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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Responsible Loving - Correcting on another!

'Love' is a 'suitcase' word - open it up and it contains a myriad of qualities. Jesus challenges us to love one another enough to correct one another.

In the monastic tradition there is the 'Chapter of Faults' and in the de Foucauld tradition there is the 'Review of Life' - each are expressions of a community so supportive that we can dare to speak truth to one another, precisely because we love each other. To speak truth without love is to wield a knife that wounds; to love without speaking truth is to be a surgeon who refuses to operate and save life.

To allow another to correct us is an act of generous love; to speak love's word of correction to a brother or sister to love with courage. Many problems in today's Britain (the recent riots etc) stem from not having the courage to love in a way that gives boundaries to our children or one another - responsible loving is 'tough loving' truthful loving! It is the love that heals society!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS for Season of Creation at 10.00am (*streamed on website*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Theologian (347-407)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
Adoration at 11.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 12noon

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FRIDAY: **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**
Adoration 8.30am Service of Word & Communion at 9.00pm

SATURDAY: **Feast of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (died c258)**
Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

10/09/2023: [1] On the **Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who is not afraid to challenge His disciples - challenge us - to grow in His love. A disciple is one who seeks to model his/her life and behaviour on Jesus and His love. And we are called to community in Christ and so to be open and welcome when others help us to grow in awareness of our need to change and challenge attitudes and behaviour inconsistent with being a disciple of Christ Jesus and a witness to His love.

[2] September is the **Church's 'Season of Creation'** and we are praying for the Healing of our Common Home the Earth and justice for those who suffer most from the effects of Global Warming. Our continued abuse of the Planet is the greatest Moral and global Crisis humanity has ever faced - we must act and ACT NOW!

[3] The **Annual Financial Statement will be given by the Parish Finance Committee** together with information and support in making Gift-aided Offertory and other donations. The Financial Statement will cover the Financial Year 2022. The PFC apologises that this statement is so late in the year (due to technical problems) and we are committed to ensuring the 2023 Statement will be much earlier in 2024!

[4] **Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council** close today.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY: **PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION** at 10.00am (*streamed on website*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Korean Martyrs**

Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Adoration at 11.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 12noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration* 8.30am Service of Word & Communion at 9.00pm

SATURDAY: **Feast of S Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Franciscan priest (1887-1968)**
 Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Andrew Bent at 11.00am
 (Clifton Cathedral) - all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

17/09/2023: [1] With the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who brings us the 'Joy of the Gospel' as He forgives us everything and asks nothing of us except that we forgive others as He forgives us. Forgiveness can be the most difficult but profound part of loving - the love to allow ourselves to be forgiven (especially forgiving ourselves) as well as to forgive another, especially when the wound is so

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deep and the hurt so great. It can be a life time's journey to the freedom that comes with forgiving. But God is with us and will lead us to experience and share Gospel Joy!

DIOCESAN PRAYER 10/9/23 The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings (Cheltenham), served by Fr Mark Moran, Parish Administrator Mrs Linda Portwain, and all their community.

17/9/23 The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, and St Pius X, Withywood served by Fr Matt Anscombe, Deacons Mark Forge and Lester Yeo, Outreach Worker Caroline Sadd, Parish Administrator Mrs Debbie Forge, and both their communities

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION 10/9/23 We pray for the **Ministry of our Parish Finance** Committee, very appropriately as we have the Annual Financial Statement today! This group is chaired by Akwa and our treasurer Mairead Samuel is stepping down and handing over to Armand Etoundi. The PFC has oversight of all parish monies, sets the annual budget and ensures good stewardship of all parish financial resources in service of our Parish Mission. If you have skills in this area and feel you can help, please contact Richard

17/9/23 We pray for the **Ministry of live-streaming Sunday Mass and some other services**. This ministry serves our 'extended community' - we know that people as far away as New Zealand and El Salvador and different parts of Africa and Europe join us as well as those who are house-bound. Also there are those who feel alienated from the Church and unable to attend their local community also join us. This ministry is clearly nourishing people's spiritual hungers. If you could assist in live-streaming Mass on Sundays and occasionally other days and times, please contact Debo or Reagan.

COLLECTIONS - 10/9 to 1/10 TO BE PUBLISHED October 7th

3/09/23 G.A.Env £45.00 + Loose £333.58 + Card Reader £9.84 + S/O £165.88 = £-554.30
CAFOD £88.90 **many thanks!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

10th Sept	Annual Financial Statement of Church accounts by PFC for 2022
10th Sept	
23rd Sept	Andrew Bent's Ordination to the Diaconate in Cathedral at 11.00am
24th Sept	Nominations for enlarged Parish Pastoral Council members close
5th Oct	Enlarged Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
6th Oct	CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
7th Oct	Gathering of the Diocese at St Brendans Sixth Form College
8th Oct	Election of 8 new members for the Parish Pastoral Council
14th Oct	Mass in Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral at 12 noon
19th Oct	Parish Finance Committee via Zoom at 7.30pm
28th Oct	Meeting of the Joint Committees PPC, PFC, Legacy Group at 9.30am
1st Nov	All Saints Day - Holyday of Obligation
2nd Nov	All Soul's Day - come and pray for our beloved who have died
26th Nov	Feast of Christ the King and Baptismal Sunday

THE SEASON OF CREATION - A CALL TO PRAYER AND ACTION Pope Francis has placed the issues of Global Warming and Justice for the Poor at the heart of the Church's mission and witness. He has also *established September as 'The Season of Creation'*. We have witnessed in recent months the ravages of Climate Change in heatwaves and wild fires, together with drought and floods. We all need both to pray and to act to bring healing to our planet and all its creatures. When will we wake up to our responsibility to make radical changes to our life-styles and force our gov-

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ernments to enact policies that are faithful to pledges made to limit Global Warming to 1.5C. Our 'common home' our 'Mother Earth' is heading for catastrophic harm unless we act NOW! *'Lord, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our wills to act decisively and urgently!'*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS Our next **Baptismal Sunday is on the Feast of Christ the King, 26th November at 10.00am Mass**. The first Preparation Session will be on Friday 3rd November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre, with **Rite of Child Catechumen on Sunday 5th November at 10.00am Mass**. Second Preparation Session is on Friday 24th November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre. Any parents seeking the Baptism of their child, please contact Eustace Tameh or Richard.

JOURNEY OF FAITH We have begun this year's Journey of Faith. Our next meeting will be on ... at ... in the Assisi Centre. We invite all who wish to consider becoming Catholics to join the group (contact Richard); together with those who wish to explore their faith more, and 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. Please contact Richard, Margaret or Mary for more information.

ANDREW BENT'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE Andrew is being ordained a Permanent Deacon on **Saturday 23rd September in Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am**. He invites all who wish to share this special day with him to come to the Mass of Ordination. Very sadly I will be on holiday that weekend (normally the Ordination is held in July!), but I do encourage our community to share the Mass and pray for him as he takes this profound step of commitment to the service of the Church and the poor and marginalised.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS The PPC decided recently that we needed to enlarge the Council, as in this period of transition towards Richard's 'semi-retirement' the work and responsibility increases while some members' capacity has lessened. **So we seek nominations in order to elect 8 new Parish Pastoral Councillors no later than Sept 24th with the Elections on October 8th**. Please think and pray carefully about this: who might be suitable and have the capacity to offer the servant leadership PPC members to which commit themselves. Availability, cultural, gender and age diversity are all aspects to reflect upon. Please make sure you have the consent of the person you are nominating prior to nomination. All Nominations to be submitted by Sunday 10th September.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Once again Bishop Declan is inviting all couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary of Marriage to gather for this special **Annual Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday October 14th at 12 noon**. All preparing to be married in the coming 12 months are also invited. If you have a significant anniversary, could you let me know so that I can forward your names to Bishop's House. The Diocese wishes to value all seek to live the Sacrament of Matrimony. Thank you.

CLIMBING SNOWDEN IN PRAYER TO RAISE FUNDS - PLEASE SPONSOR You can still support the LOV Verbum Dei Hikers who on September 9th ascended Snowdon, Wales' highest peak, dedicating their steps to prayer intentions and raising £5,000 **to aid the Foodbank of St Nicholas of Tolentino, and repair the Broken Lift at St Mary On-the-Quay, Bristol's oldest Roman Catholic church**. Your contributions will make a significant impact, amplifying Christ's love and compassion in the world. **To give go on this website:** <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lov-verbumdei> or use the QR code.

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Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists.

The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21 September
2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28 September
3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5 October
4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12 October
5. Methods and Resources – 19 October
6. Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26 October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith.

To sign up for the series please contact:

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