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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - International Women's Day



WHO IS THIS TRANSFIGURED IN GLORY?

Upon the mountain of stillness and in the silence of prayer the 'Cloud of Unknowing' overshadows and the Voice that cannot be heard thunders - 'Listen to Him!' Jesus is clothed in Light, and the Glory of God-touched Humanity shines out. From the darkness of the Cloud glory shines, from the silence of the mountain, the Word is heard.

Who is this who appears in such Glory? The Son of god, the Son of Humanity - the Universal Brother - 'Every Man'. It is our humanity that shines forth, our humanity that erupts in glory! Suddenly we see not only Jesus as he really is - we see ourselves in our truest identity!

Jesus always reveals all that God is - and all that we human beings are! He reveals all we are becoming - bearers of the Glory that is embedded deep with us - His Image & Likeness!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS, marking International Women's Day 10am (*live on Parish Website*)
Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm (approx- after Coffee Morning)

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

TUESDAY: Feast of St Louise de Marillac, co-founder of Daughters of Charity (1591-1660)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Prayer and Talk on Parish facebook at 10.00am
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*live streamed: Website*)

THURSDAY: Feast of St Patrick, Bishop and Patron Saint of Ireland (c390-461)
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon (*in Assisi Centre*)

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FRIDAY: *Feast of St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and catechists (315-386)*
Mass of Thanksgiving for Richard's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at 7.00pm

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary, adoptive father of Jesus*
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.00-4.30pm only

TODAY [1] The **Second Sunday of Advent** celebrates the Father strengthening His Beloved Son in the journey of the Cross by overshadowing Him afresh in the cloud of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is transfigured in the Father's love, the disciples (us the Church) are told 'to listen to Him' - for He has the Words of Eternal Life!

[2] There will be **Stations of the Cross** at approximately 12.30pm (about 30 minutes after Mass finishes). Please do try to attend this Lenten Prayer - **especially as we continue to pray for Peace between Russia and Ukraine, an end to the brutal aggression upon the people and culture of Ukraine, and for all refugees from every conflict.**

[3] **Retiring Collection for the humanitarian relief of the Ukrainian people - this Sunday and next! Please be as generous as you can - thank you!**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Third Sunday of Lent**, the Word of God switches to Year A for the great Lenten readings preparing the Church for the celebration of Baptism at Easter. With the Gospel of Jesus conversation with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well, we celebrate the Christ who opens up the fountain of Living Water of the Holy Spirit who bring New Life overflowing into our lives, renewing us in Christ and drawing us ever deeper in the Mystery of God's unconditional love for each one of us. Let us drink deeply of the Spirit!

[2] After the Mass please all come to the School Hall to celebrate both **50 years of Richard's Ministry and 25 years at St Nicks**. Please wear national dress and bring your national food to share (as well as songs, dance etc).

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon, served by Canon Liam O'Driscoll and their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION Pray God's Blessing for **Ministry of the Finance Committee**. It is a requirement of Canon Law that each parish has a Finance Committee to oversee wise use of the financial and building resources of the parish. Alongside the Parish Pastoral Council, this is a very important forum of decision-making and service to the mission of the parish. Currently chaired by Robert non Hawrylak, if there is anyone in the parish with accountancy or Book-keeping skills, and who is willing to give a little time to serve the parish in this way, please contact Fr Richard

WORD OF GOD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 / Psalm 26 / Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 / Luke 9:28-36

Monday Daniel 9: 4-10 / Psalm 78 / Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday Jeremiah 18: 18-20 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday Jeremiah 1: 4-9 / Psalm 116 / Luke 10: 12, 17-20

Friday Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16/Psalm 88/Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £137.00 + Loose £331.00 + PayPal £102.00 + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £681.05 - thanks!
 Caritas £69.00 - thank you!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th March Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm
 18th March Mass of Thanksgiving for Richard's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at 7.00pm
 20th March Parish Celebration & Lunch for Richard's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at 10.00am
 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
 27th March Mass for LGBTQ+ families and friends - all are welcome 3.00pm
 29th March Borderlands Annual Open Meeting at 2.00pm (Church) - all invited
 1st April Pre-baptism Parents Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
 2nd April Celebration of First Reconciliation for our children
 2nd April Healing Retreat Day at Holy Family Centre, Prinknash Abbey - see below
 3rd April Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass
 5th April Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
 8th April Pre-baptism Parents Session Two at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
 10th April **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**
 17th April **FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST - EASTER!**

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'.

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!

We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. *If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.*

RICHARD'S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION On Friday 18th March at 7.00pm, there is to be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Presbyterate (or Priesthood). This will be followed by a finger-food reception in the school hall. Bishop Declan and many friends and guests from around the diocese and beyond will be coming. **I hope very many of you, my parish community, will be able to come and welcome them and share the celebration.** In addition on *Sunday 20th March we will have a Parish Celebration at the 10.00am Mass, followed by our bring and share lunch (and more?).* It will also mark 25 years of ministry together since I came to St Nicks on 1st May 1997. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity (calling) that God has given me to serve the Gospel, the People of God and the growth of the Kingdom over these 50 years, with 25 of them among you, my beloved community. Please come and share my joy!

PARENTS' BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR EASTER Parents seeking the baptism of their children this Easter are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible.

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL at 10am Mass

Preparation Sessions: Friday 1st and 8th April at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Rite of Child Catechumen Sunday 3rd April at 10am Mass

ALL CHAIRS RETURNED TO THE CHURCH - LET US FILL THEM! All the chairs have now returned to the main body of the church and been cleaned. The Lady Chapel

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can now be used again for weekday masses and prayer as well as a cry area at Sunday masses. **However we do not seem to have needed the cry area during the Covid restrictions, so I hope it will only be used when really necessary - it is not a play area!** I ask everyone to encourage others who have not been coming to return (unless circumstances prohibit) to our Sunday Mass, so that we can rebuild our community. We need to come together and while live-streaming is really good for those who cannot attend, it must not become a convenient alternative to gathering together around the Table of Word and Sacrament. All of us are called to build a community of mission and service in the name of Christ - now is the 'hour' and this Lent is a calling to come together in numbers, and rebuild and renew our community

THE CLIFTON EVANGELIST & 40 LENTEN REFLECTIONS - NURTURING FAITH

The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation has two great projects which can help people to dive deeper into their faith this Lent.

1. Volume II of The Clifton Evangelist is published on Friday 11 March! This is a great resource with information about upcoming events, as well as articles written by people from around the diocese. We want to encourage people to submit feedback. Find the The Clifton Evangelist on the diocesan website [Faith and Formation | Clifton Diocese](#)
2. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation has asked 40 people in the diocese to create Lenten Reflection Videos. Each one generously offered their thoughts and prayers in the reflection and you can find all the videos on the diocesan website [Lent 2022 | Clifton Diocese](#)

We promote our projects on our Facebook page ([The Clifton Evangelist | Facebook](#)), on our Instagram ([Adult Ed and Evangelisation \(@cliftonevangelist\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)), and on our Twitter page ([CliftonEvangelist \(@CliftonEvangel\)](#) / [Twitter](#)) as well. These social media accounts are a great and easy way for people to get in touch with us to share their thoughts.

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST OSCAR ROMERO & BL RUTILLIO GRANDE

The suffering people of El Salvador have been strengthened and encouraged by the recent Beatification of four more Martyrs for Justice. Many have fled their country because of the appalling gang violence - a terrible legacy of the years of repression and conflict that took the lives of 80,000 people in a country the size of Wales! **Come and pray for Peace built on Justice for the all oppressed peoples - in Latin America, Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, Mali ... Come and ask the intercession of St Oscar Romero, the great prophet of Justice and Freedom, for Peace wherever there is war and repression. Come and join us for Mass in Spanish and English on Thursday 24th March at 7.00pm here at St Nicks. Latin American refreshments after the Mass - all so welcome!**

WHAT IS LENT FOR? Every Lent is a 'Springtime' of growth and renewal - a time for self-awareness, for change, for growth in Christ - A PRIVILEGED TIME OF GRACE. *In communion with Pope Francis we seek to be a People of simplicity and humility, a People of the 'Joy of the Gospel'.* Seek and find more of God, open to the embrace of His love.

After the challenges and deprivations of this Covid period, and in the midst of the terrible war in Eastern Europe, you and I need this Lent - to grow again our community of prayer, community of unity and healing, community of mission, community of Love! truly disciples in God's Family! ***You need the parish this Lent - and the parish needs you! SO WILL YOU EMBRACE THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT, GIVE TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS A TIME OF RENEWAL FOR YOURSELF, YOUR PARISH AND YOUR COMMUNITY?*** Let us together make this a Season filled with 'the Joy of the Gospel', drawing closer to God, especially in the Eucharist and the intimacy of prayer, drawing closer together as God's Family, and serving together the parish family and the world's poor.

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