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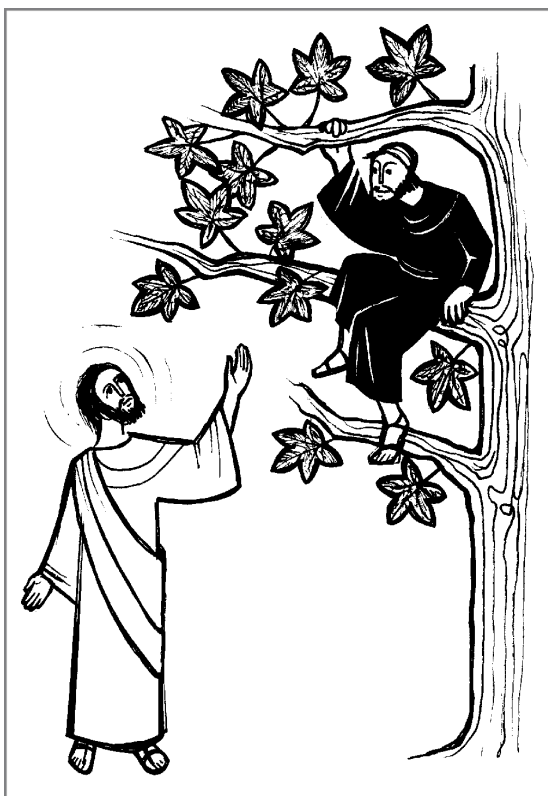
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



COME DOWN! SALVATION IS HERE!

Jesus says to the Zaccheus of every age:

'Come down, because I want to make my home in you this day and every day! Come down, because I cannot reach into 'exalted hearts' but only humble hearts. Come down, because I am too poor and too powerless to enter the walled communities of the rich who defend themselves from the rights of the poor.

'Come down and see what the world is like here among the poor. Come down, because I do not climb the ladders of ambition and power, but gladly knock upon the door of humble dwellings and enter in and serve! I find that fellow-servants always welcome me in and we joyfully sit together and eat Bread of Life!

'Come down and find your real self here in fellowship and friendship with those the world condemns, those the world pushes aside. I want to come and live in you, make your heart my dwelling place! I want to save rich and poor alike, for I love rich and poor alike - but Come down and discover this love in the hearts of the poor!'

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am

(live-streamed on Parish Website)

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Adoration at 9.00am

Mass with the School at 9.30am (all welcome)

Adoration at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY: **ALL SOULS' DAY (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)**

Adoration at 6.30pm

Parish Requiem at 7.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Martin de Porres, Dominican brother, Patron of Race Relations***
Adoration at 1.30am Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop of Council of Trent***
Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am

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

TODAY: [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

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who comes to share His Resurrection with each of us. We are called to an eternity of loving and living in the heart of God, called to utter fulfilment of our human person, our truest identity, in the presence of God who is the source of all Life and Love. We are called to be witnesses of New & Risen Life - a life and love that changes the world!

[2] We have the joy of **celebrating Baptism** with some of our children, and renewing our own Baptismal Commitment as missionary disciples of Christ the Way, the Truth & the Life!

[3] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Bernadette, Whitchurch, St Dunstan, Keynsham, St Pius X, Hartcliffe, Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, served by Fr Matt Anscombe, supported by Fr Michael Healy, Deacon Lester Yeo, Mark Forge, Pastoral Assistant Mrs Debbie Forge, Parish Co-ordinator Michael Hennessey, Outreach Worker Mrs Caroline Sadd, Parish Administrators Mrs Alice Maimone, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Children's Liturgy of the Word Team**. At last we are able to re-start this very important ministry (on the First Sunday of Advent), so that our 4-8 year olds can reflect upon the Word of God in a way appropriate to their age and development. This enables them to participate more fully in our Sunday Liturgy, build community ('the little church') and receive the foundation for future Catechesis (First Eucharist & Reconciliation). If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry, please contact Mary Hopper.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

G.A. Env £58.20 + Loose £340.75 + Card Reader £19.66 + S/O £111.05 = £529.66 - thanks
World Mission (Missio) £99.33 - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)

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5th Nov	Ethiopian Orthodox Mass at St Nicks
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)
12th Nov	November Requiem Mass at South Bristol Crematorium Chapel at 11am
12th Nov	Diocesan Day exploring Liturgical ministries with Fr Paul Turner (Cathedral)
13th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
16th Nov	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) at 12.30pm (City Rd Baptist Ch)
17th Nov	Funeral Mass for Henry Ogbu RIP at 11.00pm
19th Nov	November Requiem Mass at South Bristol Crematorium Chapel at 11am
27th Nov	First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year
3rd Dec	Memorial Mass for Mary Dowd RIP at 12 noon - all welcome
6th Dec	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (via Zoom)
8th Dec	Legacy Management Group meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
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 Session Two: Friday 4th November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre. The next Baptismal Sunday will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 8th January.

TIME TO START SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Bristol City Council, for admission during the 2023-24 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 Jan 2023.

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.

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

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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. For further information and the required internet link, please contact email: adult.education@cliftdioocese.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

NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD

We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives! **Please attend Mass on All Souls Day (as well as All Saints Day) to pray for them, and fill out the November Memorial lists that will be placed at the altar at every Mass in November.**

NOVEMBER MASS AT SOUTH BRISTOL CREMATORIUM CHAPEL 19th Nov - 11am

Many of us have family and friends whose Committals took place at South Bristol Crematorium or Cemetery (my own parents included). There will be a special November Mass for the Dead at S Bristol Chapel on Saturday 19th Nov at 11.00am - all are invited to come and pray for our beloved who have died.

Sycamore Tree Training Course - Marriage and Family Life Ministry

'Growing in Faith Together' (GIFT) is a 4 week course (beginning 7th November) 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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