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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Boast in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Disciples are called - then sent to raise high the Cross of Christ before the gaze of the world. For the Cross is Love's Victory of hatred, Forgiveness for all brutality, Life overwhelming all that is death.

Like Paul, we have no other message, for the Cross of Christ is our Life, our Way and our Truth. It is healing for the broken, mercy for the sinner, hope for the dying, love for the despairing, meaning for the searching.

The Cross is heaven stooping down to earth, humanity being raised to the Divine, all peoples being gathered into a remarkable unity as we gaze upon Him, the One we have pierced, the One who is all merciful and forgiving, all healing and loving.

The Cross is not to be an ornament round our necks, but the power of love in our hearts and the Gospel of Peace on our lips. So lift high the Cross and boast only of the sacrificial love of Jesus we find upon It!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS with Commissioning of Lay Ministers of the Eucharist at 10.00am
(live-streamed on Parish Website)

Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - 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 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (live-streamed on Parish Website)

**Jesus says: 'Go in My name, in the power of My Love, and proclaim Peace!
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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 8.30am **Mass at 9.00am**
Mass of Ordination to Priesthood of Joseph Meigh at 11.00am (Cathedral)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [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] We are **Commissioning new Lay Ministers of the Eucharist**, and recommissioning those who have served us faithfully for some time. This ministry is one of service not status, bringing Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Love, to us at Mass or during Services of Word and Communion, and bringing the Eucharistic Christ to our housebound and elderly, representing our community as they do so. Please pray for for them as they take up this ministry.

[3] There is a **Retiring Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea**, praying for and financially supporting the Church's Mission among sea men and women. They are among the most exploited workers, often underpaid and sometimes not paid at all by unscrupulous ship owners. The Mission is also at the forefront of combatting human trafficking and modern slavery. Please be generous.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: [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 them.

[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!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar, and St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells, served by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson, Fr Tony Pazhayakalam, Parish Administrator Miss Kim Woolmer, Charlotte Lythaby and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the Ministry of the Wild Goose Café, part of the 'In Hope' Ministry. Staffed by volunteers for a variety of Christian traditions, it provides three meals a day for the homeless and 'street poor' and is a life-line for so many in the inner city. It also offers life-skills to enable people to escape from their situation and begin to live life more independently and fully. Volunteers always welcome.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £105.00 + Loose £131.20 + Card Reader £19.66 + S/O £111.05 = £366.91 - thank you

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)

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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
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

JOSEPH MEIGH'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Bishop Declan will ordain Joe to the priesthood in our Cathedral at 11.00am on Saturday 9th July. Many of you may remember that about three years ago Joe on a month's placement in St Nicks as part of his training. If you would like to share in his Ordination, know that you are invited! I will be attending the Mass.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME The twelve people you nominated now form our PPC and meet on Tuesday 5th July at 7.15pm - I hope all the councillors will make every effort (work and families permitting) to attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit at 6.30pm prior to the meeting. Can I remind everyone that there is a 'ideas and suggestions' box in the porch so that everyone's voices can be heard by your PPC - please do use it. It is one small part of committing ourselves to being a 'Synodal' Parish, listening to one another, walking together so that we can hear what the Spirit is saying to our parish through each one among us.

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.

CHRISTIAN RAINBOW SERVICE FOR BRISTOL PRIDE There will be an ecumenical service to celebrate and support the LBGT+ community at John Wesley's New Room on Saturday 9th July at 10am. After the service people can stand outside and give witness to the march to the Downs as it goes past, or join the march behind the Christians at Bristol Pride banner.

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)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL: Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST** request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

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