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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - World Mission Sunday



'MASTER, LET ME SEE AGAIN!'

Jesus sets out on the road to Jerusalem for the last time, to face suffering and death. As He sets out with frightened disciples, He stops to work His final healing - giving sight to a blind beggar. All humanity cries out in this man: heal our blindness, let us see the world in truth, not illusion. Let us no longer remain blind to the suffering we inflict on the innocent, the poor, the outcast, the powerless, the child.

Jesus, let us see the world in its beauty and behold you at the centre of everything! Open our eyes to see the beauty of Your Presence in beggar at the door, the addict in our streets, the stranger in our midst. Open the eyes of our hearts that we might gaze with insightful eyes of love and bring healing to a world locked into structures of selfishness and greed that dispossess the poor of the world from their rightful share in the world's resources and the world's hope! Master, give us the courage to see! Really to see! And to change!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS for Mission, with Baptisms at 10am (*live streamed: Parish Website*)

MONDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

TUESDAY: Feast of Ss Chad and Cedd, Celtic monks and Bishops (7th Century)
 Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: 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: Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**
No Evening Prayer & Adoration this evening - sorry!
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after 12 noon Mass only

TODAY On the **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the One who brings Light into our darkness, who opens our eyes to see and our ears to hear. His touch in our lives transforms us and we can begin to see each other in the love of God ... a love that can and will change the world!

[2] It is **World Mission Sunday** on which every parish and community of the Catholic Church focusses on the key purpose of the Church - to be Christ's Mission of Love and Liberating Truth to our world. Our Mission is to Proclaim Good news to the Poor, both in courageous words and transforming actions. **Let us generously support the 'Missio' collection.**

[3] We have the joy of celebrating **Baptism with five of our children** - please pray for them and their families.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate the **Feast of All Saints** God's call to each of us to journey the paths of Holiness, the paths of wholeness and humanity. We give thanks for the 'great cloud of witnesses' that surrounds us and encourages us along our Pilgrim Path to the full realisation of who we truly are: made in God's image and likeness, temples of the Holy Spirit, dwelling places of the Divine Trinity of Love. The world needs us to be holy - saints!

[2] We welcome **Sr Ann of the Daughters of Divine Love**, a Nigeria Missionary Order who will invite us to share the missionary work of Religious Sisters by our prayer, concern and generous giving. There will be a **Retiring Collection for their Missions.**

[3] **PLEASE NOTE THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY/SUNDAY NIGHT - so no excuse for being late!**

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Rood, Swindon served by Canon John Cunningham, Fr Thomas Lawes, Deacons Jonathan Ager, José Estroció Parish Administrator, Anna Cummins and all their community. We pray also for the work of the Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for **the Ministry of our Parish Pastoral Council.** Pope Francis is challenging the whole Church to a new kind of 'governance', which he calls 'Synodality'. Our elected PPC encourages lay leadership and diverse forms of lay ministry and mission, and seeks to listen to and empower all the voices of our parish community. It is part of our 'synodality' as a parish. Please pray for you Parish Pastoral Councillors, led by co-Chairs Eustace Tameh and Margaret Ulloa. And voice your hopes and desires for our parish community, your disappointments to us.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 / Psalm 125 / Hebrews 4: 1-6 / Mark 10: 46-52
Monday	Romans 8: 12-17 / Psalm 67 / Luke 13: 10-17
Tuesday	Romans 8: 18-25 / Psalm 125 / Luke 13: 18-21
Wednesday	Romans 8: 26-30 / Psalm 12 / Luke 13: 22-30
Thursday	Ephesians 2: 19-22 / Psalm 18 / Luke 6: 12-19
Friday	Romans 9: 1-5 / Psalm 147 / Luke 14: 1-6
Saturday	Romans 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29 / Psalm 93 / Luke 14: 1, 7-11

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £130.00+ Loose £245.55 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £486.60
Zimbabwean Mass Donation £164.45 **Foodbank** £100 - many thanks

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th Oct	World Mission Sunday and Baptismal Sunday
28th Oct	Borderlands Trustees meet at 1.00pm (Assisi Centre)
30th Oct	Clocks change tonight - we gain an hour's sleep!
31st Oct	Feast of All Saints - celebration of humanity's holiness
31st Oct	Missionary Sisters Appeal at 10am Mass
2nd Nov	Commemoration of All Souls - Mass for our beloved who have died at 7pm
3rd Nov	Parish Pastoral Council discussing how we contribute to Global Synod 7.15pm
7th Nov	World Day of the Poor - Mass for Justice
10th Nov	SVP Area Mass and Meeting at 7.00pm at St Nicks
13th Nov	Memorial Mass for all who died during Covid Pandemic at 11.00am
13th Nov	Information session on Synod at Emmaus House 9.30am to 1.00pm
14th Nov	Remembrance Sunday - Day of Prayer for Peace
21st Nov	Feast of Christ the Universal King: National Youth Sunday Baptismal Sunday
24th Nov	Ashley Churches Together Serving meets at 12.30pm at Salvation Army
28th Nov	First Sunday of Advent
8th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 6.30pm
8th Dec	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.15pm - Assisi Centre
<u>2022</u>	
9th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday

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."

DIOCESAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL SYNOD BEGINS: For information Sessions about the Global Synod, especially our diocesan participation:

[1] Bristol Briefing at Emmaus House, Whitchurch on Saturday 13th November 10am to 12noon - for ticket please see Richard

[2] On-line sessions (via Microsoft Teams) on 8th and 9th November at 7.00pm - apply for link to email synod@cliftondiocese.com

More information about the Synod on the parish website. The Parish Pastoral Council will gather a group to engage us all in listening to all voices so as to bring our issues and hopes for the Church to the Diocese by February, as well as sending them directly to Rome.

JOURNEY OF FAITH 2021/2022 Journey of Faith meets each Friday at 6.00pm in the Assisi Centre. This is for all who want to discover more about the Catholic Faith we share, or

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who may be thinking of becoming Catholic Christians. Suitable for those who want to renew their faith or have been away from Mass for a long period, and for **Catholic adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus and the joy and beauty of Faith?

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL REQUIEM MASS for who died during the Pandemic There will be this special November Mass on 13th November at 11.00am - all bereaved families will be invited - many of who were not able to mark their beloved death as they wished due to Covid Restrictions. All our community are warmly invited to come, remember and prayer!

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) or 'Home for Good' (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 Volunteers are still needed 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

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,**

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