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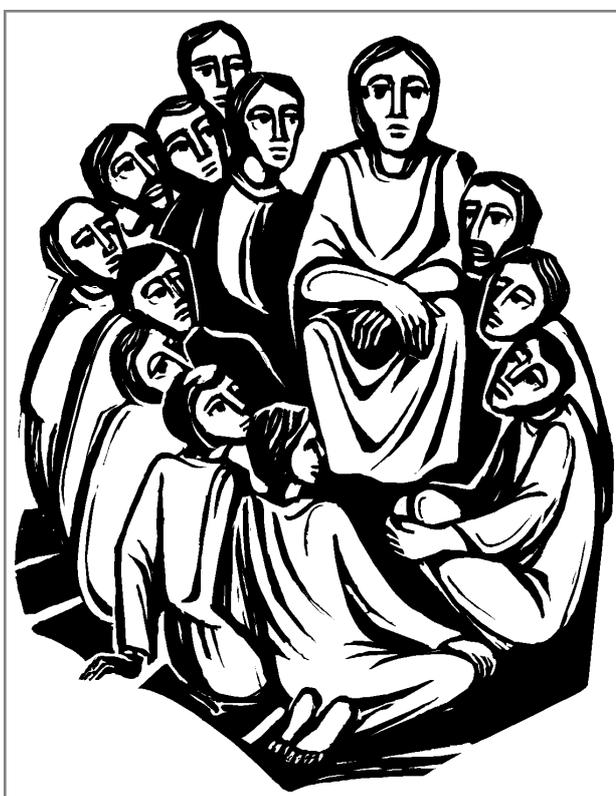
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



JESUS, TEACH US TO PRAY!

For Jesus, who lived every moment of His Humanity in the Presence of His Father, prayer was life and all life was prayer. Prayer shone from Him as the three apostles witnessed on the mountain of the Transfiguration!

But can we pray like Him? Jesus says emphatically 'YES! I have given you My Spirit to pray in you; My Father and I have come and made our home within you; and I teach you the intimacy of my love, my prayer with Abba! YES you can pray like me, if you let me pray in you! Let me speak with Abba my Father and yours from deep within your heart. Let Me cry out to Abba with all the love of the Holy Spirit from the centre of your being.

'Just abandon yourself to Me, to My Spirit within you, to your Abba! Abandon yourself with a trust and love that is immeasurable - and you will discover that your prayer and mine are One like the strands of rope intertwined together! I don't just teach you ... I pray within you!'

SUNDAY PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION 10am *(live-streamed on Website)*

MONDAY: *Feast of St James the Apostle*
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary, Jesus' Grandparents*
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm
(live-streamed on Parish Website)

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 1.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 12noon

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany*
Adoration at 8.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Theologian (died 450)*
Adoration at 11.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none until further notice

24/07/2022: [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!)

[3] **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** - the role of grandparents in supporting their family, especially their grandchildren has always been important, but with their increasing role in childcare in recent years we have so much to thank our grandparents for.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION 10am (*live-streamed on Website*)

MONDAY: *Feast of St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Theologian, Founder of Redemptorists*
Adoration at 5.30pm *Service of Word and Communion* at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary, Jesus' Grandparents*
Adoration at 6.00pm *Service of Word and Communion* at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Requiem Mass for Philip Farrelly RIP at 11.00am (presided by Fr Frank Bermingham in Richard's absence)
Adoration at 6.00pm *Service of Word and Communion* at 6.30pm
(live-streamed on Parish Website)

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 1.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 12noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (HIROSHIMA DAY)*
Adoration at 11.30am *Service of Word and Communion for disarmament* 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none until further notice

31/07/2022: [1] On the **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who shows us a radically different Way to live, to love; a radically different society to build, nearer in shape to the Kingdom of God where all are equal, where the poor are raised up, where all exploitation of people is ended. The Church - you and me and every Christian community in the world - is called to model (or be a 'Sacrament') of this different society. What conversion of heart, what revolution of the mind is Jesus calling us and our church to embrace? And think about the implications of this Gospel for our commitment to heal Global Warming!

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[2] There will be a **Retiring Collection for St Peter's Pence**. This contributes to the global Charity whereby Pope Francis supports so many in need. Postponed from June and please be as generous as you - you can use the digital card readers to donate.

THOUGHT FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY: RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD!

Jesus emptied himself, becoming a servant, a slave condemned on a Cross - to make us rich! He embraced our poverty and lived among the poorest of the world, an oppressed people, victims of corrupt dictatorships - to set us free! He had nowhere to lay his head and wandered from place to place - that we might find our home, our true self, in God's love!

If we say 'Jesus is Lord!' then he is the true possessor of all we own. Do we surrender to His use all we have as well as all we are? Is He Lord of our wallets, our time, our future? Do we find our security in Him, or in our possessions?

He died for us so that we might die to ourselves and live for Him and His Kingdom - for His poor! All the world is His - especially that bit of the world we think is ours to do what we like with! Being 'Rich in the sight of God' means being rich of heart, not of pocket, rich in love, not filled with possessions! Be poor to be rich!

DIOCESAN PRAYER 24/07/2022: The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Sacred Heart, Chew Magna and St Pius X, Withywood, served by Fr Matt Anscombe (supported by retired Fr Michale Healy), Deacon Mark Forge, Parish Administrator Mrs Debbie Forge and both their communities.

31/07/2022: The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine, Chipping Camden and Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold (Gloucestershire), served by Fr John Brennan, Fr Stephen Lambert, Parish Administrator Andrew Gorzynski and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION 24/07/2022: This week we pray for the Ministry of our **Flower Arranging Team**. Made up of four parishioners who faithfully every Friday (except in Advent and Lent) bring the beauty of nature into the worship of our community. The Eucharist is beauty beyond compare - so making our sacred space of the church beautiful for the worship of God is a Liturgical Ministry, serving our community and its worship. Have you a couple of hours to spare to help? See Minette.

31/07/2022: This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Altar Servers**, who week by week help us to celebrate the Eucharist and all our Liturgies with reverence, prayerfulness and the richness of symbols. They are such a credit to their families and to our community. Thank you, altar servers. In October we will be recruiting more servers (all boys and girls, men and women who have made their First Eucharist are eligible). See Mary Hopper or Richard.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £100.00+ Loose £235.64 + Card Reader £9.83 + S/O £111.05 = £456.52 - thank you
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA £44.20 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
23rd Aug	Parish pastoral Council meets 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
28th Aug	Baptismal Sunday
11th Sept	Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Celebration of Parish Dedication
8th Oct	Vision Day with Parish Pastoral Council
9th Oct	Visit of Little Sisters of Jesus ref Lay Jesus Caritas Fraternities
12th Oct	Borderlands Trustees and Staff - Strategy Day
22nd Oct	Synod Facilitation Area Session at St Nick's 9.30am-3.30pm

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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.

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.

SPACES ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

St Joseph's Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land has finally been rescheduled!! (A once in a lifetime experience to truly walk in the footsteps of Jesus!) We are going on our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 28th Sept to 8th Oct and we still have a few spaces left. We will fly out and return via Heathrow (with a coach from Fishponds). The total cost was £1650 (+ a single room supplement of £520 so sharing a room is cheaper. **BUT** the Tour Operator is now offering a further discount to fill these last few spaces - £1500 (+ supplement) 4-star hotels with breakfast, dinner and all tours included. Please contact the Parish office (bristol.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or call 01179833912) before 15th August.

**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.worldyouthday2023.org.uk/clifton-diocese). 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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