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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



HOSPITALITY OF HEART

'Make hospitality your special concern' wrote St Peter. He clearly knew that if our heart is not open to the stranger, then our heart is not open to God!

Abraham discovered that the strangers from the desert brought him the Promise of God, the Gift of God. In these strangers Abraham received the Visitation of God. They brought life in abundance and the hope of the nations in the gift of Jacob, the son of the Promise who would become the 'Father of the Nations.'

The Bethany friends of Jesus - Martha, Mary and Lazarus - they opened their hearts and their home to the young rabbi and found a hope that overcomes even death! And Jesus found friends among whom He could simply be ... no demands, no challenges to be messiah, wisdom and healer! He could simply be Himself, a Bethany place where He could be restored and healed, valued and loved. Bethany is that shared Hospitality of Heart that gives life! As Blessed John Henry Newman said "Heart speaking to Heart".

SUNDAY PARISH MASS at 10.00am *(live-streamed on Parish Website)*
 Mass with LGBTQ+ friends and family at 2.30pm at Wills Hall, Parry's Lane

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

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Reception of the body of Ralph Bouton RIP at 4.45pm
 Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm *(live-streamed on Parish Website)*

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THURSDAY: *School Leavers and End of Year Mass* at 9.30am - all welcome
Requiem Mass for Ralph Bouton RIP at 12.30pm

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles*
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, co-Patron of Europe, wife, mother, Reforming Nun*
(1303-73)

Adoration at 9.00am **Mass of the day** at 9.30am
First Mass of Sunday (Memorial Mass for Hector Eugene RIP) at 3.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.30am and 4.15pm

TODAY: [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 Etim will **renew their Marriage Vows** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations.

[3] This month's **Mass with the LBGQT+ 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the Man and Teacher of Prayer. He gives us the prayer of His heart - inviting us to know we too are beloved daughters and sons of God our Father. He calls us to persevere in prayer so that we may grow in a generous and caring heart - like His! We are called to praise our God, to love our God and one another, to intercede for our world in all its great needs. Prayer is our Christian baptismal 'birthright', it is our ministry and the joy of our communion with our God. Let us make space everyday, however busy and crowded our lives for moments of the silence of love with the One Who is the source of our life and the wellspring of our Love.

[2] This will be a Service of Word and Communion co-led by two of our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist (see below!)

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Cheltenham, served by Fr Mark Moran, Parish Administrators Mrs Linda Portwain and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the Ministry of our **Hospitality Teams**. Drawn mainly (though not exclusively) from our different cultural groups that make up our community, they prepare and serve refreshments in the Parish Hall after our 10am Sunday Mass. We are always looking for more volunteers, as this ministry is so vital to building up our sense of community and making real our relationships, overflowing from our Sunday Mass. We encourage all parishioners to come and share refreshment and time with each other in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please contact Margaret Ulloa in the parish office, who co-ordinates the Hospitality groups and rota.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £120.00 + Loose £325.92 + Card Reader £? + S/O £111.05 = £556.87 - thank you
CAFOD £20.00 - many thanks

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK

- [1] On Wednesday the **6.30pm** will be offered for **Joan Brannigan RIP** on her first Anniversary ... please pray for Deacon Jack and the family.
- [2] On Saturday at **3.00pm** Mass will be offered for **Hector Eugene RIP**. This mass will be 'First Mass of Sunday' and will be followed with refreshments, courtesy of the Eugene family. All are invited to this Mass. Please pray for Rita and all the family.
- [3] Also **Funeral Mass for Ralph Bouton RIP** on Thursday at 12.30pm Please pray for Ivy and the family who are grieving Maisy (daughter) as well as Ralph.

RICHARD'S NEWS

I am having my long-awaited partial knee replacement surgery on Wednesday 27th July. I have to isolate (a Covid precaution) for three days prior, so I am unable to celebrate the 10am Mass next Sunday. It will be a Service of Word and Communion, ably and prayerfully co-led by our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist. I have been told (very firmly) by hospital staff that the immediate recovery period is 6 weeks, and full recovery can take 12 months. I will not be in the presbytery for at least the first two weeks of the recovery period, and then healing permitting will return to the presbytery for light duties only. I hope to be able to commence celebrating Mass then, though probably seated. During this time all enquiries are to be directed to the parish office rather than the presbytery - please do not phone my landline or mobile no for the first three weeks (ie until 17th August). Thank you for co-operating with this and thank you in advance to all who will be serving the parish community during the period of my incapacity.

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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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) was celebrated on Friday at St John's, Bath, when he was instituted in the 'Ministry of Acolyte'. This gives him responsibility to conduct some services and assist in the sharing of the Eucharist. **Congratulations, Andrew, and we will continue praying for you as you journey towards the Ministry of Service that is the Permanent Diaconate.**

MANY THANKS - GLASTONBURY

Many thanks to all who made their own way to Glastonbury Pilgrimage and represented the parish there. We appreciate the effort you made. next year hopefully we will have a coach!

**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.wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com). Simon and Jason will hold three information sessions about the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage in Lisbon. There were information sessions to provide information about both the pilgrimage itself and the formation series leading up to the pilgrimage. However if interested please let Parish Office know and contact by 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.

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