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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - World Mission Sunday



WHAT I WANT IS MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE

Virtue has an awful in built temptation, a vice - superiority, self-righteousness! It is that 'forgetful' hypocrisy, forgetting that we are all sinners, all in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. We have nothing to boast about except the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Who are you to judge another? asks St James in his letter. Do we see into the heart of another, can we gaze into their depths, into the sanctuary of God within them? How can we judge and condemn another without bringing judgement and condemnation on ourselves!

To accept one another in all our failings and sins is to recognise that we are part of that great community of sinners, on the way to becoming saints!

As Matthew 25 tells us, God will not ask us about our religious performance, but about our generous humanity. Have we allowed the Humanity of Jesus to transform us into the Compassion and tenderness of God?

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

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 6.30pm

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

THURSDAY: Adoration at 1.30am

Mass at 12noon

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FRIDAY: *Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles*
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.00-4.30pm only

TODAY: [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' yesterday and wish to give thanks during the Mass today and ask our prayer of Blessing upon their growing union, which we gladly do.

[3] This is **World Mission Sunday**, when we pray that we will all embrace our calling as Missionary Disciples of Jesus, and servants of the Kingdom that will transform the world in Peace, Justice and Equality. Whether we are very young or very old (or of course in-between!) we all have a vital role in the Church's universal mission to be the bearer of God's great love in Christ to everyone without exception. We are called to be the living Sacrament of God's Universal Loving and be part of the Holy Spirit 'renewing the face of the Earth'.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] St Luke's Gospel presents us with Jesus the bearer of God's mercy offered to all, but especially the most despised, so on the **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who call us to follow him and find a new life, freed from sin, greed and desire for wealth. Zaccheus the tax collector, so despised by his community, is the one Jesus calls and eats with. The crowd is scandalised by the breadth of Jesus' mercy! Yet that mercy changes Zaccheus to restore justice and care for the poor - a real change of life!

[2] We celebrate the **Rite of Catechumen** with some of our children and their families.

[3] After Mass there will be a **Training Session** for all who wish to serve our children as **Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders** - 12 noon to 1.00pm in the Romero Room

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Benet, Kemerton, St Joseph, Tewkesbury, St Nicholas, Winchcombe, served by Fr Francis Hughes OSB, Fr Tony Pazhayakalam CST, Parish Administrator Christine Davies, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Parish Administration and Office Team**. The Parish Office is increasingly the inter-face with the pastoral needs of so many people in the wider community. There is much administration work, keeping the day to day 'cogs of the parish machine' running smoothly, but is also serves so many disadvantaged sisters and brothers who turn to us for help. Currently Margaret Ulloa is the co-ordinator of the team, but more suitable volunteers are needed, especially to keep the parish office open Monday to Friday 10am to 1.00pm. Please contact Margaret on the parish office phone 0117-909-0419 if you could volunteer.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

G.A. Env £30.00 + Loose £274.18 + Card Reader £100.00 + S/O £111.05 = £495.23 - thanks
Donation (Zimbabwean Community £234.52 CAFOD Harvest Collection £195.33

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th Oct Baptismal Parents Preparation Session One at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

Jesus said: 'The one who recognised his need for mercy, went home at rights and blessed by God, the religious man with no humility did not!'

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, 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 5.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. This change is in order to make it available to current 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 Bring a packed lunch. Let me know if you will attend.

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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.**

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

PILGRIM VISIT OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE 5th & 6th 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 for more details.

SPECTACULAR PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY at St Patrick's Church

Please see the Parish Notice Board for details of admission prices. Thursday 3rd November, doors open 5.45pm and display begins at 7.00pm

Sycamore Tree Training Course - Marriage and Family Life Ministry

'Growing in Faith Together' (GIFT) is a 4 week course supporting the ministry to Marriage and Family Life. It is designed to help couples reflect together on the deeper questions of life and their love for one another, in the light of Christian Faith. The Training Course advertised here is for those who might lead and enable these courses (for instance supporting the Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples and enriching the already married). If you are interested in this ministry to couples, please contact Richard. For further details please visit:

www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/growing-in-faith-together/

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