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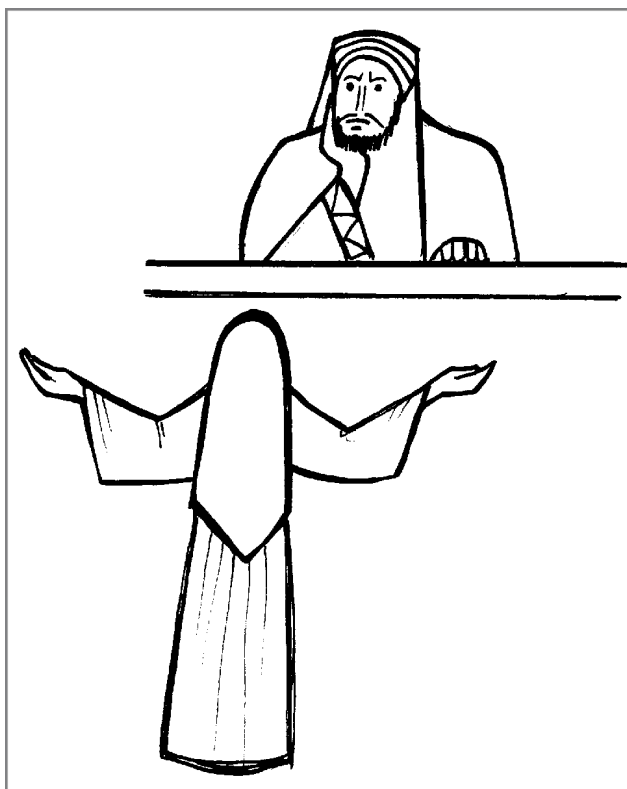
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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### **HOW LONG BEFORE THERE IS JUSTICE?**

A vulnerable woman pleads for justice before a system of justice that is male dominated. She has to keep pleading and pleading, wearing down the obstinate judge! Sounds familiar?

Jesus' parables speak into the real world not only of His time, but of every time! 'How long, oh Lord, how long?' before the women of the world or the Church get justice, before their pleas are heard? It is a principle of law that justice delayed is justice denied. The long struggle of our asylum sisters and brothers to have the pain recognised, their danger heard and their freedom granted?

God is not slow in granting justice - but we are! We refuse to hear the cries of the poor and change our systems and rid the world of poverty and oppression. Yet we must never give up, either praying for or struggling for the Justice of god in the world. **This is our mission ... in the world and to the world. This is building the Kingdom!**

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

*Mass with the LBGTO+ community and friends at 3pm (live-streamed on website)*

**MONDAY:** *Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (died 107)*

*Adoration at 5.30pm*

*Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm*

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Luke, Evangelist*

*Adoration at 6.00pm*

*Mass at 6.30pm*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St Jean de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & Martyrs of N America*

*Adoration at 6.30pm*

*Mass at 7.00pm (live-streamed on Parish Website)*

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**THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 1.30am      **Mass** at 12noon

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

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am **Mass** at 8.45pm, *followed by Diocesan Area Synod Meeting*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 4.00-4.30pm only

**TODAY:** [1] On the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate our God who always listens to the cries of the Earth, the cries of the Poor', and inspires our yearning for justice, equality and peace. Will we share the heart of God and persevere not only in prayer for a new world, but also committed and prophetic action to build that 'Kingdom' world, as perfectly 'upon the Earth as it is in Heaven'?

[2] As part of our 'Covenant with the Poor' there will be the **Harvest Retiring Collection CAFOD**. There is so much devastating need around the world, caused by our abuse of the Earth causing climate change, and the world's refusal to deal with global poverty, inequality and injustice. **Please be as generous as possible....thank you!**

[3] After Mass there will be an important 30 minute meeting for all who are willing to **help re-launch and support our Children Liturgy of the Word**. Every Sunday we need a minimum of two adults (sometimes a third depending on numbers of children - to fulfil Safeguarding Procedures) - This is a vitally important ministry in our parish, supporting the faith journey of our young children. Will parents especially (but not just parents) consider volunteering to help. Please speak to Mary Hopper.

[4] All are welcome to share in the **Mass for our LBGTO+ friends and families** at 3.00pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] With the **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate our God who is drawn always to the 'outsider', the one others look down on and scorn. The seemingly religious and upright man in the Gospel can never meet the God of infinite mercy because he does not recognise he needs the mercy of God. The outcast sinner however knows his need and experiences the love of our Merciful Father embracing him. As ever, Jesus challenges us with God's 'upside-down Kingdom'. Heaven will give us a lot of surprising companions!

[2] Eneyi and Kenneth celebrated their 'traditional wedding' on Saturday 22nd Oct and wish to give thanks during the Mass today and ask our prayer of Blessing upon their growing union, which we gladly do.

[3] As part of our 'Covenant with the Poor' we will continue the **Harvest Retiring Collection CAFOD** for a second Sunday. There is so much devastating need around the world, caused by our abuse of the Earth causing climate change, and the world's refusal to deal with global poverty, inequality and injustice. **Please be as generous as possible....thank you!**

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson, and English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucestershire, served by Fr Gerry Walsh, Parish Administrator Mrs Marisa Wood, and both parish communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**. This group is elected by the parish community and has responsibility for leadership and shared decision-making, together with your priest. The members seek to listen to all the voices in the parish, bringing them into the decisions made and priorities for mission. We are engaged in embedding the 'synodal process' into the life, decision-making and mission of our parish, particularly in this time of transition developing lay ministry and leadership preparing for the day when there will not be a resident priest here at St Nicks. Please pray for the members and work of the PPC.

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £73.00 + Loose £193.33 + Card Reader £29.49 + S/O £111.05 = £461.47 - thank you!  
**Donations to Foodbank** £3,000 + £2000 - many thanks!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

16th Oct LBGTO+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm  
 18th Oct Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (via Zoom)  
 22nd Oct Synod Facilitation Area Session at St Nick's 9.30am-3.30pm  
 28th Oct Baptismal Parents Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)  
 30th Oct Rite of Catechumen during 10.00am Mass  
 1st Nov **Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation - Masses 9.30am & 7.00pm**  
 2nd Nov **Commemoration of All Souls - Parish Requiem Mass at 7.00pm**  
 4th Nov Baptismal Parents Preparation Session Two at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)  
 6th Nov Baptismal Sunday  
 6th Nov Mass with Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm  
 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

**PRE-BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS** Because of circumstances beyond our control, the **Baptismal Sunday has had to be changed to 6th November**. I apologise for any inconvenience to those concerned by this change of date.

**Parents Preparation Sessions are: Friday 28th October and Friday 4th November both at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre. The Rite of Catechumen (Welcome & Naming) will be on Sunday 30th October at 10.00am Mass.**

The next Baptismal Sunday will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 8th January.

**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!

**URGENT APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS** The NHS has once again issued an urgent call for 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 as soon as possible because demand 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](http://www.blood.co.uk), downloading the Give-BloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** This year's Journey of faith will now be on Wednesdays at 5.15pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. This change is in order to make it available to current

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participants who cannot come on Friday evenings. In addition to those enquiring about becoming Catholics, these meetings are very appropriate for any adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, or a renewal and better understanding of their faith.

**RENEWING OUR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES - Saturday 12th Nov 10.30am-3.30pm**

This is a day at Clifton Cathedral for all involved in Liturgical Ministries - welcomers, Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music ministries. Led by an eminent liturgist, Fr Paul Turner from the Diocese of Kansas City. I encourage all who can to attend. Please book via email: [liturgy@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:liturgy@cliftondiocese.com) Bring a packed lunch. Let me know if you will attend.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH BRISTOL CHURCHES SHELTER**

The Co-ordinating group for the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter is seeking urgently to appoint a Manager (24 hours pw) (apply by October 31st) and 2 Empowerment and Admin Workers (13 hours pw) (apply immediately). Details on the poster in the Church porch.

**CARING FOR THE POOR AND THE HOMELESS THIS WINTER**

[1] How should we respond as a parish to the fuel poverty crisis? Can we offer our Parish hall as a 'Warm Space' to those suffering from this winters cold and cannot heat their homes? We would need volunteers willing to open the Hall and provide warm drinks etc.

[2] **CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AND ST NICKS** Volunteers are still needed to take part in the Bristol Night Shelter project: we will be taking part in phase 1 of the project running **one day a week (Saturdays) from the beginning of January to March 2023** This winter again the project used a B&B in Bristol to house homeless people where each person will have their own room to use 24 hours from November 2022 running until March 2023

**Volunteers are needed to share 2 shifts:**

**2x volunteers for Saturday lunch time from 12pm - 2pm**

**2x volunteers for Saturday evening from 6pm - 10pm**

**4x volunteers in reserve to act as cover**

If you are unable to volunteer in person and would still like to help, as there is a need for volunteers to help make packed lunch sandwiches and cook the evening meals - catering also for vegetarians. All consumables such as sandwich bags, plastic tubs etc... will be provided.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EMAIL- [stnicks.bcwns@gmail.com](mailto:stnicks.bcwns@gmail.com).**

**A FAITH FULL JOURNEY**

The Diocese has organised an evening series of on-line conversations to help deepen people's awareness of certain areas of faith and mission. Full details are displayed on the notice board and on our parish website. Each session will be from 7.30-8.45pm, the next being on 20th October - 'A life of Ministry rooted in Prayer' led by Fr Tom Dubois, parish priest of St George's, Taunton. For further information and the required internet link, please contact email: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**PILGRIM VISIT OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco will be visiting Clevedon Catholic Parish from 2.20pm on 5th November until 12noon on 6th November. There will be a programme of events including Mass, Talks about the Fatima Apparitions, a devotional service with prayers and Marian hymns as well as Adoration and Benediction plus refreshments in Greyfriars. You are most welcome to join us to honour Our Lady and ask for her powerful intercession. Please email [clevedon@friar.org](mailto:clevedon@friar.org) for more details.

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