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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Go to the Vineyard - a new Evangelisation

A rich parable of Jesus - the world as a vineyard to be cared for lovingly: the Church as the community of co-workers caring for and harvesting the earth, for creation is part of salvation too!

We are all called by the Lord of the Harvest to go into the vineyard of our society and there 'harvest' - gather others to Jesus Christ, proclaim the Good News of God's infinite love in Christ, to offer the world a taste of the rich wine of God's presence and compassion; to struggle for Justice and the rights of the poor among us; to permeate our society with Gospel values as leaven in the dough.

Young or old, we are all workers in the Lord's Vineyard, seeking new ways to re-evangelise our nation which has grown sadly tired of the Gospel!

SUNDAY: PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION at 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Adoration at 6.00pm*

Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: *Feast of St Vincent de Paul, Priest founder of Vincentian family (1581-1660)*

Adoration at 11.30pm

Mass at 12noon

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FRIDAY: **Feast Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
Adoration 8.30am **Mass at 9.00pm**

SATURDAY: **Feast of St Jerome, Priest and Father of Biblical Theology (342-420)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

24/09/2023: [1] On the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus whom the Father sent to gather all humanity into the Kingdom of God. His disciples, the Church, you and me, are called and sent into the world to bring a life worth living, a hope of justice, a freedom both inner and social and political, to all and especially the most deprived of life, justice and freedom. Will we go and work in the vineyard?

[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] **Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council** close today. Please hand them in today or place them in the Parish Office. The Elections will take place on 8th October.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm **Mass at 6.30pm**

WEDNESDAY: **Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron of Ecology and Peace (1181-1226)**
Adoration at 6.00pm **Mass at 6.30pm**

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

FRIDAY: **Feast of St Bruno, Priest, Monk, Founder of the Carthusian Order (1032-1101)**
Adoration 8.30am **Service of Word & Communion at 9.00pm**

SATURDAY: **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Diocesan Day on New Pastoral Areas and Synodal Process in diocese - no Liturgy
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

1/10/2023: [1] With the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who challenges our 'religious complacency', our hypocrisies, every time we do not act according to what we say we believe. So often we judge others whose lives are chaotic unlike ours! Yet God sees to the heart and recognises love in places and people we condemn. When will we and our Church live with the heart of Christ?

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

[3] **Elections papers for the Parish Pastoral Council** will be distributed, to be returned at Mass next Sunday 8th October (if you are not able to be at Mass in that day, return them to the Presbytery or Parish office no later than 8th October.

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THOUGHT FOR TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY Who are God's Faithful People?

We go to Church, we say our prayers, we live reasonably upright lives and honest lives - what more does God want? Well ... are we people who do enough? Or people who want to give everything? Are we people who are self-satisfied? Or are we people for who know we need God's mercy and yearn to receive more and to be more?

Heaven will be full of surprises - for our God is the God of surprises! The chaotic addicts who know a bit about love will be there with the saints! The abused prostitutes who know their utter need will be there with the Virgin Mary! The unbelievers who love and struggle for a better a world will be there with Apostles! We say yes to God - but do we really? Are we people of the Heart? Are we people of Mission?

DIOCESAN PRAYER 24/9/23 The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine, Chipping Camden, Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold, with Bourton-on-the-Water served by Fr John Brennan, Stephen Lambert, Parish Administrator Andrew Gorzynski, and both their communities.

1/10/23 The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury and St Michael, Tetbury served by Fr Philip Thomas, Fr Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS, Deacon Steve Boughton, Parish Administrator Mrs Elaine Wright, and all their communities

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION 24/9/23 We pray for the **Ministry of Proclaiming the Word of God in the Liturgy**. Those who proclaim the Scriptures to us during Mass and other liturgies are sharing in the Ministry of 'breaking the Bread of the Word', serving the Real Presence of Christ in His Word Proclaimed to His People. The help all of us both truly hear God's Word, but also help us to be both 'doers of the Word' and 'Proclaimers of the Word' by our lives and our words flowing from lives of faith and love in Christ.

1/10/23 We pray for the **Ministry of Healing Prayer**. Pope Francis says that every parish is to be 'God's Field Hospital' where the hurting, rejected, and wounded (in body, mind and spirit) have a right to come, be welcomed, cared for and ministered to - with His unconditional love. There are those among us who have been trained to pray healing for others, and in the autumn we will arrange further training - if you feel called to this ministry, please see Richard or Mary

COLLECTIONS - TO BE PUBLISHED Sunday October 8th

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

24th Sept	Nominations for PPC new members closes
7th Oct	Gathering of the Diocese at St Bede's College
8th Oct	Election of 8 new members of the Parish Pastoral Council at 10am Mass
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

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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 governments 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 17th November at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre, with **Rite of Child Catechumen on Sunday 19th 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.

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 Councilors no later than Sept 24th with 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.

ST NICK'S SCHOOL NEWS

[1] Free Family Forest Sessions

St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary school are holding free family forest school sessions for pre-school children and families. The first one will take place on Wednesday 20th September 1.30pm – 3pm. If you would like to attend, please call the school office on 0117 377 2260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristolschools.uk to book a place!

[2] New to English lessons

St Nicholas of Tolentine Primary School has secured an 8-week course for individuals new to English. If you would like to improve your English skills, you are welcome to book a spot. These will take place on Mondays, starting on Monday 18th September at 1pm. Please contact the school to book your space, 01173772260 or st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk.

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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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