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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Narrowness or breadth?

What is the 'narrow door' of Jesus? Too often it has been interpreted as a demanding rigour that excludes all but the heroic or the fanatic! Thank God we have the image of the Sacred Heart - the open heart that speaks of a love never withheld!

No! The narrowness is precisely the intense focus of love - and love opens wide the doors and welcomes all - both the good and the bad on whom God rains down both sunshine and rain - and all his grace and love. If we are to live with the most universal of love, then we need to be focussed (the narrow door) on the source of that love - the God who dwells deep in our hearts at the core of our being. Let Him be everything and all the world can enter into the Kingdom that reigns in our hearts!

SUNDAY PARISH MASS & Rite of Child Catechumen 10am (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)
Mass with LGBTQ+ community & friends at 3.00pm (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

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

TUESDAY: Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Rose of Lima, Third Order Dominican, First Saint of Americas
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle
Adoration at 1.30am Mass at 12noon

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Passionist Missionary Priest (1792-1849)***
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Monica, mother of St Augustine (332-387)***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] On the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who teaches us the primacy of love - ever-expanding love - as the key to true discipleship. The outward show of religion means nothing to God who sees to the heart of each of us. Dare we risk the radical nature of God's Universal love, and make it practical in all our decisions and actions?

[2] We celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen** with some of our children and families in preparation for their Baptism

[3] 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 can - thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] With the **Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate the Humility of Jesus who emptied himself of divine glory and assumed our humanity, even to the point of being an executed slave - Jesus who takes the lowest place and calls his disciples to do likewise. As the Prophet Micah tells us - 'This is what God asks of you, only this, that you act just, that you love tenderly and that you walk humbly with your God.' Do not look for honours, prestige power of wealth - look rather to love with all humility.

[2] We have the joy of **celebrating Baptism** with some of our children - please pray for them and their families.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon (The Forest of Deane, Gloucestershire) served by Fr Barnabus Page, Deacon Paul Dekkers, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the **Music Ministry of our parish - the choir and instrumentalists and drummers**. This is an essential ministry of our parish community, helping us to express our worship in song, joy and meditatively. St Augustine famously said 'to sing is to pray twice over' and also said 'May your life of love be the song you sing to honour the Lord'. We really want to encourage more people to commit to joining our choir and attending a weekly choir practice. If others in the parish play instruments that can accompany the choir, then please do come forward and volunteer to join the Music Ministry - please contact Caroline or Jackie and thank you!

COLLECTIONS PREVIOUS WEEKS

24/7/22 Env £99.50+ Loose £134.30 + Card Reader £9.83 + S/O £111.05 = £354.68 - thanks

31/7/22 Env £201.00+ Loose £185.48 + Card Reader £ + S/O £111.05 = £497.53 - thank you

7/8/22 Env £62.00+ Loose £209.61 + Card Reader £ + S/O £111.05 = £382.66 - thank you

14/8/22 Env £228.00+ Loose £168.28 + Card Reader £ + S/O £111.05 = £507.33 - thank you

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Aug Parish pastoral Council meets 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)

28th Aug Baptismal Sunday

7th Sept Borderlands Trustees meeting

8th Sept Beginning of Year School Mass & School Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino 9.30am

10th Sept Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes to Clifton Cathedral

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11th Sept	Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Celebration of Parish Dedication
14th Sept	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meeting at 12.30pm
17th Sept	Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm
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
1st Nov	Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation - Masses 12 noon & 7.00pm
2nd Nov	Commemoration of All Souls - Parish nRequiem Mass at 7.00pm
9th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
13th Nov	Remembrance Sunday

RICHARD'S NEWS As you can see, I am glad to say that I have now returned to 'light duties' in the parish. I can celebrate the Masses and hear confessions (on Saturdays), and attend some meetings. However, I am tiring more easily and am some way of full mobility - and cannot yet drive the car! I ask for your patience as I slowly regain increased use of my new knee! I want to thank all our community who have been making sure the parish and its liturgy, mission and ministries ran smoothly in my enforced absence and continue to do so into the future as i recover more fully from the surgery. On the positive side, the growing development of more comprehensive lay involvement and ministry in the parish is a great grace and part of the renewal of the Church envisaged by the Second Vatican Council. It is preparing the way for when the parish will be a fully lay-led parish in communion for mission!

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.**

CELEBRATION OF PARISH FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO

On Sunday 11th September, we will be celebrating both our Parish Feast and the Solemn Dedication of our Church with a Mass of Rededication as a 'Parish in Communion for Mission' and 'a Church of the Poor, a Church for the Poor'. This year after the Mass we will be going to the School Hall and having a joint celebration with parents and families of the school community. As ever, we will be bringing food to share from our different cultures, wearing our national dress, sharing songs and hopefully have some sports activities for our children. Our New Headteacher, Mrs Rachael James, has invited us to share the celebration in this way and it is a great opportunity to reach out to our school community and strengthen bonds of belonging. I hope we will all really support this initiative.

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](#). Simon and Jason will hold three information sessions about the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage in Lis-

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bon. 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.

FR FRANK BIRMINGHAM'S RETIREMENT

Today, Fr Frank of St Augustine's, Downend, (a parish in our Bristol East Deanery) formally retires. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 3.00pm at St Augustine's which sadly I am not able to attend. Fr Frank has been a good friend to St Nicks and a good colleague in our deanery. He has always been willing to help out here when needed and we thank him for his faithful and caring ministry among us. Do prayer for him at this time of transition. He will remain living in the Deanery and will be available to support us. I wish to pay tribute to Fr Frank for his friendship, support and care. We pray for him every blessing and joy in his retirement. There are now 4 parish priests and 5 deacons covering the 7 churches in the Deanery.

APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS

The NHS needs more Black people to give blood to meet increasing demand for Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed ethnicity donors. Some 16,000 new donors from these ethnic groups must be recruited this year as demand rises for life-saving transfusions for people with sickle cell disease, according to the health service. Sickle cell is the fastest growing genetic disorder in the UK, affecting 15,000 people with around 300 babies born with the blood disorder each year; the illness can cause organ failure, stroke or loss of vision, sometimes even leading to death. The disorder is more common in Black people and, as such, people from this ethnic group are more likely to have the rare blood sub-group Ro that many Black sickle cell patients need. ***The Church strongly encourages blood donation as a life-saving gift to others.*** PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR - ONE PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES! To become a blood donor today, register today and book an appointment by visiting www.blood.co.uk, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

MEN AND WOMEN EQUAL IN MINISTRY

There are many charisms and ministries in the Body of Christ - each one of us, young and old, male and female, lay and clergy, and whatever our gender identity - all of us are 'beloved children of the Father', each of us is gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve, to proclaim, to build the missionary Body of the Christ and to transform the world. In our parish we are moving towards a parish community led and served by predominantly lay ministry, served and supported by the ordained ministry including a part-time (non-resident) priest. We are committed as a parish to promote, empower and train many different forms of ministry. The ministry of women and men are equally valued, the ministry of lay people and ordained deacons and priests are equally valued. All of us over 40 years old have almost certainly grown up in a church that has neglected and minimised the ministries of lay people. We are still in a clergy (and therefore male) dominated church and this has caused major problems while being unfaithful to the New Testament. Some ministries are denied to women (and not just ordained ministries) ... therefore there is an urgent need to enable voices of women to be heard, their gifts to be recognised and their ministries to be released, for the good of the whole Church and its Mission and witness. This is to correct the imbalance and injustice that has been the norm for centuries. Please do not misinterpret this as diminishing or demeaning the ministries of our brothers, lay or ordained. We are all called to work together for the Kingdom as equal partners in the Lord's work.

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