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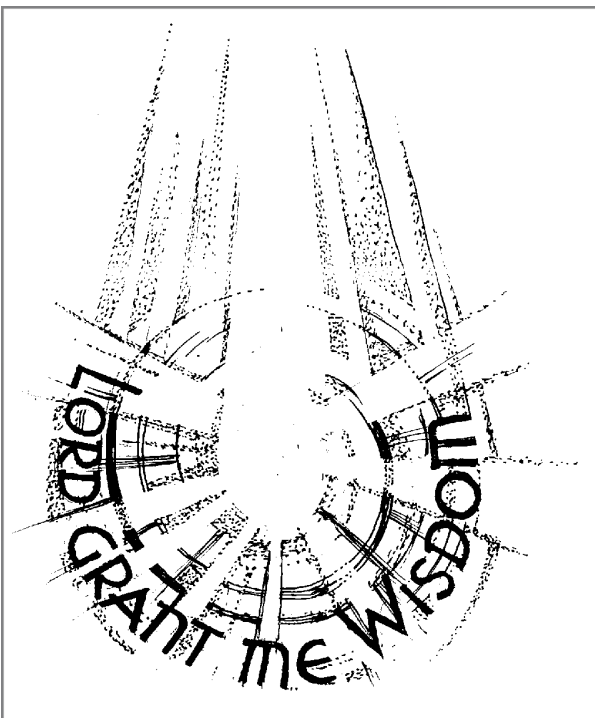
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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### ***LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCH!***

The Spirit speaks to God's People so that God's People may speak the Spirit of God to the world. But we must listen: 'Listen, those who ears to hear' Jesus often said to His disciples - perhaps because He knew that we are poor listeners, to each other and to the Spirit. Indeed to listen to one another's experience of faith, insights into the mystery of Jesus is to listen to the Spirit who speaks through us all, and not just through priests, bishops and Popes! And this is what the two year Global Synod seeks to achieve - listening to each other to discern the Voice of the Spirit for today!

The Spirit speaks to bring the Church to the foolish Wisdom of the Gospel - to die is to live, to love sacrificially is to be fulfilled, the poor have first place in the Kingdom and should also in the Church, no competition among you, seek to be rich in love so that the poor might be liberated. The Spirit seeks always to 'reform and renew' of the Church so that the Spirit can renew the Face of the Earth through us!

**SUNDAY** PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen (Signed for the Deaf) at 10.00am  
(live steamed: Parish Website)

**MONDAY:** Requiem Mass for Uzoma Ogbu at 12.15pm (live steamed: Parish Website)

**TUESDAY:** Feast of Pope St John XXIII, Reforming Pope of Vatican II (1881-1963)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of St Edward the Confessor, King of England (1003-1066)  
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:** Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Wegrzyn RIP at 11.30am

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**FRIDAY:** *Feast of St Theresa of Avila, Reforming Carmelite Nun & Mystic (1515-1582)*  
*Adoration at 8.30am                      Mass at 9.00am*

**SATURDAY:** *Feast of St Margaret Mary Alcoque, Nun, Mystic of the Sacred Heart (1647-90)*  
*Adoration at 11.00am    Mass at 11.30am (NB change of time)*  
*Evening Prayer & Adoration at 5.30pm (live-streamed on Parish Face Book)*  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.00-4.30pm**

**TODAY**    On the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus - flesh of God's foolish wisdom. In each of our lives there will be things - one thing at least - that limits our love for the Lord, impedes our walking His Way. That is what He invites us to let go of, for it possesses our hearts - and He wants to set us free to be His Love in the world. His invitation is a Word that pierces the heart like a 'two-edged sword'!

[2]    We rejoice to **celebrate the Rite of Child Catechumen** with some of our children during our 10.00am Mass. Please pray for them and their families.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1]    On the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year** we continue to celebrate the Foolish Wisdom of God in Jesus - for He shows us what true greatness is - to have such a heart of love that we seek only to love with a sacrificial love. We say 'yes' to growing in that love every time we drink from the Cup of His and the World's suffering in the Eucharist. To be Great love - serving the poorest - that is the only greatness worth seeking!

[2]    **Mass with our LBGTQ+ friends and their families and friends** at 3.00pm

[3]    We welcome a **Sister of Divine Love** (a missionary Religious Order founded in Nigeria) who will preach. There will be a **Retiring Collection** for the missionary work of her Order of Sisters - please be as generous as you can - thank you!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER**    Today the Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of The Immaculate Conception, Stroud, with Brownhill (Bernadine Cistercian Sisters), Painswick (Our Lady & St Therese) and More Hall (Grace and Compassion Benedictines) served by Fr Gary Brassington, Deacon Stephen Bentley, Parish Administrator, Marilynne Morgan 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-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Wisdom 7: 7-11 / Psalm 89 / Hebrews 4: 12-13 / Mark 10: 17-30
<b>Monday</b>	Romans 1: 1-7 / Psalm 97 / Luke 11: 29-32
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 1: 16-25 / Psalm 18 / Luke 11: 37-41
<b>Wednesday</b>	Romans 2: 1-11 / Psalm 61 / Luke 11: 42-46
<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 3: 21-30 / Psalm 129 / Luke 11: 47-54
<b>Friday</b>	Romans 4: 1-8 / Psalm 31 / Luke 12: 1-7
<b>Saturday</b>	Romans 4: 13, 16-18 / Psalm 104 / Luke 12: 8-12

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKS**

12/9/21 Env £295.00 + Loose £145.00 + PayPal £447.43 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £998.49

19/9/21 Env £125.00 + Loose £210.0 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £446.05

26/9/21 Env £140.00 + Loose £195.00 + PayPal £1137.23 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £1583.28

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**03/10/21** Env £135.00+ Loose £166.80 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £412.85  
**Caritas** £25.00 **Donations** £30.00 **Foodbank** £220.00 **CAFOD (Haiti & Afghanistan fund)** £293.20 - many thanks, especially for the contributions to the foodbank fund and CAFOD! *Thank you to all who have given via PayPal - it has made a great difference!*

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

10th Oct **Pope Francis opens the Two Year Global Synod - Alleluia!**  
 12th Oct Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm  
 14th Oct Journey of Faith re-starts with 'Come & See' meeting 6.00pm (Assisi Centre)  
 13th Oct Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)  
 15th Oct Second Parents Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)  
 16th Oct Mass with the Zimbabwean Community at 1.30pm  
 17th Oct Missionary Sisters Appeal  
 24th Oct Baptismal Sunday  
 30th Oct **Clocks change tonight - we gain an hour's sleep!**  
 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**  
 21st Nov **Feast of Christ the Universal King**  
 28th Nov **First Sunday of Advent**

**POPE FRANCIS BEGINS THE TWO YEAR GLOBAL 'SYNOD'** This weekend marks one of the most important moments in the history of the Modern Church, as Pope Francis inaugurates the Two Year Global Synod to serve the renewal and the reform of the church in our time. For the first time since the early Church, all God's People are called to speak their voice and help shape decisions that will affect the whole Church and its future development. That this takes place on the Feast of St John Henry Newman is significant, for with prophetic vision and open mind and heart he wrote famously 'On Consulting the Laity on Matters of Doctrine'. **WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE INVOLVED AND HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK OUR VOICES.**

**POPE FRANCIS WRITES:** "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."

**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.

**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

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years, and for **Catholic adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FOSTER OR ADOPT A CHILD?** 109 children are taken 'into Care' each day in this country! 109 children everyday 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 (which will increase 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](mailto:info@ccsadoption.org).) or 'Home for Good' ([clare.walker@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:clare.walker@homeforgood.org.uk))

**'COP26' CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE** This international Conference must become one of the greatest turning points in human history as we make decisive political, social, economic and personal commitments and actions to halt climate change. **IF WE DO NOT THEN WE CONDEMN FUTURE GENERATIONS TO A HOSTILE AND UNSUSTAINABLE PLANET AND WE CONTINUE TO ABUSE AND WOUND OUR 'MOTHER EARTH'**. *What will you do in response to this call of the Spirit - what will we do as a parish community in response to this call of the Spirit?*

**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'

**CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AND ST NICKS** We are asking for volunteers to take part in the Bristol Night Shelter project: we will be taking part in phase 1 of the project running **each Thursday from Thursday 4th November to Thursday 9th December - Thursdays 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec & 9th Dec** This year again the project used a B&B in Bristol to house homeless people where each person was given their own room to use 24 hours from January 2021 until March 2021, the project will be running for longer this year starting in November 2021 running until March 2022

***Volunteers are needed to share 2 shifts:***

***2x volunteers for Thursday lunch time from 12pm - 2pm***

***2x volunteers for Thursday evening from 6pm - 10pm***

***4x volunteers in reserve to act as cover***

Training sessions (on Zoom) are essential for all volunteers: New Volunteers Tuesday 12th October 7pm-9pm and Monday 25th October 7pm-9pm; Returning Volunteers Thursday 14th October 7pm-8pm and Monday 18th October 7pm-8pm

If you are unable to volunteer in person and would still like to help, I am looking for volunteers to help make packed lunch sandwiches and cook the evening meals.

10 single sandwiches - 8 meat & 12 vegetarian 10 evening meals - 8 meat & 12 vegetarian  
All consumables such as sandwich bags, plastic tubs etc... will be provided. **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EMAIL- [stnicks.bcwns@gmail.com](mailto:stnicks.bcwns@gmail.com)**

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