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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



NAZARENE CARPENTER TEACHES GALILEAN FISHERMEN TO FISH!

Jesus knows where the fish are even more than the experts! That is why our mission must always be guided by His Holy Spirit, not only empowering but also directing and leading. After all - it is His Mission, which he entrusts to us. Experts will give us schemes and programmes promising the world! Jesus will give us hearts and minds sensitive to the Spirit's presence and promptings, and lead us to a humility in our mission so that we will live with a grateful heart.

And Jesus is in Simon Peter's boat - Jesus entrusts Himself, His Word, His Mission to us, His Church. While we and the Church have many failings (let us be humble and honest!), we have the rich treasure of His presence and His Gospel that He sends us to proclaim.

SUNDAY PARISH MASS at 10.00 (*live streamed: Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Nun, Patron of trafficked & enslaved people*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass for the Ending of Modern Slavery 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: Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: *Feast of St Scholastica, co-founder of Benedictine Sisters (480-547)*
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick***
Adoration at 6.15pm Healing Mass at 7.00pm (live streamed: Parish Website)

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] On the **Fifth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Prophet, Jesus the Word that gives Life in all its fulness - and who gathers to Himself co-workers, disciples, to share with Him the work of Kingdom. He does not work alone - He calls together a community of Word and Mission - we are that Community of Mission and Word today!

[2] Today is **World Cancer Day**, so there is an appeal for **Cancer Research**, sponsored by Eneyi and friends. You are encouraged to come to Mass wearing something pink (the symbol colour used by Cancer Research) and there will be a **Retiring Collection**.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Sixth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Prophet of the Poor, the Voice of the Poor, challenging a rich world to change. Luke gives us a form of the Beatitudes and expresses the cries and yearning of the Poor of the Earth and God's response to those cries! But what is our response? Will we listen and change our world?

[2] The 10.00am Mass will be **Signed for our Deaf sisters and brothers**. May they experience being valued by us, the Church, for gifts they bring us. Thank you, Sherrie & Lucy!

[3] We will also mark the **World Day of the Sick (Friday 11th)** by having Healing Prayer during the 10.00am Mass. Unfortunately it is not possible to offer the Sacrament of Anointing for Healing to the whole community, but there will be **Healing Prayer over the whole parish family and beyond**.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all the Parish in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury (Wilts), served by Fr Saji Mathew and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for **Ministry of Cleaning the Church**. Every Friday a very small group come to ensure our church is clean and worthy of the worship of God on a Sunday. Our church is well used, with an annual footfall throughout our premises of 85,000! Covid has taught us how important hygiene of community areas is. After each Sunday Mass the church is disinfected with our 'fogging' machine. **We need more helpers - please consider giving an hour or two on a Friday morning - please contact Andrew or Eddie.**

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

Sunday	Isaiah 6: 1-8 / Psalm 137 / 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 / Luke 5: 1-11
Monday	1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13 / Psalm 131 / Mark 6: 53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30 / Psalm 83 / Mark 7: 1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10: 1-10 / Psalm 36 / Mark 7: 14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11: 4-13 / Psalm 105 / Mark 7: 24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11: 29-32, 12: 19 / Psalm 80 / Mark 7: 31-37
Saturday	1 Kings 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 / Psalm 105 / Mark 8: 1-10

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £33.95 + Loose £192.85 + PayPal ? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £336.85 - many thanks!
Caritas £250 **CAFOD** £25.00 **Lepra Appeal** 124.20 - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022

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

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12th Feb	Ministry Students from Sarum College visit St Nicks
13th Feb	Signed Mass for the Deaf at 10.00am with Healing Prayer for all present
19th Feb	Mass for Zimbabwean Community (in Shona) at 1.30pm
20th Feb	Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm
2nd March	ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS
3rd March	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
9th March	Borderlands Board of Trustees & AGM
16th March	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm
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	Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord - the Incarnation begins!
27th March	Mothering Sunday
29th March	Borderlands Annual Open Meeting at 2.00pm (Church) - all invited
2nd April	Celebration of First Reconciliation for our children
10th April	PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

ST NICK'S AND THE GLOBAL SYNOD I want to thank all who have, are or will take part in the Synod consultations that are taking place in the parish. Despite the impossible deadline we have to meet, over 70 people have participated so far and the reports that have come in are so rich with your experiences, reflections and insights (with so many truly prophetic voices among them). All the groups listed below have contributed. **A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE FACILITATORS WHO HAVE DONE SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB!** It is so important that we continue this process of listening to each other and build this 'synodal process' into the fabric of our parish's communal decision-making. We will be discussing how we will do this going into the future. And it is not too late for more contributions and 'voices'.

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

The Deaf Community - Sherrie Eugene-Hart

Facilitators Group - Richard McKay, Mary Hopper

Open Group - Marta Bolognani, Mary Hopper

If other groups wish to form, please contact Richard

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

THE FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME There are three groups this year:

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

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

c] the **younger group of children meet on Fridays at 4.00pm**, 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.

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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 The Journey of Faith Group continues to meet on Zoom - 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**

GUIDANCE FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES, COVID RELAXATIONS

The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over. The vaccine programme in England and Wales has had a major impact in reducing death and serious illness from infection with Covid-19. The Church in England and Wales **supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated.**

The scientific consensus is that society is moving towards transitioning from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase, but there is still a risk associated with gathering for sustained periods in enclosed spaces and so there needs to be continued caution by all against infection. This has to be balanced against the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle and these two positions will always be held in tension. This is the key to living safely with Covid-19, keeping infections from a virus that cannot be eliminated to levels which minimise disruption to people's lives. This guidance has been written with this principle in mind.

Alongside the positive effects of covid vaccination, it should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church.

The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them. Parish social activities can resume (if they have been suspended) from the revert date to Plan A. It is recommended that the normal Health and Safety risk assessment for the activity and the space used for the activity is reviewed for these types of gatherings.

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