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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *Freedom to Praise and Give Thanks!*

All were healed, all brought from their exclusion through leprosy back into the main stream of their society, restored to their families! What joy! But why did only one come back?

He was the Samaritan - even more excluded by the hatred and prejudice of Israel! But because he was not bound up by Law, he had the freedom of heart to shout his praise and return to Jesus! All healing sets us free, and praising God in all spontaneity and joyousness is the sound of freedom, the sound of healing! That is why we are an Easter People and Alleluia! Is our song - why we sing a new song to the Lord - and the real song is our lives set free for Love!

And who is it being healed and integrated back into the community - the most feared, those seen as 'unclean' and cursed by God. But God says - I love those you do not! I reach out to those you shun!

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

*Joint Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship and the Catholic Deaf Association at 3pm*

**MONDAY:** *Feast of St Paulinus, first Bishop of York (584-644)*

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St John XXIII, Reforming Pope of Vatican II (1881-1963)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of St John Henry Newman, priest, theologian (deferred) (1801-1890)*

Adoration at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm (*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:** ***Feast of St Edward the Confessor, King of England (died 1066)***  
*Adoration at 8.30am*      *Mass at 9.00am*

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Teresa of Avila, Reforming Carmelite Nun, Spiritual Teacher (1515-82)***  
*Adoration at 11.30am*      *Mass at 12noon*  
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm*

**TODAY:** [1] On the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the healer, the one who gathers the most excluded and discriminated against of our societies. His healing of the lepers is not just the healing of a physical illness, but is drawing them back into the inclusion in the life of their religious community as well as their cultural society. It is a prophetic action that challenges our nation and every nation that discriminates against certain groups of people. In both the first reading and the Gospel, the 'hated foreigner' find belonging and meaning ... a new life! Will we walk with the marginalised and create belonging?

[2] **We welcome little sister Catherine** who will speak to us today of St Charles de Foucauld and his relevance to the Global Synod the whole Catholic Church in engaged in at this time. After Mass, in the parish Hall, she will give us a 30 minute Presentation to which all are invited.

[3] All are welcome to share the **Signed Mass (for the deaf), combined with the monthly Mass for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm today.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [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 LBGTQ+ friends and families** at 3.00pm

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Gloucester, served by Mgr Canon Liam Slattery VG, Fr Stephen Corrigan, Deacons Colm Robinson, Tim Meadows, David Hebbes, Parish Administrator Mrs Therese English, and all the parish community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist**. Week by week they share in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass and also (very importantly) to our housebound sisters and brothers, extending the effectiveness of pastoral care in the parish. They also lead Services of Word and Communion (both on weekdays and Sundays) when our priest is ab-

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sent. This ministry is important in nurturing the worship, liturgical and sacramental life of the parish family. Please support them with your prayer and friendship.

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

**11/9/22** Env £99.00 + Loose £221.93 + Card Reader £29.49 + S/O £111.05 = £461.47

**18/9/22** Env £152.00 + Loose £274.10 + Card Reader £29.51 + S/O £111.05 = £566.66

**25/9/22** Env £56.00+ Loose £125.58 + Card Reader £34.42 + S/O £111.05 = £327.05

**1/10/22** Env £106.00+ Loose £182.75 + Card Reader £9.94 + S/O £111.05 = £409.74

**Collection for Pakistan Flood disaster (CAFOD) £216.83 - many thanks!**

**Donation (from Downside School) £200.00 - many thanks!**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

9th Oct Visit of Little Sisters of Jesus ref Lay Jesus Caritas Fraternities

12th Oct Borderlands Trustees and Staff - Strategy Day

13th Oct Legacy Management Group at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)

15th Oct Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm

16th Oct LBGTQ+ Mass and Ministry at 3.00pm

18th Oct Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (via Zoom)

19th Oct Diocesan Jubilarians Mass in Clifton Cathedral at 11.30am

22nd Oct Synod Facilitation Area Session at St Nick's 9.30am-3.30pm

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**

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

**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.

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**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 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.

**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 '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@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@clifftondiocese.com)

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE TWO YEAR GLOBAL 'SYNOD'**

"Breakthrough comes about as a gift of dialogue, when people trust each other and humbly seek the good together, and are willing to learn from each another in a mutual exchange of gifts. This is an 'overflow' of love, breaking the banks that confined our thinking and causes to pour forth answers that formerly we could not see. As Pope I want to encourage such 'overflows' by reinvigorating the ancient practice of 'Synod'. The term comes from Greek and means 'walking together' and its goal is to recognise, honour, and reconcile differences on a higher plane where the best of each can be retained: differences are expressed and polished until you reach, if not consensus, a harmony that holds all together. Therein lies its beauty: the harmony that results can be complex, rich and unexpected. In the Church the One who brings about harmony is the Holy Spirit."

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST** request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

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