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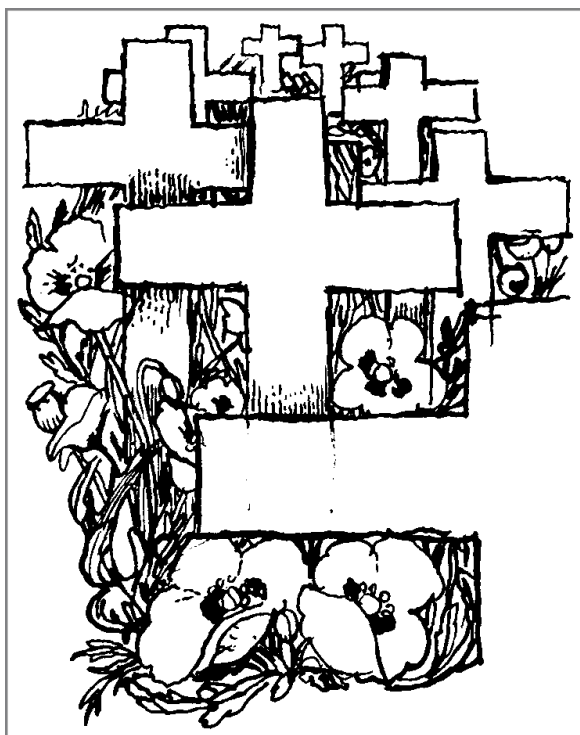
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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *Remembrance - the Pity not the Glory!*

War is brutal - it destroys the youth of nations and the innocence of humanity! War dehumanises all of us, drags us back into 'sub-humanity'. Yet we justify it by appeal to a noble cause so as to hide from ourselves its appalling destructiveness and its power to corrode the human spirit.

So today we remember - the pity of war! We do not glorify war but face its dark heart. And in remembering the millions of lives wasted over the last more than 100 years of bloody conflict, we cry to God for mercy. And we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us a new wisdom - how to solve conflicts with bloodshed, to deal with disputes without descending into the depravity of violence.

We remember so that we will not repeat; we remember so that we will glorify the heroisms of peace and peace-making. We remember so that the destructive fires of war will be transformed into the creative furnace of Love.

We remember, lest we forget the horror & pity!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS & Remembrance for Peace at 10.00am

*(live-streamed on Parish Website)*

*Signed Mass with the Catholic Deaf Community at 3.00pm - all welcome!*

**MONDAY:** Beatified Martyrs of Clifton Diocese including Bl Edward Powell of Bristol

Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** Feast of St Albert the Great, Dominican Bishop & Theologian (1206-1280)

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass for COP27 at 6.30pm *(live-streamed Parish Website)*

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of St Edmund of Canterbury, Bishop (1175-1240)

Adoration at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm

Reception of Henry Ogbu RIP at 4.30pm

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**THURSDAY:** ***Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Carthusian, Bishop (1135-1200)***  
**Funeral Mass for Henry Ogbu RIP at 11.00am**

**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of the Dedication of the Roman Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul***  
**Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am**

**SATURDAY:** **Adoration at 8.30am Mass for COP 27 at 9.00am**  
**November Mass for the Dead at 11.00am at South Bristol Cemetery Chapel**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm**

**TODAY:** [1] With the **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year** we near the conclusion of the Liturgical Year and the readings take on an apocalyptic 'flavour'. Jesus, as he nears the time of His Crucifixion warns us His disciples not to expect an easy ride on a glory train, but rather if we are like him we too can expect persecution, opposition, carrying the Cross of witnessing to the challenging love of Christ and his yearning for the Kingdom of Justice.

[2] As the Gospel speaks of nations at war and fearful sights, it is appropriate that we mark **Remembrance Sunday** with a Mass of Remembrance of the those killed in the brutality of war and a cry for Peace, the right of all peoples on the Earth.

[3] **Signed Mass for the Catholic Deaf Community at 3.00pm**, all are welcome!

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Christ, King of the Universe** on this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Pope Francis speaks of the Eucharist (in his Encyclical 'Laudato si' on Climate Change and Justice) as Christ's Cosmic Love! Christ the Creator is present in every atom of our Cosmos, is the heart of every star and galaxy! He is embedded in every scrap of dust on our beautiful planet. Our Mission is to share with him the task of caring for and developing our evolving 'Mother Earth' and liberate the poor and oppressed - especially as we confront the greatest human crisis in our history - Global warming.

[2] **Service of Word and Communion with the LGBTQ+ community** and friends at 3.00pm ... all are very welcome.

[3] I cannot be with you for this great Feast as I have been invited to share in a Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Rome for UK priests celebrating 40/50/60 year anniversary of Ordination, and my flight is at midday from Bristol airport. I am saddened that I cannot celebrate this Feast with you all, but I will remember you all in pray during this week of Pilgrimage.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Marlborough, with Holy Family, Pewsey, served by Fr John Blacker and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week we pray for the **Ministry of our Zimbabwean Community**. We rejoice in the cultural diversity of our parish and the many gifts that each community brings to build our parish family and resource our mission. We are privileged to host the monthly Shona Mass for the wider Zimbabwean community of the diocese - every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm.

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

G.A. Env £75.00 + Loose £248.98 + Card Reader £24.58 + S/O £111.05 = £590.85- thanks  
**CAFOD** £5.00 **CARITAS FUND** £20.00 **Flowers** £5.00 - thank you!

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

9th Nov Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)  
 12th Nov Diocesan Day exploring Liturgical ministries with Fr Paul Turner (Cathedral)  
 13th Nov Remembrance Sunday  
 16th Nov Borderlands Trustees meet at 10.00am (Assisi Centre)

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16th Nov	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) at 12.30pm (City Rd Baptist Ch)
17th Nov	Funeral Mass for Henry Ogbu RIP at 11.00am
19th Nov	November Requiem Mass at South Bristol Crematorium Chapel at 11am
27th Nov	<b>First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year</b>
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
24th Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.00pm</b>
25th Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS SOLEMN DAY MASS at 10.00am</b>
31st Dec	<b>Watchnight Mass for New Year 2023 at 10.00pm</b>
<b>2023</b>	
1st Jan	<b>New Years Day - Feast of Mary Mother of God - Mass for Peace 10.00am</b>
7th Jan	<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)</b>
8th Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday</b>
13th Jan	First Reconciliation Programme begins at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)
19th Jan	First Eucharist Programme begins at 4.00pm (Assisi Centre)

**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. For those enquiring about becoming Catholics, and for adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, or a renewal and 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** An evening series of on-line conversations to help deepen people's awareness of certain areas of faith and mission. The next session is on 23rd November, **'How do we become and evangelising presence in the digital world'** led by James

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Abbott. Each session will be from 7.30-8.45pm. For further information and the required internet link, please contact email: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**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. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives.

**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 South Bristol Chapel, Bridgewater Road, Bedminster Down on **Saturday 19th Nov at 11.00am** - all are invited to come and pray for our beloved who have died.

**HOW TO SUPPORT COP 27 CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE 6th-18th Nov**

Among the many crises facing our world, the greatest of them all is the ever increasing danger all our planet, all its peoples, all its creatures face because of Climate Change. We have all seen devastating weather conditions that are killing so many people and causing mass migration - drought, heat waves, storms, floods, wild fires etc. The future of our children and our grandchildren is at stake. We must stop abusing our planet: by ending our use of fossil fuels and changing our life-style of levels of consumption that our beautiful planet cannot sustain. **WE MUST ACT DECISIVELY NOW OTHERWISE IT WILL BE TOO LATE!** We all have a responsibility to change our own consumption and waste (eg plastics that are polluting our oceans). But we can support the United Nations COP27 Climate Conference with prayer (as well as pressing our political leaders to act!). Come to the Masses offered here for the healing of our Planet through COP 27 during the Conference, ALSO:

**Opportunities for Prayer for Cop 27**

**Join, for prayer on line Mon 14 Nov 12.45-2.00pm Prayer and Reflection for COP-27 then: Monday 12th Dec 12.45-2.00pm Feedback on COP-27, Advent, 2023**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

> <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86777747259?pwd=UIFLenRnTGRiVndLL3o2c1ZkcUVoZz09>

> Meeting ID: 867 7774 7259 ... Passcode: 941198

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FEEDBACK** I am struck how dynamic our new Pastoral Council is, recognising the responsibility we have to plan well during these two years preparing for my semi-retirement by September 2024 and likely full retirement in 2026. Last week's meeting concentrated on how to embed the process of 'synodality' in our parish community and decision-making, a major part of that process, as well as sketching out the 'roadmap' towards the time when St Nicks will be a lay-led parish served by a non-resident priest (likely to be myself between 2024 and 2026). The PPC recognised the challenge of recruiting volunteers at this time willing to serve in the ministries that enable our parish life and mission to continue (eg parish office ministry, food bank ministry, cleaning the church ministry etc, catechesis ministry). Thanks to the Legacy we have received from the late Jean Hamnett we are in a position to employ both a Food Bank Manager and a Parish Administration Co-ordinator to support the work of the parish. These posts will be advertised early December.

**LIVE-STREAMING MASS** I am concerned to hear that some are using the live-streamed masses as a substitute for attending Mass in person, gathering with their community. Live-streaming is for those who cannot get to mass, not a substitute for those who can!

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