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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



The Heart of the Gospel the Heart of Christ

There is no avoiding it! Jesus does not mince his Words! Without Love we are nothing! The measure of our faith is not our status (priest, deacon, religious!), nor is it our devotion to prayer and liturgy (the two who passed on the other side of the road were leaders of temple Liturgy and hurrying to do duty there!): the measure of our faith is our love, our compassion, our mercy!

The priest and levite offered prayers, but refused mercy - and God was not honoured. The foreigner, the Samaritan, an object of hate and discrimination in Israel, brings the tender love and strong compassion to the beaten up of his world. Now God is truly worshipped on the side of the road - not in Temple and Church.

Jesus is the Samaritan, the foreigner, who carries the burden of the world's brokenness and pours the wine of redeeming mercy and pays the price of healing love for wounded humanity! Jesus is also on the side of the road!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS OF FIRST EUCHARIST Eucharist at 10.00am

(live-streamed on Parish Website)

Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage Mass at 3.30pm - all welcome

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm *(live-streamed on Parish Website)*

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Service of Word & Communion** at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none today

TODAY: [1] The **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus the Good Samaritan - the 'stranger among us' who reaches out in mercy, caring and personal sacrifice to help and heal the wounded man on the side of the road. Will we be a neighbour to the hurting, wounded, lonely, exploited, excluded of our world? Will we be like Jesus?

[2] We have the joy of celebrating the **First Eucharist with seven of our children and their families**. Please pray for Jeremias Iriarte Aguilera, Samuel Bradshaw-Price and Zuzanne Jakuc, for Chimenye Ogbu, Octavina Pupika, Ormin Pupika and Elsie Sseguya, and their families. Also many thanks to Mary Hopper and Jacob Gitahi, their catechists.

[3] The **Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage in honour of Mary Queen of Peace** takes place with the Rosary procession at 2.15pm and the Mass at 3.30pm. It will be a Pilgrimage crying out for Peace in Ukraine and throughout our world. All invited!

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the One who brings the gift of life to those who welcome him. The Church is called to be like Abraham and Sarah of old, like Lazarus, Martha and Mary at Bethany - a warm, welcoming and nourishing community who 'gathers around the Table of God's love'. And as Abraham and Sarah discovered, when we welcome the stranger, we receive from them great gifts. May our nation learn to welcome the stranger who seeks safe sanctuary among us and recognise the great gifts they bring us that will humanise our society with compassion.

[2] During our 10am Mass Mr & Mrs Eim will **renew their Marriage Vows** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations.

[3] This month's **Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends** will be celebrated at 2.30pm not here at St Nicks but at the Annual Quest Conference at Wills Hall, Parry's Lane, Stoke Bishop, BS9 1AE. Bishop Declan will preside and all are welcome.

FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY **LET THE LITTLE ONES COME TO ME!**

It was Pope St Pius X who around 1910, prompted by the Holy Spirit and his love both for children and for the Eucharist, first encouraged us to bring our young children to Jesus in the Eucharist - from the age of 7 years (the traditional 'age of reason').

So today we have the joy of bringing the little ones to Jesus, not keeping them away but opening the Table of the Lord to them. They sit with us at this Feast of Love. They share with us the transforming meal whereby we become 'bread in God's hands to be broken and given for the life of the world', whereby we become God's Cup of Joyous and Suffering Love, so that the peoples of the Earth can taste the Bread of Heaven, drink deeply from 'the wells of salvation' and find New Life poured out and running over!

The Banquet of the Eucharist will always be beyond our understanding, for it is the sheer extravagance of God's loving, of the Father's embrace of tenderness for our little ones - the children of His Love!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gregory the Great, and St Thomas, More (both in Cheltenham) served by Fr David Mills, Deacon Robin Littlewood, Parish Administrators Mrs Mary Challis and Mrs Christine Davies and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the Ministry of our **Borderlands Charity** ('from exclusion to belonging'). A number of our

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parishioners serve as Trustees of this Charity that we at St Nicks established some years ago to increase capacity in serving our asylum-seeking and refugee sisters and brothers. The Charity has grown in the services we offer, with some excellent paid staff and many wonderful volunteers of many faiths and none. Supporting our Borderlands Charity is at the heart of our parish's mission to be a safe and welcoming community.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £173.00 + Loose £196.25 + Card Reader £58.98 + S/O £111.05 = £539.28 - thank you
Donation (Funeral) £52.89 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th July **First Eucharist Sunday at 10.00am Mass**
 10th July Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage
 13th July Mass in honour of St Charles de Foucauld in Stroud at 2.00pm
 15th July Andrew Bent received the Ministry of Acolyte at St John's, Bath 7.00pm
 15-17th July National Quest Conference in Bristol - Mass with LBGTQ+ community there
 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
 23rd July Memorial Mass for Hector Eugene RIP at 3.00pm - all invited
 25th July Parish Finance Committee meets (via Zoom) at 7.30pm
 6th Aug **Feast of the Transfiguration - Day of Prayer for Nuclear Disarmament**
 15th Aug **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
 28th Aug Baptismal Sunday
 10th Sept **Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Celebration of Parish Dedication**

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MET FOR THE FIRST TIME

Most of the Parish Pastoral Councillors were able to meet last week, getting to know each other better, and sharing what it is to be a Parish pastoral Council, taking real responsibility for servant leadership going forward towards a lay-led parish in the future. We discussed what priorities emerged from our parish Synod Report and how we are to embed this mutual, prayerful listening to each other, journeying with each other and discerning together the Voice of the Spirit for our parish and for the wider Church. And how we can welcome and utilise and develop the gifts and presence of our young people in the community. A great new beginning!

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.

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.

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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 (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.

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.jesus 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)

ANDREW'S JOURNEY TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE One of the final stages in Andrew's journey to Ordination as a Permanent Deacon (hopefully next year) is to be instituted in the 'Ministry of Acolyte'. This will take place on Friday 15th July during Mass at 7.00pm in **St John's Church, South parade, Bath BA2 4AF**. Unfortunately I cannot attend as I am part of the Chaplaincy team at the Annual Quest Conference. I do hope some parishioners will attend. Please see Andrew for more information etc. All are welcome!

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