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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Best Communication is ... Communion-

Our world loves programmes, projects, initiatives. A new technique will deliver effective evangelisation! Let's find novel new ways to spread the message! As so often, this is partly true, but only a half-truth.

Look at the illustration here: what do you see? Individual people gathering together in close relationship becoming the Cross of Christ lifted high for the world to see! The real key to evangelisation today is the same as it was in Jesus' non-techno world - 'Love one another as I have loved you ... By the love you have for one another will all know you are my disciples ... Father may they all be so completely one that the world will believe'.

Yes we need to use every modern technique of communication, social media, internet, TV etc - they are all the gift of God! But without love it is all empty noise and seductive addictions! Only love evangelises, only love draws people to glimpse the new humanity that fulfils human longing; only love can change the human heart, change our world. Love alone can conquer everything. So Jesus prays for the unity of His disciples. Loving unity is the secret of effective mission and witness. Come Spirit!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS (with Memorial of Faustina Ogbu) at 10am (*live on Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Justin Martyr, first Christian Philosopher (100-165)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*live streamed on Parish Website*)

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12noon (Bank Holiday)**

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Charles Lwanga and the 22 Uganda Martyrs (died 1885-1887)*
Adoration at 6.00pm **Mass at 9.00am**

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**
SPECIAL VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST at 8.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] With the **Seventh Sunday of Easter** we celebrate Jesus who unites us to Himself, to His Father and to one another in the unbreakable bonds of Love and Unity that His Spirit draws us into. Jesus prays, the night before He died for us, that all future generations of Christians would be united in love and faith, united in mission to our world. Sadly the Church has never fully lived out His prayer, never fully lived this Unity that is essential to our witness to the God of Jesus Christ before all the world. Let us heal our Church!

[2] Our mass is also a **Memorial of our sister Faustina Ogbu** who died two years ago of Covid at a time when we could not all share a proper funeral for her. There will be prayers at her graveside after the Mass and a reception at the Greek Orthodox Community Hall by Junction 3 - all are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We celebrate the second greatest Feast in the Church' calendar - **the Feast of Pentecost** - the birth of the Church in the ferment of divine energy pictured as a mighty wind and the fire of love. Faithful to His promise, Jesus on returning to His Father pours out the Spirit of their love into our hearts and upon our world - to gift and empower us to fulfil the mission He entrusted to us on Ascension Day. Because of Pentecost, we are equipped for mission and united in faith and love - we are His Body, the Church working with God to 'renew the face of the Earth'!

[2] We have the joy of receiving Tracey Anderson into Full Communion and Confirming her in the Holy Spirit at our 10.00am Mass. May we all open ourselves the constant new beginnings of the Holy Spirit

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT This is the first and greatest Novena of Prayer in the Church's tradition, opening ourselves and the Church to the mighty wind of the Spirit - the energy for Mission; opening to the Living Water of the Spirit welling up to Life in all its fullness; opening to the Flame and Fire of God's Spirit that transforms us into flames of Divine Love in the heart of the world. Without the Spirit of God in us we can do nothing for God, without the Spirit of God we have no real life, without the Spirit of God we have no vision for our mission, no energy to serve the Gospel and the Kingdom. **COME HOLY SPIRIT!**

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS - SATURDAY AT 8.00pm For the greatest Feasts of the year, the Church holds a Vigil - as at Christmas with Midnight Mass, the Great Vigil of Easter, and **the Vigil invoking the Holy Spirit at Pentecost**. Please try to come to this very special Mass on Saturday 4th June at 8.00pm, which will be followed by a simple 'Agape' - please bring food/refreshments to share. This Vigil is even more important as we pray for and take part in the Church's Global Synod: pray that the Church will listen to the Spirit and embrace the changes and reforms the Spirit through the Synod is urging upon the Church of our time.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston and St Bernard, Shirehampton served by Fr Francis Ezennia MSP, and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the Ministry of our **Pastor, Richard, our trainee Deacon, Andrew and our retired Deacon,**

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Jack. Ordained Ministry is to lead, co-ordinate, serve and encourage the ministries of all God's People for we are all gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry and mission. The ministries of priest and deacon are fulfilled when everyone in the Eucharistic Community shares a vision of Mission and offers their Holy Spirit gifts in the service of the Kingdom of God.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £125.00 + Loose £163.80 + Card Reader £? + S/O £111.05 = £399.85

Donation (Zimbabweans) £43.20 Flowers £5.00 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st June	Meeting of Borderlands Trustees
4th June	Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
5th June	FEAST OF PENTECOST - 'COME HOLY SPIRIT'
5th June	Bristol wide Churches gather on College Green to witness to Pentecost 7-8pm
9th June	Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.00pm
12th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
19th June	Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) with Procession
22nd June	Presentation of Diocesan Synod Report at Clifton Cathedral at 7.00pm
2nd July	Mass Celebrating Marriage with Bp Declan in Clifton Cathedral at 12noon
5th July	Newly-elected Parish pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
9th July	Ordination of Joseph Meigh to the priesthood at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am
10th July	First Eucharist Sunday at 10.00am Mass
15-17th July	National Quest Conference in Bristol
20th July	St Nicholas of Tolentino School Leavers and End of Year Mass at 9.30am
20th July	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meets Parkway Methodist 12.30pm

MASS WITH BISHOP DECLAN IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE As in previous years, we are invited to celebrate and value the vocation to Christian Marriage at this special Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 12 noon. He would like to invite personally couples who are celebrating their wedding in 2022 or are celebrating special anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, etc). Please let Richard know if you have such an event this year.

PENTECOST ON COLLEGE GREEN Sunday June 5th is both Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the birth of the Church, but is also this year the occasion of the national celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the British throne, 70 years ago. We mark and give thanks for 70 years of faithful and wise service of the peoples of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. There will be a city wide celebration on College Green all day beginning about 12noon and concluding at 5.30pm. This will be followed at 6.30-8.00pm with Bristol-wide Churches gathering both to give thanks for our Queen and also to proclaim Pentecost and invoke the Holy Spirit upon our city. All invited to bring a picnic tea from 5.30pm and join this time of prayer, praise and proclamation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: [1] To help Carol Strange with re-opening and running our **'Repository Shop' in the Parish Hall** during refreshments after Mass on Sundays. It will involve setting up, ordering items, occasional stock-taking etc. For information please contact Richard and Carol as soon as possible

[2] We need a **couple of volunteers with some admin and person skills to give a morning (10.00-1.00pm) in the parish office.** There are increasing demands as the ministry of the Parish Office grows as the 'Pastoral interface' with our local community in its many needs. At the moment there is no-one to staff the Office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you can help, please see Richard or Margaret. Thank you.

ELECTIONS TO OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL As we seek to embed the process of Synod (listening and walking together as Church, discerning what the Spirit is

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saying to us), the servant leadership of the members of the PPC is crucial. We are moving to an increasingly lay-led parish served by a non-resident priest (likely to be Richard after his 'semi-retirement' in 2-3 years time). The role of the PPC has become crucially important, giving leadership, ensuring Pastoral Care and Mission outreach, and enabling the liturgical and spiritual life of the parish. It is not about status, but about generous service. Those nominated for election to the PPC need to have commitment to this vision and capacity to foster it. Nomination papers will be distributed today. **Each parishioner (including young people who have been confirmed) can nominate up to three people.** But the nomination paper has to be countersigned by the person you wish to nominate - expressing their agreement. All Nominations need to be given into the Presbytery or the Parish office by Sunday 12th June. Voting will take place on Sunday at Mass on 26th June, but people who cannot be at Mass that day can ask for an early vote. Thank you.

CHANGE OF HEAD TEACHER AT ST NICK'S SCHOOL Firstly I wish to thank Hilary Dunford for all she did for our children and staff at our school, especially through the most difficult period of Covid restrictions. Sadly ill health overtook her which caused her retirement. Secondly, I would like to welcome our new Head, Mrs Rachel James and ask your prayer for her as she assumes leadership of our school - an important ministry of our parish.

CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE 18+ - WORLD DAY OF YOUTH WITH POPE FRANCIS
Special Youth Pilgrimage to Lisbon 31 July to 8 August 2023

World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Diocesan Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from July 31 to August 8, 2023 for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, please register your interest at [World Youth Day 2023 | Clifton Diocese](https://www.wydc.org.uk/). Simon and Jason will hold three information sessions about the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage in Lisbon. These information sessions will provide information about both the pilgrimage itself and the formation series leading up to the pilgrimage. We invite any young adults to join, even if you are unsure of whether you want to go on the WYD Pilgrimage. The dates for the sessions are: **Tuesday June 7th, Thursday June 9th, Wednesday June 15th all at 7:00pm**

To sign up for one of the sessions, please email wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com and let us know which session you would like to attend. If you will be 18 by April 2023 but are not yet, please let us know so we can send a simple consent form.

Richard writes - I hope some of our young people will want to take up this remarkable opportunity. The estimated cost is for the 8 day pilgrimage is £1200. As a parish we will support fundraising efforts towards the cost as we do not want any young person who wants to go to be stopped because of the cost.

CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FLAME 2023 As youth ministry "rebuilds" after the pandemic we hope this is an exciting prospect – something to aim for, and give hope, as young people (and all of us) get used to socialising again.

The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture ("Mary arose and went in haste") and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!" Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. Learn more about Flame 2023 at [FLAME – CYMFed](https://www.flame2023.org/)

This year, Clifton Diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people. If you're interested in booking a ticket through and traveling with the diocese, please send an email to youth@cliftondiocese.com.

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