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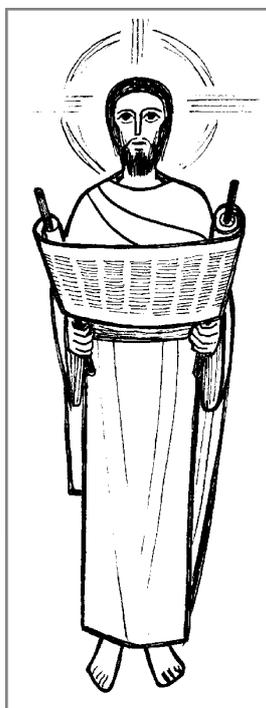
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Day of the Word of God



### ***JESUS IN THE SYNAGOGUE!***

This week we mark on the 27th January **Holocaust Memorial Day** - a sober day for every Christian knowing that the extermination of 7.5 million Jews was the evil fruit of centuries of Christian anti-semitism. We have denied our origins and roots in the ancient Covenants we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters. We have forgotten that the Lord Jesus we serve was Jewish. We have ignored that our worship, liturgy and especially the Eucharist owes so much to Jewish worship.

So Jesus goes to His home synagogue ('as he usually did') - proclaims the ancient prophecy, standing in the rich tradition of Old Testament prophets. As He unrolls the sacred scroll He unfolds the fullness of the Word and inaugurates the Age of the Spirit, the Age of the Jubilee. He defines His mission - and ours! - as a Mission of Liberation and Healing, a Mission to transform the world into God's Justice & Peace.

It all begins in the Synagogue - the spiritual home and school of His beloved People of the Covenant. Our faith begins in the Synagogue - to love Jesus is to reverence our Jewish roots and family.

**SUNDAY** PARISH MASS for Christian Unity at 10.00 (*live steamed: Parish Website*)

**MONDAY:** *Feast of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Theologian (1567-1622)*  
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (concluding Christian Unity Week)*  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of Ss Timothy & Titus, first named bishops, disciples of St Paul*  
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*live steamed: Parish Website*)

**THURSDAY:** *Holocaust Memorial Day (Anniversary of the Liberation of Dachau Death Camp)*  
Adoration at 12 noon Mass at 12.30pm (NB CHANGE OF TIME)

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**FRIDAY:** *Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, Dominic Priest & Theologian (1225-1274)*  
*Adoration* at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon  
*Adoration & Evening Prayer* at 5.30pm (live-streamed on Face Book)  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after mass and 4.00-4.30pm

**TODAY** [1] With the **Third Sunday of the Year** Jesus reveals His 'manifesto', His purpose and Mission - to bring the Liberation of humanity through the Loving power of the Holy Spirit. This our (the whole Church and each individually) purpose, our Mission, for we have been filled with the same Holy Spirit as Jesus, to continue His redeeming work.

[2] Since 2019, Pope Francis has asked us to observe this Sunday as '**Day of the Word of God**', giving thanks for the immense Gift of the Holy Scriptures where we encounter the Word of God that is made Flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. May God's Word in Scripture always inspire us as disciples of Jesus and be solid rock on which we build our lives and our Church.

[3] Being the Sunday during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the **Mass is offered for the Unity of all Christians** and the healing of the wounds of division that diminishes our witness to the Gospel and does not serve the healing of our world into Peace and Equality.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] We celebrate on the **Fourth Sunday of the Year** Jesus the Prophet who challenges His people to leave behind their exclusiveness, their contempt for others different from them, their sense of superiority and elitism - and embrace instead the Universal Heart and Love of God of which Jesus is the flesh in human history. Their anger at His challenge foreshadows the Cross to which Divine Love will lead Him

[2] There will be an **Appeal for prayer and financial support for 'Lepra'**, the world-wide Catholic Charity supporting sufferers of leprosy and other isolating contagious diseases that cause great distress, exclusion and poverty in the Developing World especially. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

[3] We will mark **Holocaust Memorial Day** during the 10.00am Mass.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for all the **Chaplaincies to Her Majesty's Forces in the diocese** - asking God's blessing and guidance as they support our service men and women as well as veterans through the trauma of armed conflict and as they seek to secure peace and security for our nation and at times other nations too.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** Pray God's Blessing for our **Team of Altar Servers** - who weekly serve our community by serving and enhancing the worship of God in the Sacred Liturgy.

**WORD OF GOD FOR THIRD WEEK OF THE YEAR (SUNDAY CYCLE C; WEEKDAY CYCLE II)**

<b>Sunday</b>	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 / Psalm 18 / 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 / Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21
<b>Monday</b>	2 Samuel 5: 1-7, 10 / Psalm 88 / Mark 3: 22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 9: 1-22 / Psalm 116 / Mark 16: 15-88
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Timothy 1: 1-8 / Psalm 95 / Titus 1: 1-5 / Mark 4: 1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29 / Psalm 131 / Mark 4: 21-25
<b>Friday</b>	2 Samuel 11: 1-10, 13-17 / Psalm 50 / Mark 4: 26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17 / Psalm 50 / Mark 4: 34-41

**COLLECTIONS LAST TWO WEEKS**

9/1/2022 Env £65.00 + Loose £306.30 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £482.35 - thanks

16/1/2022 Env £105.00 + Loose £192.40 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £408.345

Crib Offerings £72.10 Caritas £45.10 Zimbabwean Mass £77.60 - thank you!

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Many thanks indeed for your generosity in the Christmas Offerings which contributes to the annual 'stipend' for your parish priest. *Also many thanks for your cards, greetings and gifts over the Christmas period - I am very grateful and never take your kindness and support to me for granted - it is a privilege to share your Pilgrim Journey here at St Nicks. Richard .*

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022**

27th Jan	Borderlands Trustees meeting
27th Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day - Civic Commemoration at 1.30pm
30th Jan	Appeal for Leprosy - Catholic Charity serving victims of leprosy
4th Feb	First Reconciliation Programme begins at 4.00pm (the Assisi Centre)
6th Feb	Marking World Cancer Day and Retiring Collection for Cancer Research
11th Feb	World Day of the Sick (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) Healing Mass at 7.00pm
12th Feb	Ministry Students from Sarum College visit St Nicks
19th Feb	Mass for Zimbabwean Community (inShona) at 1.30pm
20th Feb	Mass with the LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm
27th Feb	Baptismal Sunday
2nd March	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>
3rd March	Parish pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
10th March	Borderlands Board of Trustees & AGM
18th March	Mass of Thanksgiving for Richard's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at 7.00pm
23rd March	Ashley Churches Together meet at City Road Baptist Church at 12.30pm
24th March	Feast of St Oscar Romero & Martyrs of El Salvador - Mass at 7.00pm
25th March	<b>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord - the Incarnation begins!</b>
27th March	Mothering Sunday

**ST NICK'S AND THE GLOBAL SYNOD** Will all facilitators of the groups please gather your groups and be ready to hold at least three meetings between Christmas and February 5th, then submit the conversations to Richard in a digital form (email), to be collated (by Maggie Vickerman and Reagan d'Mello). The document we shall submit to the Diocese will come before the Parish Assembly later in February for approval. Prior to that it will be published on the Parish Website. We have the following groups and facilitators:

**Young People** - Samantha Masenyama, Rutendo Chipato, Verina Muteve

**West African Communities** - Eneyi Pemu, Eustace Tameh

**Zimbabwean Community** - Christopher and Epiphania Chipato

**East African communities** - Eva Achoch, Fanuel Olala

**Elders & Housebound Community** - Andrew Bent

**Womens Group** - Jeninne Oldis, Minette Semper

**LGBTQ+ community** - Diarmuid White, John Flannery

**Journey of Faith Group** - Richard McKay, Mary Hopper

**Spanish Speaking Group** - Jackie Chenier

**The Deaf Community** - Sherrie Eugene-Hart

**Facilitators Group** - Richard McKay, Mary Hopper

**Open Group** - Marta Bolognani, Mary Hopper

*Thank you to all who have agreed to facilitate these Synod Groups. If other groups wish to form, please contact Richard*

**CALLING ALL SYNOD GROUP FACILITATORS** Please report back plans, progress, difficulties etc to Richard or Margaret/Eustace (by email) as soon as possible. **IT IS URGENT TO MAKE PROGRESS NOW AS WE HAVE A DEADLINE LOOMING!**

**FACILITATORS SYNOD GROUP** It is important that those who are facilitating Synod groups can be part of a group that they are not facilitating, so that they are free to share their

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thoughts, reflections. So there will be a **Zoom Synod meeting for all facilitators on Thursday 27th January at 7.00pm** - I will send the invite to all facilitators, but please confirm whether you will be attending. Thank you. If you have not received an invite, it is because I do not have your email address - please send it to me (by email) as soon as possible.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES**

**THE FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME** There will be three groups this year:

a] The **Spanish speaking families and children meet on Saturdays at 3.00pm January 29th**, starting in the Assisi Centre;

b] the **older group of English-speaking children meet on Tuesdays at 4.00pm** starting February 2nd;

c] the **younger group of children meet on Fridays at 4.00pm**, starting 4th February in the Assisi Centre. Parents, please collect your children promptly at 5.00pm - thank you.

**THE FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME** This has begun - each Thursday afternoon at 4.00pm in the Assisi Centre. If your child (7 years old or above by May 2022), please enrol immediately before the Programme has progressed too far for your child to join in.

### **HEALING MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11th**

Come to this special **Healing Mass for the World Day of the Sick in this Diocesan Year of Prayer** here at St Nicks on Friday **11th February at 7.00pm**. To offer or receive Healing Prayer is a very special experience, as Jesus touches another with healing love through you (or to you through another). Jesus' Word of Healing is an event of transformation as we pray with and care for the sick and housebound, the troubled and anguished. We become the Father's Mercy reaching into the wounds of humanity with wine of compassion & peace. Come yourself and bring others to Healing Prayer in the name of Jesus and let Him change you!

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** Because of the renewed Covid Restrictions, the **Journey of Faith Group will meet on Zoom until Government Guidance changes - each Friday at 6.00pm**. New members - please send Richard an email address so he can send you the 'Zoom Invite'.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH OFFICE**

We have an urgent need to increase the size and capacity of our Parish Office Team. We need the following: Rental Car parking admin; Health and Safety officer (with basic computer skills); Welcomers in the parish office; administration (telephone and computer usage); Hall and Room bookings admin. A number of these tasks can be done from home rather than the office, but the Parish Office needs two people present Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. If you can help, please contact Richard, Mary or Margaret as soon as possible.

### **JOB VACANCY - DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal Team for a part-time Tribunal Assistant to support the Administrator with the key activities of the Tribunal Office. The role is for 12 hours per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm and based in Alexander House, in Bristol. Further information regarding the role is available on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> or for an informal discussion about the position, please contact Deacon Vincent Calder, Tribunal Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 983 3907. **Closing date for applications: 11 February 2022**

**THE YEAR OF LUKE** With a new Liturgical Year (Sundays Year C) nearly all the Sunday Gospel will be taken from Luke's Gospel. Luke, a disciple of St Paul, expresses especially the Gospel as Paul preached it to the Gentile (non-Jewish) world: a Gospel that was Good News to the Poor, a Gospel of Mercy and Forgiveness, a Gospel filled with the Holy Spirit and Hope, a Gospel of Joy, a Gospel of equality for women - a Gospel for our Age!

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