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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head

"I have nowhere to lay my head, wounded with the thorns of other's hatred; to lay my body scourged and racked upon the Cross of brutality.

Unless ... you will allow me to lay my wearied but always loving being in the vulnerability of your heart. Will you allow me to become part of you, to find a home not in a building but in your life, your vision, your yearnings, the direction of your life.

And who am I that has no place to lay my weariness? I am the addict at the door, the alcoholic in the street, the homeless destitute seeker of refuge and asylum; I am the child afraid of abuse or neglect, the woman used and abused as I work the streets; I am the unemployed or the one refused the right to work who wanders the streets until the long day finally ends. I am the victim of war and famine, of prejudice and racism. I am forced from my home because of climate change.

Can I lay down and rest - in your heart?"

SUNDAY PARISH MASS 10am (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (130-200)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES -Holyday of Obligation*
Adoration at 9.00am Mass with school at 9.30am (all welcome)
Adoration at 6.30pm Mass at 7.00pm (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral, Mother Church of our Diocese***
Requiem Mass for Abraham Gage RIP at 11.00 am

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr (last martyr of the Reformation)***
Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am

SATURDAY: **Adoration at 9.30am** Lay Eucharistic Ministers Quiet Day until **Mass at 12 noon**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] Green vestments return to Sunday Mass with the **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year**. The Liturgical colour Green symbolises Hope and Growth - our hope in Christ's saving love and our growing as a global community of missionary disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ who calls us to follow Him, work with Him, proclaim His love to our world. If we embrace His love, He sets us free to become a sacrament or living icon of His love in our world, bringing healing and the hope of justice and peace.

[2] Our parish was recognised a few years ago as the first 'Church of Sanctuary' by the City of Sanctuary movement. We welcome the Co-ordinator of 'Bristol City of Sanctuary' who will make an Appeal to support its work of advocating and serving our asylum community in the Bristol area. Please be generous.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year**, we celebrate Jesus who calls us to the Joy of the Gospel - and sends us to proclaim Good News of Healing and Peace so others can experience the incomparable joy of living the New Life of Christ in service of the world, especially of the poor, disadvantaged and rejected.

[2] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of English Martyrs, Chard, with St Joseph's, Ilminster and Crewkerne (in Methodist Church served by Fr Michale_Faneye MSP, Parish Administrator Maggie Weedon and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the Ministry of our **St Nicholas of Tolentine Primary School**, led by Mrs Rachael James. Education has been a central ministry of the Church since its beginnings 200 years ago. Our school offers Education to the inner city in a Catholic-Christian community and ethos. Our school and parish wish to draw together in mutual support and partnership - please check out the renewed website with its link on our parish website.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £176.00 + Loose £188.66 + Card Reader £54.07 + S/O £111.05 = £529.78 - thank you
Donation (Zimbabwean Community) £57.00
Zimbabwean Donation to Church heating and lighting £750.00 - many many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29th June **Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (HolyDay of Obligation)**
 30th June Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training [catch-up 1] Church 6.30-8.00pm
 2nd July Prayer Morning for all Lay Ministers of the Eucharist 9.30am-1.00pm
 2nd July Mass Celebrating Marriage with Bp Declan in Clifton Cathedral at 12noon
 3rd July Commissioning & Recommissioning of all Lay Ministers of Eucharist at 10am Mass
 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**
 10th July Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage

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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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: [1] To help Carol Strainge 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 This year we have had 12 nominations. Because we are electing 12 members there is no need for personal voting so voting will not be necessary and all those nominated are duly deemed elected to the Parish Pastoral Council. They are as follows: *Debo Ademuyewo, Marta Bolognani, Jacqueline Chenier, Christopher Chipato, Reagan D'Mello, David Maggs, Jennine Oldis, Eneyi Pemu, Mairead Samuel, Eustace Tameh, Ashley Tardivo, Margaret Ulloa. Ex-Officio members are Richard McKay (parish priest), Mary Hopper (pastoral assistant/catechesis co-ordinator), Andrew Bent (trainee deacon).* **I want to thank all those who allowed themselves to be nominated and are willing to serve our parish with servant-leadership at a very important period in our parish's development as we transition to a lay-led parish and embrace synodal practice into our decision-making. I want also to thank those PPC members who have served our parish so well and feel it is time to hand over to others.**

CALLING ALL LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Those existing Lay Ministers who are willing and able to continue in this ministry all trainee Lay Ministers are asked to attend if at all possible (work etc allowing) a **'Retreat' Morning of Prayer on Saturday 2nd July and the Commissioning and Re-Commissioning at 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd July.** Let us all pray for those who serve our community in this Ministry.

For those who cannot attend all or some of the Saturday sessions, the final 'catch up' session is on Thursday 30th June 6.30-8.00pm.

OUR BISHOPS AND THE CALL TO SUNDAY MASS The Bishops of England and Wales are calling us to rebuild our parish communities (as well as our own lives in Christ) by renewing our commitment to participating in person in Sunday Mass. While live-streamed Masses and Services have been really important when Covid prevented us from coming to Mass, and remain important for those unable because of illness, caring responsibilities or essential work, they must not become a convenient substitute for attending Mass, being part of the worshipping community gathered together and sharing in the Eucharist and the mission of service that flows from the Eucharist. Everyone, please make every effort to come and share with your Parish community our Mass every Sunday, unless unavoidably prevented.

DIOCESAN GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - Sunday July 10th All are invited to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury. This year's theme is: Mary, Queen of Peace, asking Mary's intercession to bring an end to war and conflict, especially

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(but not exclusively) in Ukraine. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine (parish) church from 12noon to 3.00pm; also the Sacrament of Reconciliation and private Healing Prayer are offered in two separate tents also 12noon-3.00pm; the Rosary procession at 2.15pm and Mass at 3.30pm. I am, sure our parish will be represented.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THIS IS ALSO OUR PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY THERE WILL NOT BE A COACH ORGANISED, SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN WAY THERE AND BACK - THANK YOU.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES TO VISIT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

Bernadette was this poor sick child to whom Mary appeared at the Grotto in Lourdes and who brought to the Church the message of Repentance, Prayer and Healing. Since then millions go on pilgrimage to Lourdes and find peace and joy. **On Saturday 10th September, her relics will be brought to Clifton Cathedral this one day - a one day Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place here in our Cathedral, with Mass, Rosary, Anointing for Healing, a Torchlight procession etc.** More details of the timetable of events will be published later.

ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD was canonised in May. He was French and lived in Africa for many years seeking to be a Christian presence and brother to the Moslems among whom he lived. He was killed in 1916. His prayer of abandonment is now well-known. A number of priests of our diocese belong to a Jesus Caritas group which is inspired by him. Please visit <http://www.jesusc Caritas.info/jcd/fr/node/755> for a timeline of his life. There will be a Mass at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud celebrating the canonisation on **Wednesday 13th July at 2:00pm** when many of the priests from the group hope to be present, along with some from other groups around the country. All are welcome to this Mass.

MISSION MASSES Blessed Pauline Jericot was declared 'Blessed' a few weeks ago. She was the foundress of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, which is part of Missio. Please visit <https://missio.org.uk/pauline/> for more information about her. There will be a Mass to celebrate the beatification and the ongoing work of Missio, on **Tuesday 12th July at 7:00pm** at Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, when Bishop Declan will preside.

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.***

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FOSTER OR ADOPT A CHILD? 109 children are taken 'into Care' each day in this country! 109 children everyday looking for security, for a home where they can belong and thrive. Also there is an increase in the number of unaccompanied child refugees arriving in this country (which will increase with the Afghan Exodus). I know from my own personal experience how important adoption is to give a child a new start in life. Many children are from the BAME community and there is a great need for more fostering and adoptive families from these diverse ethnicities. Could God be calling you, your family, to this healing vocation for a child in care? Contact CCS Adoption (tel: 0117 935 0005 or email info@ccsadoption.org) or 'Home for Good' (clare.walker@homeforgood.org.uk)

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