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THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF THE YEAR- World Day of the Poor



WHO ARE THE GENEROUS ONES?

Jesus is constantly turning the world's way of looking at things, the world's priorities, upside down. When we are geared to be 'upwardly mobile', He calls us to be like Him, 'downwardly mobile', entering the world of the poor, the marginalised and the forsaken. He challenges our success culture with His culture of vulnerable loving. Instead of climbing the ladder, He calls us to be ambitious for love ... to let love permeate all we do, all we say, all we are. It is not about how generous we are with our money, but how generous we are with our hearts!

So the wealthy put large sums (their plentiful 'left-overs') into the "Temple Treasury", and people were impressed. The poverty stricken widow put a small coin - all she had - into the same box. So who sacrificed for God? Who was truly generous of heart? God sees into the heart. Whatever we give - large or small - let it flow from a New Heart, like unto His, a sacrificial heart, a heart alive and full of love. Jesus, let us see with Your eyes and love with Your Heart, alongside the poorest.

SUNDAY PARISH MASS of Creation at 10.00am (*live steamed: Parish Website*)

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Cathedral Church of Rome
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Leo the Great, Pope & Theologian (died 461)
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass for Bristol Area SVP at 7.00pm (*live steamed: Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: Feast of St Martin of Tours, Bishop and Monk (316-397)
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Josaphat, Ukrainian Bishop & Martyr for Unity (1580-1623)***
Adoration at 8.30am *Mass at 9.00am*

SATURDAY: *Adoration at 10.30am* *Memorial Mass at 11.00am*
for all who died during Pandemic (live streamed: Parish Website) [NB Change of time]
Adoration & Stations of Creation for COP 26 Climate Conference at 5.30pm
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** at 4.00pm only*

TODAY [1] Yet again we celebrate 'God's Option for the Poor' made flesh in Jesus on the **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year**. Jesus in front of his disciples sees through the hypocrisy of rich and wealthy believers making a great show of their big giving to the temple (or church!) and invites us to see the greatness of the small gifts that the poor more generously give. Jesus sees to the heart, and is not impressed quantity, but by quality of heart.

[2] As the **COP26 Climate Conference** is in session in Glasgow, we support by our prayer (bearing fruit in action), by celebrating a '**Mass of Creation**' at 10.00am

[3] Appropriately, it is also **World day of the Poor**, when the Catholic Church focusses on our fundamental Mission to be 'Good news to the Poor'. Our beautiful planet, so abused and wounded, is as Pope Francis comments among the most poor and abused of our world today - so we (with renewed commitment) 'listen to the cries of our Common Home, listen to the cries of the Poor' ... AND ACT...NOW!

[4] Our **10am mass will also be Signed for the Hearing Impaired**.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year** is also **Remembrance Sunday**. We celebrate that because of Jesus dying and rising, death never has the last word, and war will one day be vanquished. Our 'Remembering' must enable us to 'see the signs of the times' and hear the groans of our Common Home and the peoples and land devastated by war, violence and destruction. It is time to build a robust Peace, a Peace with each other, a peace among nations, a peace built on justice for all, a peace built on equality, a peace that embraces the Earth itself. Creation cries out for us to stop making war on 'Mother Earth'

[2] On this **Remembrance Sunday** we will celebrate a Mass for Peace at 10.00am

DIOCESAN PRAYER Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Swindon, and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett served by Fr Lucas Rodrigues SFX, Fr Francis Colaco SFX, Parish Administrator, Mr Gabriel Sexton, and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of our Children's Liturgy of the Word Team**, co-ordinated by Mary Hopper. Throughout Covid pandemic, we have not been able to serve our children in this way, enabling them to take part in the Liturgy of the Word in a manner appropriate to them. We want soon to rebuild this Ministry, and so are calling for volunteers new and old to contact Mary (through the Parish Office or the Presbytery), so that we can plan the reforming of this vital foundation stone of our children's formation in Christ. Parents, please think of volunteering.

WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	1 Kings 17: 10-16 / Psalm 145 / Hebrews 9: 24-28 / Mark 12: 38-44
Monday	Wisdom 1: 1-7 / Psalm 138 / Luke 17: 1-6
Tuesday	Exodus 47: 6-9 / Psalm 45 / 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 / John 2: 13-22
Wednesday	Wisdom 6: 1-11 / Psalm 81 / Luke 17: 11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7: 22-8: 1 / Psalm 118 / Luke 17: 20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13: 1-9 / Psalm 18 / Luke 17: 26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18: 14-16, 19: 6-9 / Psalm 104 / Luke 18: 1-8

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £85.00 + Loose £180.64 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £376.69 - thanks
Sisters Missionary Appeal £151.36 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th Nov World Day of the Poor - Mass for Justice & Creation
 10th Nov SVP Area Mass and Meeting at 7.00pm at St Nicks
 11th Nov School Mass for All Saints
 12th Nov Parents Baptismal Preparation First Session Assisi Centre at 6.00pm
 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**
 17th Nov Clergy Deanery Meeting at 6.30pm
 19th Nov Parents Baptismal Preparation Second Session Assisi Centre at 6.00pm
 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 at Salvation Army, Hassell Drive at 7.00pm
 26th Nov Borderlands Trustees meet
 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
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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

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.

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."

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

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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.

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!

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

'G20' SUMMIT AND 'COP26' CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE Hundreds of national leaders and governments are gathered for this international UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow which 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'.** *Please pray often this prayer ...*

PRAYER FOR THE 'COP 26' CLIMATE TALKS

Loving God, we praise Your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as loving stewards of Your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26
as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nation to the care of our Common Home.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son...AMEN!

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