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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - World Day of the Sick



JESUS - GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

The Church is called by the Healing Jesus to be a community of Healing at the heart of the brokenness of our world. Jesus brought the Kingdom of the Father, the reign of Love's Wholeness and Freedom, breaking into people's lives through His extensive Ministry of Healing and Liberation. We are a healing community by the quality of our welcome, by the gentleness of our loving, by the courage of our standing alongside each other, by the receptivity of our listening to the pain that struggles to be heard, by the depth of faith and compassion that we bring to our praying with others in their need. The Church's Healing Ministry is not just about the Sacrament of Healing administered by priests - it is about all of us, the baptised, our faith to expect God to heal, our love in holding the hurting, and the courage of our struggling for peace and for justice in our broken world.

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Sacrament of Healing at 10.00am (*on Parish Website*)
Signed Mass with the Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, Patrons of Europe (9th century)*
Adoration at 6.00pm *Mass* at 6.30pm (*live-streamed Parish Website*)

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.30pm *Mass* at 7.00pm

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30pm *Mass* at 12 noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am *Mass* at 9.00am

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SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon
Mass in Shona with the Zimbabwean community at 1.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] The **Sixth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus who in the famous 'Sermon on the Mount' calls us to a holiness deeper than keeping the law - the holiness of love that surpasses any law. This is the 'hidden wisdom of God' of which St Paul speaks, the 'things that God has revealed to us through the Holy Spirit'. He is our wisdom. *Please note the Gospel of the Mass has been changed in order to celebrate the Healing Love of Christ through his Church - it speaks of the crowds coming to Jesus for healing and who were never sent away disappointed! This is the heart of the Mission of the Church today.*

[2] As part of our celebration of the **World Day of the Sick** the **Sacrament of Anointing for Healing** will be offered during Mass. We are glad to welcome Canon Michael Fitzpatrick to concelebrate the Mass and the Ministry of Anointing

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

[4] **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA, THROUGH CAFOD.** We have all been profoundly affected by this huge disaster and humanitarian crisis that has overtaken our sisters and brothers. They urgently need our help and support. Please be as generous as you can - thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] The **Seventh Sunday of the Year** continues to celebrate Jesus the teacher of a New Law - of unlimited love! Love for our enemies! Love that never discriminates! Love that is generous and without judgement of another. This is the heart of Christian love but it is the very nature of God's universal and merciful love. Is it ours too?

[2] With joy we welcome our children and families who are preparing for First Eucharist later this year as we celebrate with them **the Liturgy of Enrolment for First Eucharist**. Please prayer for both children and families as they take this important step in their lives.

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[4] **Mass with LGBTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph, Weston-super-Mare served by Canon Tom Gunning, Deacons Stephen Munday, Michael Roberts, Tom Moffat (also Jack Brannigan, retired), Parish Administrators Tracey Nelson, Maricris Magbanua and all the their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the ministry of our **Church Cleaning Team** who meet to clean our church every Friday at 10.00am. They do need more volunteers to step forward to help for a couple of hours on a Friday (note necessarily every week). This team work faithfully in the background to make sure we have a clean and reverential place for our worship. We thank them. To volunteer please contact Richard or Eddie

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

G.A. Env £74.00 + Loose £228.59 Card Reader £?? + S/O £165.88 = £468.47 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

12th Feb Signed Mass for Catholic Deaf Community at 3.00pm (all welcome)
 18th Feb Mass with Zimbabwean Community in Shona at 1.30pm
 19th Feb Liturgy of Enrolment of First Eucharist children & families at 10.00am Mass
 19th Feb Mass with LGBTQ+ Community at 3.00pm (all welcome)
 22nd Feb **ASH-WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS**

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26th Feb	Liturgy of Enrolment of First Eucharist children & families at 10.00am Mass
28th Feb	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
9th March	Liturgy of Reconciliation with Bp Declan, Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym 6pm
14th March	Borderlands Annual Open Meeting at 1.30pm (Church)
15th March	Ashley Churches Together Serving meet at 12.30pm
15th March	Borderlands Trustees meet at 1.30pm
22nd March	Mass with National Quest Community (via Zoom) at 7.00pm
23rd March	Parish Pastoral Council Meets at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
24th March	Anniversary Mass of St Oscar Romero's Martyrdom at 7.00pm
25th March	Reconciliation Service including First Reconciliation at 3.00pm
2nd April	PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS
9th April	EASTER SUNDAY - THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
25th April	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (via Zoom)

CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONFIRMATION IN THE HOLY SPIRIT We have a group of about 10 young people interested in exploring whether they are ready to be confirmed in the Holy Spirit. The minimum age for Confirmation is 13 years. While parents are asked to encourage their children, the decision to be confirmed **MUST REMAIN THE DECISION OF THEIR YOUNG PERSON THEMSELVES**. The Confirmation Course will begin on Friday 21st April at 5.30pm. If there are other young people apart from those who met last Sunday, please contact Richard or Mary Hopper as soon as possible.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - WEEKEND OF HEALING PRAYER On Friday we celebrated a Healing Mass with individual prayer with our healing prayer teams. Today we celebrate the Sacrament of healing for all who wish to receive this sacrament for healing of body, mind or spirit. Healing was a central work and witness of Jesus in proclaiming the Good News ... and healing must remain a central focus of the Church of Christ's mission in the world. In the words of Pope Francis, every parish is called to be 'God's Field Hospital'. Today we give thanks and pray for all who are involved with healing and health-care: doctors, nurses, psychiatrists and counsellors, all working in the NHS and Care work in nursing homes and the community, and all family and neighbours who care for the sick, elderly and vulnerable. They are all God's healing hands of love embracing others.

"I was sick, and you visited me..." (Mt 25:36) - VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT BRI

The Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care of the central Bristol Hospitals (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston) is looking for people to give up two hours a week each to reach out to the sick as volunteer chaplains. If you are interested in this important ministry, and would like to find out more about the recruitment and thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Chaplaincy Team Leader, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9 - 4:00, or email Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT ST NICKS



[1] **Foodbank Manager** 22.5 hrs a week Salary: £25000-28,000 p/a (35 hours fte) pro rata Pension: Clifton Diocese Pension Scheme with Royal London
2 Year Fixed Term Contract (with prospect of becoming permanent)

[2] **Parish Office Co-ordinator** 14hrs a week Salary: starting salary £20,950 (35 hours fte) pro rata Pension: Clifton Diocese Pension Scheme with Royal London
2 Year Fixed Term Contract (with prospect of becoming permanent)
For a suitable candidate the two posts could be combined to make a full-time job.
Person skills and support of the Parish's Mission to the Disadvantaged essential.

Email bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftondiocese.com to express interest.

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LAY READERS NEEDED It is **time to recruit more 'Proclaimers of the Word (or Lay Readers)**. We seek volunteers, especially so that our diverse community can be better represented in those who proclaim the Word of God to us. There will be training sessions arranged in the New Year and a Commissioning of all Lay Readers. Please think about serving in this way too: if interested please contact Fr Richard or Reagan d'Mello

A FAITH FULL JOURNEY - a series to deepen and develop our faith An evening series of online conversations (7.30 to 8.45pm) - all are welcome! The next in the series is on Tuesday 21st February on the eve of the beginning of Lent and will be led by Canon John Udris on the theme of '**The Desert of Lent**'. For more information and the access to the on-line link, please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

URGENT APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS The NHS has 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 this year as demand rises 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, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.***

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **We need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.**

FEEDBACK FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING On the 26th January we had a very wide ranging discussion of many issues. This included:
 Security and access issues to our church and centre complex;
 Day of Reflection for all choirs members in Lent;
 Future support of the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter (difficulties this year);
 Formation and Training for Ministry of proclaiming the Word;
 Parish Finances and planning for the future without a resident priest;
 Possible formation of small groups to strengthen community in the parish;
 Laudato Si parish events ref Climate Change;
 Decline in participation in weekday celebration of Mass - how to respond?
 Improving IT (especially website) in the parish;
 Need to plan use of the presbytery when Richard moves out in 18 months time;
 Growing 'Synodality' in the parish's decision-making

DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE? Help from 'Carers Support Centre' More and more people are looking after someone - because of ageing, dementia, disability of one kind or another. They can feel very isolated and unsupported. If this affects you in any way, please see the posters and leaflets in the church porch from '**carerstrust**' - helpline: 01179652200; email carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk or visit their website www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk - and also let us know how we as a parish community can help.

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