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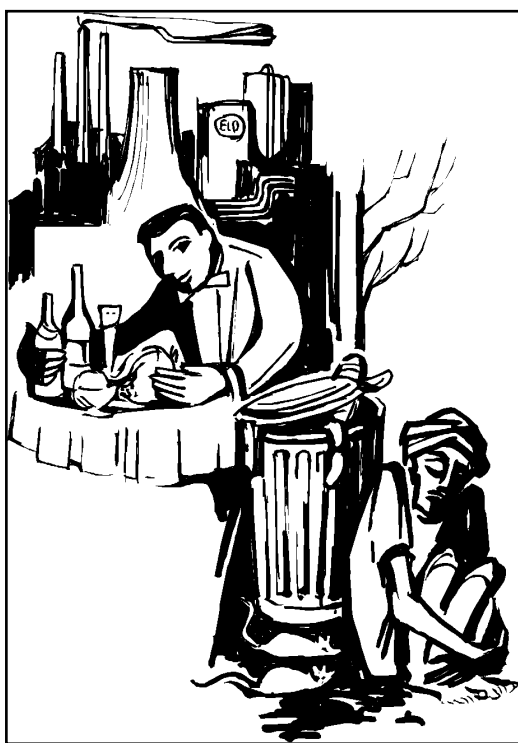
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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *Turning the Tables: God's Upside-down Kingdom*

Who are the nameless ones of today's world? The victims of hunger dying of famine, victims of war dying of barrel bombs and napalm, victims of the refugee journey to freedom, drowning in the Mediterranean! Countless nameless ones in the world of the poor.

But for God? The nameless one is the man who lost himself in his riches that blinds him to human suffering: so stuffed with self and satisfaction with wealth and feasting that he has lost sight of his humanity in not seeing his impoverished brother. In this parable of Jesus, the poor has an honoured name - Lazarus - the name of a friend, while the rich man and self-centred one has no name - is anonymous in the Kingdom.

How different life with Jesus is! He inverts everything. The real question for us and the Church: is it true for us - are we 'turning the world upside down?' If not, why not?

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

**MONDAY:** Adoration at 5.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Vincent de Paul, co-founder of Vincentian Family (1581-1660)*  
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm  
(*Live-streamed on Parish Facebook*)

**THURSDAY:** *Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*  
Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12 noon

**FRIDAY:** *Feast of St Jerome, Priest, first Biblical Theologian (342-420)*  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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**SATURDAY:** *Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite Nun and Theologian (1873-97)*  
*Adoration* at 11.30am      *Mass* at 12 noon  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

25/10/2022 [1] We celebrate on the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year**, Jesus the Prophet of the Poor who proclaims the 'upside-down Kingdom of God'. Just as Mary, the poor girl of Nazareth is 'raised higher than the angels', so in God's Kingdom it is the Poor, and exploited, the victims of discrimination and oppressive injustice who are the great God's world. When will our world stop being blind and deaf (like the rich man in the Gospel) open their hearts, minds, ears and hands to build this New World of justice and equality.

## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**SUNDAY:** **PARISH MASS at 10am** (*Live-streamed on Parish Website*)

**MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.00pm      **Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm**

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan family (1181-1226)*  
*Adoration* at 6.00pm      *Mass* at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
*Adoration* at 6.00pm      *Mass* at 6.30pm  
*(Live-streamed on Parish Facebook) that are the*  
*valued and greatest in the*

**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Bruno, Priest, Fonder of Carthusian Monks (1032-1101)*  
*Adoration* at 11.30am      **Service of Word & Communion at 12 noon**

**FRIDAY:** *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary*  
*Adoration* at 8.30am      **Mass** at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:** *No Liturgy today because of Parish Pastoral Council 'Vision Day'*  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* 4.00-4.30pm

18/09/2022 [1] On the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus, Prophet of the Poor and Voice of Justice in a world where corruption too often marks business and politics. We are all accountable for our 'stewardship' of the gifts and talents, the tasks and responsibilities that God entrusts to us. Use money to serve building a more just world, and a world of honesty. May the poor and disadvantaged be 'the friends that welcome us into the tents of eternity' as we seek to be 'the Church of the Poor, Church for the Poor'.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER 25/09/2022** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford with St Mary, Cricklade, served by Fr Michael Robertson and both their communities.

2/10/2022 The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine, Frome and St Dominic, Mells (Somerset), served by Fr Canon Richard Dwyer, Bishop Emeritus Crispian Hollis (in residence), Deacon David Brinn, Parish Administrator Anna Pang and both their communities.

### **PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION**

25/09/2022 Pray God's Blessing for all who **Minister by Proclaiming the Word of God to us in the Liturgy**. Called to proclaim God's Word (and not just 'read'), they bring their own faith conviction and prayer to nourish us with the Bread of the Word.

2/10/2022 Please pray for God's Blessing on the **Healing Ministry of our parish community**. Covid has (ironically) severely limited this important ministry and in the coming

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few months it will be important to revive our Healing Masses, training more of our community in praying healing with those who come to us needing this ministry. But it is also about the kind of community we are - listening, welcoming and valuing all without exception: then we can be in Pope Francis' words 'God's Field Hospital'.

### **COLLECTIONS - notification on October 9th**

Env £ + Loose £ + Card Reader + £ S/O's £111.05 = TOTAL: £

**CAFOD (Pakistan Flood Disaster) £ Many thanks!**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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	<b>Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation - Masses 12 noon &amp; 7.00pm</b>
2nd Nov	<b>Commemoration of All Souls - Parish Requiem Mass at 7.00pm</b>
9th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
13th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
27th Nov	<b>First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year</b>
14th Dec	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm - Assisi Centre

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** We will begin this 2021/2022 Journey of Faith on **Friday 7th October at 6.00pm with a 'Come and See Meeting'**. This is for all who want to discover more about the Catholic Faith we share, or who may be thinking of becoming Catholic Christians. Suitable for those who want to renew their faith or have been away from Mass for years, and for **Catholic adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

### **JOB VACANCY St Nicholas of Tolentino Foodbank Co-ordinator**

**St Nicholas of Tolentino Parish seeks to appoint a suitable person to support and develop our food poverty ministry in Easton, Bristol.**

The role of Coordinator is to oversee the volunteer-led teams for the regular foodbank sessions and the acquisition and management of food supplies including maintaining relationships with current donors and developing new sources. **A commitment to serve the marginalised and impoverished and also previous experience of working with volunteers are essential.**

The post is for 22.5 hours pw. There are 12 core hours (9.30-13.30 M/W/F) and other hours can be worked flexibly by agreement including some opportunity for homeworking. Salary £16701 (£25k fte) plus 5% pension contribution

**Applications by 12noon Monday 26th September to: The Parish Priest, St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawfords Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE, or email: [bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftondiocese.com)** (?) See further details at <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> and <https://tolentino.org.uk/>

**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!

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**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 15<sup>h</sup> 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.

**POPE FRANCIS ON HEALING THE PLANET** 'Laudato si, o' mi Signore' (Praise be to you, my Lord). In the words of this beautiful canticle, St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us : *'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs'*. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of all with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail'

**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 **ome day a week (to be specified) from the beginning of November to just before Christmas** This year 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 Thursday lunch time from 12pm - 2pm**

**2x volunteers for Thursday 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).**

**CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!**

**We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes** - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also **a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word** (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. ***If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.***

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