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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Humility among the Humiliated

How often Jesus uses the image of the table - the shared meal, the celebration banquet. He teaches us that the best place is the lowest place! Then you can never look down on anyone. The lowest place is the only exalted place in the Kingdom of Heaven - how unlike the kingdoms of the earth! To look down on another, to despise or to feel superior is to lose your humanity. That is why Jesus took the towel and water of the humblest servant and knelt at feet looking up - at us! 'Therefore God raised Him above every name!'

Our guests, honoured and welcomed, are to be those beautiful people scarred by poverty, humiliated by injustice, pushed down by brokenness. Invite them to our table, kneel at their feet, raise them up as well as look up to them. St Vincent and St Louise always said 'the poor are our masters!'

SUNDAY PARISH MASS & Child Baptisms 10am (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

MONDAY: *Feast of the Martyrdom of John the Baptist*

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of Ss Margaret Clitherowe, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Martyrs (16th cent)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Aidan, Bishop & Celtic Monk (d. 651) and Saints of Lindisfarne*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

THURSDAY: Adoration at 1.30am

Mass at 12noon

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

SATURDAY: *Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Theologian, Apostle of England (540-604)*
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [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 the Baptism** of Haile and Dean Brian - please pray for them and their families.

[3] **Retiring Collection for the relief of the Famine in Somalia and East Africa.** 20 million people are threatened with famine and starvation - the greatest famine we have ever seen! Please! Please! be as generous as you can. All funds will be sent to CAFOD.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year** Jesus calls us to courageous discipleship ... calls us to place Him and His Kingdom first in our lives! To love Him above all others does not diminish our love for family, friends and our world, because He is the source of our love, our Wisdom, our commitment to them. Place Jesus first and we can love others more and serve our world with greater wisdom and courage!

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DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes with St Joseph's, Lavington, Wiltshire served by Fr Paul Gonsalves MSFS, and both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Catechists**. This is an essential ministry of our parish community, passing on the faith to a new generation, forming young disciples, helping our children and young people grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and First Reconciliation. These programmes are co-ordinated by Mary Hopper and there is an urgent need to recruit and train more catechists who can commit for 3 to 6 months to weekly meetings with the children and young people. We need to train and support catechists to take on these roles into the future. Volunteers are welcome whether they have experience or not of this ministry. Please contact Mary

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £189.00+ Loose £202.62 + Card Reader £83.56 + S/O £111.05 = £586.23 - thanks
Peter's Pence Collection (Pope's Charitable Fund) £192.26 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
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

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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 Requiem Mass at 7.00pm
9th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
13th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
27th Nov	First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year
14th Dec	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm - Assisi Centre

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVING EXAM RESULTS

Many of our young people have received in the past 10 days 'GCSE' or 'A' Level results. I and the whole parish community want to say how proud of you we are, whatever your results - because you have had to battle against so many barriers to learning during the past two years so scarred by Covid restrictions. Whatever your results, you have done so well! **And your value is not in your results but in your very selves - thank you!** Some of you are moving to University or Higher Education in September or in the coming months, others moving to 6th Form study or into apprenticeships or employment. Well done all of you. And as you take these important steps into your future - know that you're beloved Children of God, that Jesus Christ goes with you and that the Holy Spirit will guide ... and we your Parish Family will support you!

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We need to know who of our young people (aged 13 years or above by January 2023) have not yet been confirmed in the Holy Spirit and wish to think about whether God is calling you to this commitment. There are most likely some adults among us who have not been confirmed - please consider making this step so as to complete your 'Christian Initiation' which began with Baptism. We expect to celebrate Confirmation in the early months of 2023, so please contact Mary Hopper of Fr Richard as soon as possible - young people and adults!

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. **Here is the timetable for the 'Visit' and all are welcome to any or all of the events:**

Saturday 10th September 2022 (all pm)

2:00	Welcome and entrance Procession	3:00	Water Liturgy
4:00	Rosary	5:00	Mass with Anointing of the sick
6:30	Torchlight Procession with Statue and praying Rosary	8:00	Rosary
08:45	Night Prayer	09:00	Close

From approximately 2:45 onwards, there will be the opportunity for pilgrims to reverence the relics, except during Mass, during the Water liturgy and the Procession. From the end of the water liturgy, there will be an opportunity throughout the day for individual pilgrims to receive a small amount of Lourdes water. We have a limited supply, but there will be the opportunity for pilgrims to receive a small amount to bless themselves or "wash" their faces. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from approximately 2:45 onwards for private prayer, except during Mass. Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day.

Sunday 11th September (all am)

8:00	Devotion and revering of the relics.	8:30	Morning Prayer
09:30	Sunday Mass Followed by the Farewell Liturgy.	The relics will leave at 11:00 am.	

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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' (at 10.00am). 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 plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group beforehand to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If interested in the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, please contact [World Youth Day 2023 | Clifton Diocese](https://www.wydy2023.org.uk/clifton-diocese). 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.

MEN AND WOMEN, CLERGY AND PEOPLE 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 and/or a deacon. 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 model of ministry. 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.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND AS A PARISH TO THE FUEL POVERTY CRISIS? CAN WE OFFER OUR HALL AS A 'WARM SPACE' TO THOSE SUFFERING FROM THIS WINTER'S COLD AND CANNOT HEAT THEIR HOMES? VOLUNTEERS TO HELP?

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