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FEAST OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING - Youth Sunday



BEHOLD THE KING!

Strange King, crowned with thorns, enthroned on a Cross, washing feet like a slave! Yet, 'I was born for this!'

Born to serve, born to gather all humanity into unity, born to die on a Cross so that we might stop killing each other, born to redefine forever authority, born to reign in the human heart where no King, Queen or President can ever enter, born to bring salvation to the very creation itself - the whole Universe! Salvation is Cosmic!

And this King makes you and I 'a line of kings and priests to serve our God'. Far from possessive of His Royal Power or Dignity, He freely shares it by pouring out His Spirit upon us. He shares His throne with us - both the Cross of serving our broken sisters and brothers, and the Heavenly Throne at the right hand of His Father.

So let us enthrone Him and serve with Him the Kingdom of Justice, Love & Peace

SUNDAY

PARISH MASS with Baptism at

10.00am (live steamed: Parish Website)

Mass with LBGQT+ families and friends at 3.00pm (live steamed: Parish Website)

MONDAY: Feast of St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Music (3rd Century)

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of St Clement I, Pope & Martyr & St Columbanus, Monk & Missionary

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & 117 Vietnamese Martyrs (18/19 cent)

Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)

Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (live steamed: Parish Website)

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £142.00 + Loose £223.00 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £476.05 - thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
 25th Nov Together4Bristol AGM on Zoom at 7.00pm
 28th Nov **First Sunday of Advent- Year of Luke begins**
 4th Nov Altar Servers training at 10.30-11.30am (church)
 8th Dec **Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 6.30pm**
 8th Dec Parish Pastoral Council at 7.15pm - Assisi Centre
 9th Dec Meeting for Parents of children for First Eucharist 2022 6pm (Assisi Centre)
 16th Dec End of Term School Advent Mass at 9.30am (hopefully in church)
 16th Dec Borderlands Trustees meet
 18th Dec Christians@Bristol Pride Carol Service at 4.30pm Wesley Chapel (New Rooms - Broadmead)

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9th Jan **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday**
 19th Jan Ashley Churches Together Serving meet at 12.30pm
 19th Jan Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm
 20th Jan First Eucharist Preparation Programme begins 4.00pm in the Assisi Centre.

PLEASE NOTE: WHEN EMAILING RICHARD PLEASE USE FROM NOW ON USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL: richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com AND NO LONGER THE 'BLUEYONDER' EMAIL ADDRESS WHICH NO LONGER FUNCTIONS.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS US ALL TO THE TWO YEAR GLOBAL 'SYNOD' This is one of the most important moments in the history of the Modern Church, as Pope Francis challenges us all to take part in 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 process began 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.** Please use often the Parish Synod Prayer which is on our parish website.

UPDATE ON THE SYNOD IN OUR PARISH Our Parish Pastoral Council met this week to lay plans for our participation in this hugely important process of listening and discerning 'what the Spirit is saying to the Church today'. A number of people representative of our diverse communities are being approached to gather groups together to listen to one another, speak their voices, journey together. There will be an information session with these group facilitators to guide them in this. The 'voices' from all the groups will be gathered together by the end of January and there will be a 'Full Parish Assembly' to explore this and formulate our parish contribution to the Diocese and the Global Church. *I cannot emphasise too much how important this process is for the future of our parish, our diocese and the whole Church. PLEASE PLEASE take part generously.* Further information soon.

PARISH SYNOD FACILITATORS TRAINING Thank you to all who have agreed to be Facilitators of the many 'listening' groups, enabling all who wish to take part and have a voice, contributing to the Two Year Global Synod. Will all facilitators attend one or other of the two

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training sessions. The second for all who can come in person is on **Saturday 27th November at 10.00-11.30am in the Assisi Centre.**

RECRUITING NEW ALTAR SERVERS We have begun training new Altar Servers and also a refresher course for those who have not served during Covid period. We next meet on **Saturday 4th December at 10.30am (prompt)**. The training will last one hour. Still time for others to join us, so parents, please let myself or Mary know your child wishes to train as a server and can come to the next meeting.

PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST 2022 All Parents of children aged 7 years or above by June 2022 are invited to enrol their children in the First Eucharist Programme and come to a meeting for Parents on **Thursday 9th December at 6.00-7.00pm** in the Assisi Centre. Enrolment Forms available today and be returned by 6th December at the latest. The programme will begin on 20th January 2022 at 4.00pm in the Assisi Centre. **First Eucharist Sunday will be on 10th July 2022.**

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP - CHANGE OF DAY From this week we meet on **Fridays at 5.30-6.30pm**: 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) for the Zoom link.

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.

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 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 - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. **Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November.** They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives!

BISHOPS STATEMENT ON RETURNING TO SUNDAY MASS The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement reminding us all that we need to come together as a community of love around the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist in our churches. While watching live-streamed Mass helps us when we are truly unable to come to mass (because of essential work or caring for the sick or our vulnerability to illness or because of age and frailty), **it must not become an easy alternative to coming together and sharing together as a community of Mission the Living Word and the Body and Blood of Christ in the Mass.** Now is the time to return to Mass in church unless serious issues prevent us.

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