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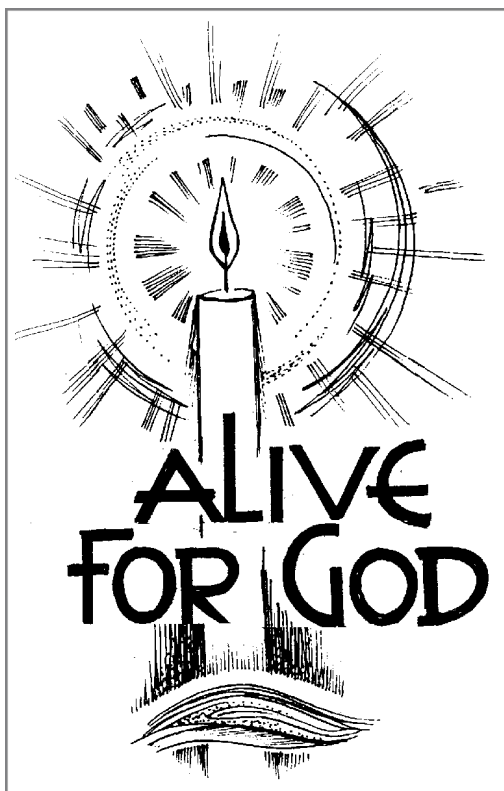
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Resurrection - Comforting Myth or Challenging Reality?

How can we believe in 'Eternal Life' or in 'Resurrection of the Body'? Is it just our need for assurance, our need to think we will somehow continue? Is it a way of avoiding the reality of death and the end?

Yet not only eternal life but a personal existence for all eternity in our humanity (the Resurrection of the Body) is at the heart of our faith in Christ. For no other reason than that Jesus conquered death and in Him love broke through and transformed death in to fulness of our life, the fulfilment of our destiny.

If we fall way into oblivion after a few short years then our life is meaningless - worse it is absurd, some cosmic joke at our expense. Then all reality becomes trivial and we might as well lead hedonistic and self-centred lives for the short time we are here!

BUT! we are eternal creations of God, fragments of God upon the earth. Yes there is comfort - but also the challenge to gather even the Universe itself into Resurrection and an eternity of loving! What vision! What a source of power for love and new creation!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Celebration of Baptism at 10.00am

(live-streamed on Parish Website)

Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome!

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm

Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm

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

WEDNESDAY: Feast of Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica, Cathedral Church of Rome

Adoration at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Leo the Great, Pope & Theologian (died 461)***
Adoration at 11.30am *Service of Word and Communion* at 12noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Martin of Tours, Abbot and Bishop (316-397)***
Adoration at 8.30am *Mass* at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr for Unity (1580-1623)***
Adoration at 11.30am *Mass for COP 27* at 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [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

NEXT SUNDAY: [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!

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 Pastor, Richard**. Called to be a mission enabler, a shepherd who guides, nurtures and above all loves the flock of Christ, a bearer of God's Word to our contemporary world, Breaking Bread for God's people, servant of healing and forgiveness, animator of the ministries and charisms of all God's people - his ministry is fulfilled as the whole community grow in ministry and mission. His joy is to share ministry with the whole community. Sadly, Ordination to the priesthood is still withheld from married men and all women. Richard strongly disagrees with this rule of human making that denies God's calling of so many of our sisters and brothers and prays this prohibition will soon end.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

G.A. Env £60.00 + Loose £420.03 + Card Reader £19.67 + S/O £111.05 = £590.85- thanks
CAFOD £40.00 **CARITAS FUND** £32.00 **Food Bank** £100.00 - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 Diocesan Day exploring Liturgical ministries with Fr Paul Turner (Cathedral)
13th Nov Remembrance Sunday

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16th Nov	Borderlands Trustees meet at 10.00am (Assisi Centre)
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	First Sunday of Advent - a new Liturgical Year
1st Dec	Parents of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation 2023 meet 4pm (Assisi Ct)
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	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.00pm
25th Dec	CHRISTMAS SOLEMN DAY MASS at 10.00am
31st Dec	Watchnight Mass for New Year 2023 at 10.00pm
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1st Jan	New Years Day - Feast of Mary Mother of God - Mass for Peace 10.00am
7th Jan	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)
8th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday
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.

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

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

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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 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 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

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 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, in Person in London on Saturday 12 November see below [2]. Or, on line Mon 14 Nov See below [1] :-

[1] Monday 14th 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

[2] Saturday 12 Nov at 11.30 am Gather For Prayer and support [organised by CAFOD and Other Faith Groups and Seculars] Participants meet at 11.30am outside St John's Church, Waterloo, for prayers from different faith traditions. Then, join the main march outside the Shell building on the South Bank, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 7NA, at noon.

The march route ends at Trafalgar Square, where there will be a rally from 2.30 until around 4pm Register with CAFOD to let us know you will be joining us on the

day: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cop27-global-day-of-action-mobilisation-tickets-433464954347

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