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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY & UNDIVIDED TRINITY



### ***THE GOD BEYOND ALL NAMES!***

The One God Who is Three? Sounds absurd! A God Who is Lover, Beloved and the Love between? A God Who is Creator, Redeemer and Life Giver? A God Who is Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker? Never a God who is alone, lonely, isolated, but always a God who is community, relationship, Love!

How could God be love (and not just 'do' love?) without being a network of loving relationships, love's eternal energy flowing between Father whose existence is loving the Son, whose existence is being loved by the Father, and that shared love, that mutual eternal and infinitely creative gaze being the Holy Spirit - the breath of their Loving from before all time.

And we are created in their image and likeness - to be whole and human only in relationship, in loving. We are incomplete without reaching out in love to the other, and to the Divine Other.

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Baptisms 10.00am (*streamed on Parish website*)  
*Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome*

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy today*

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of Boniface, Missionary Monk and Bishop, Martyr (672-754)*  
*Adoration at 6.00pm*                      *Mass at 6.30pm*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration at 6.00pm*                      *Mass at 6.30pm (resumes to this normal time)*

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

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**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of St Columba (Columcille) of Iona, Celtic Abbot (521-597)***  
*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] Having celebrated the full cycle of the saving events and actions of God in Christ, we now celebrate the **Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity**. We celebrate not what God does, but who God is - a network of totally loving relationships. And through being baptised 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' we are immersed in this loving relationships and the God who is Love makes the divine home in us! This is such a contemplative Feast - a day to wonder and gaze upon the grandeur of God's great loving of you, me, all humanity, all creatures, the whole Cosmos! Alleluia!

[2] It is very fitting that we celebrate the **Baptism of some of our children** in this Feast of the Holy Trinity - please pray for them and their families.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ ('Corpus Christi)**, giving thanks to God for this immeasurable gift of all God's love and life in the poverty of a little bread and a drop of wine, transformed by the Holy Spirit and the prayer of the priestly people of God the infinite riches of Christ Jesus sacrificial love for us and his world! There is no greater banquet that we could ever be invited to share!

[2] With joy and very appropriately on this Feast, **we celebrate First Eucharist** with eleven of our children at the 10.00am Mass. Please pray for these children and their families.

[3] **Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm - all welcome!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Bonaventure, Bishopston, served by Mgr Bernard Massey, Parish Administrator Joanna Adamek and all their community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for the **Ministry and Life of our Ethiopian Orthodox community**, who this weekend celebrate their Eucharist in our church. They hold a prayer Service each Sunday in the Assisi Centre at 2.00pm. We rejoice to host our Orthodox sisters and brothers and provide a home for them among us. Please pray for the peace of Ethiopia/Tigray in the current civil conflict.

### **COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

G.A. Env £20.00 + Loose £284.70 + Card Reader £— + S/O £165.88 = £470.58 - thanks!

**Donation (from Zimbabwean Community)** £119.02 - thank you

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023**

4th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
8th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm
11th June	<b>Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday</b>
8th July	Christians at Bristol Pride Service at 10.00am (Cotham Parish Church)
9th July	The Glastonbury Pilgrimage
12th July	Ashley Churches Together meet at Salvation Army Ashley Road Citadel 12.30pm
15th July	Pre-Confirmation Retreat Day at Emmaus House 9.30am-3.30pm
23rd July	<b>Bishop Declan celebrates Confirmation with our young people at 10am Mass</b>
30th July	Baptismal Sunday
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day: Prayer for peace & disarmament
15th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary - HolyDay of Obligation</b>
1st Sept	Journey of Faith 2023/2024 begins at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)

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**LIVE-STEAMING WEEKDAY MASSES?** Recently we have not been able to live-stream Mass on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm, so sadly we have to suspend this service of live-streaming on Tuesdays until we can find more volunteers willing to be trained to live-stream so that we can give a consistent service to our housebound and wider 'diaspora' community. **Can I ask for volunteers to come forward who would be available on a rota to live-stream mass each Tuesday 6.30pm. If you can help, please contact Richard or Reagan - thank you! I hope we can soon restart this valuable service to those who cannot attend Mass.**

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** We have concluded this year's Journey of Faith. We will begin the 2023/2024 Journey of Faith on **Friday 1st September at 6.30pm** with the 'Come and See' meeting. We invite all who wish to consider becoming Catholics to come to this meeting (and contact Richard before then); together with those who wish to explore their faith more, Catholic adults who have not been confirmed in the Holy Spirit and all who desire a 'renewal' of faith and commitment as Disciples of Christ.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - COME AND JOIN US AND SERVE OTHERS**

I was encouraged to know that 14 people filled in forms expressing interest in re-forming the parish SVP Conference. But it was very discouraging that none of the 14 came to the information session that has been arranged. John and Sally (as well as Mary Otoo) gave up their time and spent money on transport for no reason! I still really hope we can gather enough new people to re-start the SVP conference in the parish in the service of pastoral care in the area into the future.

**FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY**

A reminder that that we are celebrating the **First Eucharist** of 11 of our children on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11th** at the 10.00am mass. There will be refreshments in the parish hall afterwards as the children have their 'First Eucharist breakfast'. Please pray for the children and their families.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT KNOCK, IRELAND**

Join other pilgrims from our diocese. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**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. **Some have found work so we urgently need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Eddie or Richard to volunteer for this ministry, act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY**

On Sunday 9th July, Bishop Declan invites our whole diocesan family to join together for the annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage. In past years we have organised a parish coach - we would need to charge a realistic fare. We would leave after our 10.00am mass - leaving by 12noon. Bring a picnic lunch and water (in case the weather is hot!). We would return after the Pilgrimage Mass which is at 3.30pm (ie around 5.00pm). There is a full programme with opportunities for Adoration in the parish church, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Healing Prayer, the Rosary Procession and of course the Mass. I encourage our community to take part in this unique Diocesan Public Witness to our faith.

**NOTE ABOUT GLASTONBURY:**

There are legends about Joseph of Arimathea visiting Glastonbury as well as St Paul preaching there (this latter is historically possible, though

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very unlikely!). From the 6th century it has been a centre of devotion to Mary, the Mother of the Lord. There was founded a Celtic monastery from very early days which developed into the great Abbey whose ruins we see now. St Dunstan was abbot there and became a renowned Archbishop of Canterbury who composed the Coronation Service for the first King of England, much of which is still used in the Coronation of King Charles III we witnessed recently. With Henry VIII's break with the Catholic Church in the 16th century and the destruction of the nation's monasteries, the Torr saw the martyrdom of the Abbot, Prior and Sub-prior of the monastery for refusing to conform to the 'new religion'. It has been a centre for Pilgrimage both Catholic and Anglican for the past one hundred years.

**CHRISTIANS AT BRISTOL PRIDE - JULY 8th** In so many parts of the world our LGBTQ+ friends are experiencing increasing persecution, criminalisation and discrimination, so often promoted by Christian Churches, including many local Catholic Bishops despite the teaching and leadership of Pope Francis. It is therefore even more important that we Christians in UK offer an alternative witness ... one of inclusion, welcome and acceptance. As Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, USA preached recently:

*"As you celebrate the annual Pride festival, know that I and many of the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington will be praying for you and with you at this time. I know that it has been a particularly hard year following the [State] legislative session with all its punitive measures against youth identifying as trans[gender]. I also know of the struggles that many of you experience personally and the rejection, meanness, misunderstanding and exclusion that you have too often experienced from communities of faith - including our own Catholic community. We all need to work to be more compassionate, understanding, civil, kind and willing to re-discover the universal fraternity that is God's plan. First and foremost, you are children of God. With that comes immense dignity and worth that cannot be taken away. During this time of [Pride Month] celebration, I hope that you will draw closer to the God of all creation and experience the all-embracing love manifest in Jesus."*

I hope many of us will share in the Christians at Bristol Pride Service at 10.00am on Saturday 8th July at the New Rooms Wesley Chapel in Broadmead. There are other ways also to support and witness not only to the LGBTQ+ community here in Bristol, but also to Church and Society that value and support these our brothers, sisters, friends. For more information of how you can be involved, please contact:

John Flannery email: [inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com)

### **Pastoral Ministry Course: Next Course**

We are now actively seeking to recruit for the next course which begins in September 2023. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you!

Interested? – then please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June. Here you will hear in more detail about the two courses, content of both, time commitment involved and costs including the role of parishes to support those who take on either of the courses. **Both information sessions are at 7.00pm**

**Tuesday June 13th at Sacred Heart, Grange Court Road, Westbury-on-Trym BS9 4DR**

**Wednesday June 14th at St John the Evangelist,, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF**

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