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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



ANOINTED SERVANT OF DIVINE LOVE

Conceived in the Spirit long ago, yet now, in His adult freedom and questing, comes to welcome the Spirit and hear the Father's voice. The Voice over the waters speaks of the Father's embrace of Love for the Beloved Son - and something, Someone, is brought to birth afresh: the Son is reborn as Servant precisely because He is Beloved beyond all imagining.

The waters of the Jordan River become the Waters of Creation rebirth, for now a New Creation has begun: a New Creation that we are to complete in the power of the same Spirit. For we too are beloved daughters and sons, loved by our Father and filled with the Spirit to become the same Servants of Divine Love that 'recreates the face of the Earth'.

Now the ministry begins, now the poor and broken will hear Good News, now sinners will be reconciled and the despairing find unconquerable hope. For here is the Son who invites all to share His 'Belovedness', to become co-heirs with Him, to receive the same Spirit of the Father's Love equally lavished upon us as upon Him, the Only-Begotten One!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS & Celebration of Baptism at 10.00 (*live steamed: Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Aelred of Rivaulx, Abbot (1110-1167)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm
(*live steamed: Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

FRIDAY: Adoration at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

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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

SUNDAY **PARISH MASS for the Peace of the World at 10.00 (live steamed: Parish Website)**
Mass with the LBGTO+ community & friends at 3.00pm (live steamed: Parish Website)
United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.30pm (Parkway Methodist Church)

MONDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

TUESDAY: **Feast of St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot & 'Desert Father' (251-356)**
Adoration at 6.00pm **Mass at 6.30pm**

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of St Wulstan, last Saxon bishop in England (1008-1095)**
Prayer and Reflection at 10.00am (live-streamed on Face Book)
Adoration at 6.00pm **Mass at 6.30pm (live steamed: Parish Website)**

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm **Mass at 6.30pm**

FRIDAY: **Feast of St Agnes, Virgin and martyr (292-305)**
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass at 9.00am**

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9/01/2022 [1] We celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord** - emerging from the 'hidden years of listening with heart and mind to humanity, to the poor, Jesus hears the call of His Father to abandon Himself to God's will and serve God's Kingdom - the call of the 'Beloved Son in whom God is well-pleased' - and the call of all the baptised! Filled with the Spirit of the father's Love, He now engages in the Mission to establish the Kingdom of God- the Reign of Love, Justice, Peace - a new world! This Feast brings the Christmas Season to a conclusion.
 [2] With joy we celebrate child baptism at the 10.00am Mass - please pray for the family.

16/01/2022 [1] We celebrate on the **Second Sunday of the Year [C]** Jesus who transforms our lives, reveals the true face of God who is Love and calls us joyfully to serve so that the world can 'taste and see the Lord is good' - such is the 'sign of power and glory' He reveals at the Marriage Feast of Cana. God is betrothed to us His People in the gift of Jesus!
 [2] **Mass with the LBGTO+ community** and friends at 3.00pm
 [3] United Service Service for Christian Unity Week (Parkway Methodist Church) 4.30pm

23/01/2022 [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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER 9/01/22: the Diocese prays for all the '**Communities of Religious Sisters and Brothers**' throughout our diocesan family - asking God's blessing upon the many diverse ways the serve the Body of Christ in Clifton Diocese.
 16/01/22: the Diocese prays for all University, College and School Chaplaincies and their vital work for our Young People, helping them 'grow in all ways into Christ'

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PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for our Flower Arranging Team - who weekly beautify our church and worship with the 'flowers of the field' & bring God's creation into our Liturgy. Volunteers welcome contact Minette

WORD OF GOD FOR FIRST WEEK OF THE YEAR (SUNDAY CYCLE C; WEEKDAY CYCLE II

Sunday	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 28 / Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38 / Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Samuel 1: 1-8 / Psalm 115 / Mark 1: 14-20
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1: 9-20 / Responsorial 1 Samuel 2 / Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20 / Psalm 39 / Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4: 1-11 / Psalm 43 / Mark 1: 40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22 / Psalm 88 / Mark 2: 1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1 / Psalm 20 / Mark 2: 13-17

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £73.70 + Loose £227.27 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £412.02 - thanks

Crib Offerings £58.50 **Caritas** £171.53 - thank you!

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

9th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday
15th Jan	Open Group Synod first meeting at 10.00am (Assisi Centre)
16th Jan	United Service for Christian Unity Week at Parkway Methodist Church 4.30pm
18th Jan	First Reconciliation Parents meeting at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
19th Jan	Ashley Churches Together Serving meet at 12.30pm
19th Jan	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
20th Jan	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm
20th Jan	First Eucharist Preparation Programme begins 4.00pm in the Assisi Centre.
27th Jan	Borderlands Trustees meeting
27th Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day - Civic Commemoration at 1.30pm
4th Feb	First Reconciliation Programme begins at 4.00pm (the Assisi Centre)
11th Feb	World Day of the Sick (Our Lady of Lourdes) Healing Mass at 7.00pm
12th Feb	Ministry Students from Sarum College visit St Nicks
27th Feb	Baptismal Sunday
2nd March	ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS

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

LBGTQ+ community - Diarmuid White, John Flannery

Journey of Faith Group - Richard McKay, Mary Hopper

Spanish Speaking Group - Jackie Chenier

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The Deaf Community - Sherrie Eugene-Hart
Facilitators Group - Richard McKay, Mary Hopper
Open Group -Marta Bolognani, Mary Hopper (first meeting 15th January at 10am)

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) by Saturday 8th January. **IT IS URGENT TO MAKE PROGRESS NOW AS WE HAVE A DEADLINE LOOMING!**

OPEN SYNOD GROUP We are trying to set up a number of groups so as to include as many sections and communities in our parish family. But to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute and no-one is left out, there is an 'Open Group' for whoever wants to join and speak their voice and listen to others as part of the global Synod. **The first meeting is on Saturday 15th January at 10.00-11.30am in the Assisi Centre. All Welcome**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

[1] **The FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME** begins on **Thursday 20th January at 4.00-5.00pm** (hopefully) in the Assisi Centre. There will also be a parents meeting at the same time, also in the Assisi Centre (again hopefully).

[2] **THE FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME** begins with a Parents only meeting on **Tuesday 18th January at 7.00pm** in the Assisi Centre (after Mass at 6.00pm). It is very important that all children who have celebrated their First Eucharist in the last two years (or earlier) are now prepared for First Reconciliation. Enrolment Forms are now available - please see Mary Hopper. The First meeting for the children will be on **Friday 4th February at 4.00pm in the Assisi Centre.**

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'.** We resume after a break at Christmas on Friday 7th January.

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.

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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