re-starts with 'Come & See' meeting 6.00pm (Assisi Centre)
17th Oct	Missionary Sisters Appeal
23rd Oct	Clifton Climate Liturgy - the wonder of our 'Common Home' Cathedral 11am
24th Oct	Baptismal Sunday
31st Oct	Feast of All Saints - celebration of humanity's holiness
2nd Nov	Commemoration of All Souls - Mass for our beloved who have died at 7pm
13th Nov	Memorial Mass for all who died during Covid Pandemic at 11.00am
14th Nov	Remembrance Sunday - Day of Prayer for Peace

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21st Nov **Feast of Christ the Universal King**
 28th Nov **First Sunday of Advent**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS 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 from Safeguarding Office

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE Seeking the baptism of your children? please inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher & Epiphania Chipato or Richard. Next Baptismal Sunday will be 24th October - at our 10am Parish Mass.

First Parents Preparation Session: Friday 8th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming) Sunday 10th October at 10.00am Mass
Second Parents Preparation Session: Friday 15th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
Baptism celebrated: Sunday 24th October at 10.00am Mass

JOURNEY OF FAITH We will begin this 2021/2022 Journey of Faith on **Thursday 14th October at 6.00pm with a 'Come and See Meeting'**. This is for all who want to discover more about the Catholic Faith we share, or who may be thinking of becoming Catholic Christians. Suitable for those who want to renew their faith or have been away from Mass for years, and for **Catholic adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

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."

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FOSTER OR ADOPT A CHILD? 109 children are taken 'into Care' each day in this country looking for security, for a home where they can belong and thrive. Also there is an increase in the number of unaccompanied child refugees arriving in this country (increasing with the Afghan Exodus). I know from my own personal experience how important adoption is to give a child a new start in life. Many children are from the BAME community and there is a great need for more fostering and adoptive families from these diverse ethnicities. Could God be calling you, your family, to this healing vocation for a child in care? Contact CCS Adoption (tel: 0117 935 0005 or email info@ccsadoption.org.) or 'Home for Good' (clare.walker@homeforgood.org.uk)

URGENT APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS The NHS urgently needs more Black people to give blood to meet increasing demand for Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed ethnicity donors. 16,000 new donors from these groups must be recruited this year as demand rises for life-saving transfusions for people with sickle cell disease: the fastest growing genetic disorder in the UK - 15,000 people (300 babies born with the disorder annually). It can cause organ failure, stroke or loss of vision, even death. More common in Black people, this ethnic group is more likely to have the rare blood sub-group RO that many sickle cell patients need. ***The Church strongly encourages blood donation. Please donate blood! - One pint can save three lives!*** Register today and book an appointment by visiting www.blood.co.uk, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

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