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PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



LOVER OF GOD, LOVER OF THE POOR

St Nicholas, lover of children, born like Samuel, Samson and John the Baptist of barren parents, the gift of God and his parents gift to God.

St Nicholas, who learnt to break bread with the poor long before he learnt to break the Bread of the Eucharist - risking his future in obedience to the God of the Poor and disobeying the voices of those who knew not the poor man of Nazareth.

St Nicholas, man of prayer who entered Love's silence in order to proclaim Love's Saving Word.

St Nicholas, vessel of God's healing love, from whom healing and life flowed in all abundance, raising the dead, healing the wounds, setting free.

St Nicholas, God's compassion to the prisoner, God's protector and rescuer of the prostitute, listening with a gentle heart and open mind.

St Nicholas, reaching in praying love beyond the bridge of death, holding the Departed in the purifying love of God. **St Nicholas, inspirer of our mission, healer of our wounds pray for us!**

SUNDAY: PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS of Rededication at 10am (Signed for Deaf)
(Live-streamed on Parish Website)

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of the Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord*
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

THURSDAY: *Feast of St Peter Claver, Jesuit Missionary, servant of slaves (1580-1650)*
Requiem Mass for Wilhel Ferguson at 11.30am

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FRIDAY: **Beginning of Year School Mass of St Nicholas of Tolentino** at 9.30am

SATURDAY: **No Parish Liturgy today because of 'Root and Branch' Synod**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

TODAY [1] We have the joy of celebrating the **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO WITH OUR MASS OF REDEDICATION**. This is made even more special as we emerge from Covid restrictions and seek to rebuild our community and its many ministries, activities and mission. We will bless the traditional St Nicholas Bread. **Let us rededicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, a parish of many nations united in Christ, valuing each other's cultures, healing each other's wounds, reaching out to the poor and marginalised around us and throughout the world.**

[2] This Mass of Rededication to the mission of our parish must also include **our Mission to heal our Planet** in this **Season of Creation** listening to the cries of our Common Home, the Earth, and the cries of the poor! Hospitality of Heart is the theme - welcoming all Creation into our 'Home' as we recognise that Creation is God's Home shared with us!

[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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus, the Suffering Servant who is the 'Messiah', the Christ who liberates humanity through His sacrificial love. The Cross He embraces is His identification with the rejected and oppressed of our world - and He calls us, as His disciples, to the same identification and Servanthood, raising up the poorest by our committed action - translating our Faith into liberating action!

[2] This weekend the '**Root and Branch Synod**' takes place in Bristol and we support this important moment and grace of God for the People of God with our prayer, our compassionate and generous listening to many voices that are often not heard by many in the Church.

[3] With our children and young people back at school and college, and with many preparing to begin or continue at University, we hold the **Day of Prayer for the Church's Mission in Education**.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Bernadette, Whitchurch and St Dunstan, Keynsham, served by Fr Matt Anscombe, Outreach Worker Caroline Sadd, Parish Administrator Mrs Alice Maimone and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for our **the Ministry of our Parish Finance Committee**. The work of this committee, led by Robert von Hawrylak is largely hidden, overseeing the income and expenditure in the service of our parish's extensive mission. They have done great work in raising the grant money that has enabled us to refurbish the ground floor of the Assisi centre. Answerable to the diocese, they ensure both appropriate generosity and appropriate economy and transparency to our parish community how your money is spent in the service of the Kingdom of God! If you have both skills and time to offer in support of this ministry, please contact Robert or Richard

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Isaiah 35: 4-7 / Psalm 145 / James 2: 1-5 / Mark 7: 31-37
Monday	Colossians 1: 24-2: 3 / Psalm 61 / Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2: 6-15 / Psalm 144 / Luke 6: 12-19
Wednesday	Micah 5: 1-4 / Psalm 12 / Romans 8: 28-30 / Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23
Thursday	Colossians 3: 12-17 / Psalm 150 / Luke 6: 27-38a
Friday	1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14 / Psalm 15 / Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday	1 Timothy 1: 15-17 / Psalm 112 / Luke 6: 43-49

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COLLECTIONS

Env £140.00 + Loose £318.00 + S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £559.05 - **thanks!**

CAFOD (Afghan & Haiti collection) £462.00 (still open) Flowers £20 Many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)
14th Oct	Journey of Faith re-starts with 'Come & See' meeting 6.00pm (Assisi Centre)
17th Oct	Missionary Sisters Appeal
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

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?

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

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 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

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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 and 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!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING 'ROOT AND BRANCH SYNOD' I am delighted that a number of our parish family are involved in this prophetic 'walking together, listening together', seeking to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church of our time through voices that are not usually heard because they are kept on the margins. It is so often from the margins that the Word of God comes to His People. Thank you for participating.

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