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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Be Prepared - Discipleship costs!

Jesus is always honest with us! Following Him is not a trip on the Glory train, but a hard road carrying the Cross. If we truly pray, it will cost us - if we really listen to Him and try to live His Word, His calling in our lives. It will mean letting go of a lot of the baggage and clutter that fills our minds, our hearts, our lives. It will mean putting Him first, loving Him with our whole heart and soul. It will mean preparing for a challenging future as He takes us ever deeper into service of the poor and broken, as he grows His heart in us - a Heart willing to be broken in love for the most abandoned of humanity, a Heart willing to forgive those who hurt us most. It will mean a body wearied with all the caring and serving but always willing to go the extra mile ... or more!

To surrender whatever we possess to His service and the service of the Poor; to listen to the cry of the Poor, the cry of the Earth and change our lifestyle - and yet this hard road, the Way of the Cross ultimately is the secret of a life filled with that Peace that the world cannot give, a joy no-one and nothing can take from us. We are made for an infinite love - let Him be our only treasure, let working for His Kingdom of justice, love and peace, be the real ambition of our lives: then the cost of discipleship will be 'a light burden and an easy yoke'.



SUNDAY PARISH MASS at 10.00am (*live-streamed on Parish Website*)

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

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WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm

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

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THURSDAY: *Feast of the Birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus*
Adoration at 1.30am Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am

SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [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!

[2] **Retiring Collection for the relief of the Famine in Somalia and East Africa.** Over 80 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.

[3] We have just entered the '**Season of Creation**', which Pope Francis instituted to challenge us all '**to listen to the cry of the Earth**'. We are all called to play our part, however small that might be - carefully recycling, energy saving, changing our diet, etc. Perhaps read Pope Francis Encyclical 'Laudato Si' or pray our 'Stations of Creation' based on St Francis' 'Canticle of the Creatures' and Pope Francis' Encyclical (Copies available from the Sacristy). Please read Pope Francis Message which is printed for you today.

[4] There will be about 15 minutes of prayer for parents and others to **pray together for our children and young people at the beginning of a new academic year** which marks for many a change of school, college, university, and for all a new step towards their future. Eneyi and many of our mothers invite all who wish to join them in the Romero Room after mass today.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We have the joy of celebrating the **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO WITH OUR MASS OF REDEDICATION**. We will bless the traditional St Nicholas Bread. **Let us rededicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, a parish of many nations united in Christ, valuing each other's cultures, healing each other's wounds, reaching out to the poor and marginalised around us and throughout the world.** See below for details of concerning the after Mass celebration with the school.

[2] As part of our 'Covenant with the Poor' there will be a **Retiring Collection for the millions of stricken people of Pakistan**, devastated by the terrible floods caused by Climate Change - the carbon emission of the Pakistan is very small (unlike the Western developed world), yet it is the poor of Pakistan and Africa who are paying the highest price! Unjust!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, with the Abbey Church of Downside. We pray for the priest and chaplaincy Team serving Downside School, especially as the monastic community has now moved to Buckfast Abbey.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Food Bank and all the volunteers**. It is very appropriate that we pray for the 'St Nicholas Bread Foodbank', our 'Eucharist on the street' as we prepare to celebrate our Patron Saint, Nicholas of Tolentino, who dedicated his life to being 'Good News to the Poor'. We can all support those who need our foodbank by donating food (at the Offertory of the Mass) or donating money. Some of us might be able to volunteer - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm (allowing preparation and clearing-up time) or a Thursday (when it is closed) to sort out deliveries and prepare for the coming week. Please see/phone Margaret at the Parish Office with offers of help or food. Thank you!

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £143.00+ Loose £270.26 + Card Reader £66.85 + S/O £111.05 = £591.16 - thanks
Collection for Somalia Famine (CAFOD) £225.00 (remains open) - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
 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 recently received '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!** Our children and young people are taking important steps into your future, changing schools, going to University, entering the world of apprenticeship and work etc - 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

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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. Throughout the day pilgrims can receive a small amount of Lourdes water. There is a limited supply, but enough for all 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.

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.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE WOMEN'S T20 INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MATCH

Eneyi has managed to source 200 free tickets to this International Cricket match between India and England taking place here in Bristol on Thursday 15h September at the 'Seat Unique Stadium'. What a great opportunity for all fans of cricket (and indeed anyone interested), both women and men, for everyone is invited - please contact Eneyi for more details and for tickets - tel: 07949777244.

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.wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com). 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.

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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