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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A - World Mission Sunday



### *What is Caesar's? What is God's?*

The coinage of Imperial taxation bore the imprint of the August Caesar. But we bear the imprint of Jesus, of God, of the Spirit, of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Whose imprint do we truly bear, whose image can the world see in us? Are we shaped by loyalty to Caesar - to the powers of this world, to its voracious economic agendas, to its narrow national interests, to its petty and warlike ambitions?

Or are we shaped by our true King - shaped by the powerful gentleness of love, by an allegiance to the Reign of God which crosses over every national boundary and interest, shaped by God's passion for the poor and powerless?

Are we God's coinage given away to the world in love? Or are we the world's selfish coinage?

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS for World-Wide Mission at 10.00am (*streamed on website*)

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy today*

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

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.00pm      Service of Word and Communion at 6.30pm

**THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.30pm      Mass at 12noon  
'Jesus Youth' Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm (Lady Chapel) for young adults (18+)

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**FRIDAY:** *Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace* at 6.00pm **Mass for Peace at 7.00pm**  
**Memorial Service for Tyrone William Hayman RIP** at 10.30am - all welcome

**SATURDAY:** *Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles*  
*Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

**TODAY:** [1] With the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus who challenges us to place loyalty to the Gospel and person of Jesus before any political, ethnic, cultural, or national allegiance. This loyalty to the Gospel and Jesus of Peace and Justice is the motive and framework of our call to be politically aware and active in ways that build the Kingdom of Justice, Love and peace upon the Earth!

[2] It is **World Mission Sunday** when we recommit ourselves to the Mission of the Gospel that is both local and global... and our global responsibility to 'build a better world' and to 'heal our Common Home, our Planet' could not be more urgent!

[3] There is a **Retiring Collection for Missio, the Church's official fund for world-wide Mission**. Those of you who have the Red Mission Boxes, please make sure they are handed in for counting; if you do not have a 'Red Mission Box', please ask Debo who can provide one - man easy way to keep mission in mind and support it financially. Thank you for your generosity for this very important collection.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] The Church celebrates on the **Thirtieth Sunday of Year A** Jesus who is the Flesh of God's loving of humanity, indeed of all Creation. Asked by lawyers to define the essence of God's Law, He ignores religious rituals and dogmas and instead goes to the heart of God, the heart of humanity made in the image and likeness of God - LOVE! Love in every direction - towards the Divine, towards all humanity (yes Creatures and our Planet are also our 'neighbours'), and love towards our own self. A Trinity of Loving - the essence of our God!

[2] We rejoice to **welcome Andrew Bent to celebrate with us his recent Ordination as a Permanent Deacon** - a ministry of Service and love, especially for the poor and marginalised of our society and city. All are invited to bring our cultural foods to celebrate with Andrew after the Mass - please bring the food to the Parish Hall before 10am when the Mass begins.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with St Joseph, Lavington, served by Fr Paul Gonsalves MSFS, and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for the work of the **Parish Pastoral Council**. Our newly expanded PPC is a core element of the parish's decision-making process and as such has a leadership role. As we move towards an increasingly 'synodal' parish the PPC wants to hear all the voices of our parish community and facilitate discerning the way forward for the parish especially in this period of transition. The PPC oversees and nurtures the Pastoral and Missionary life of our parish community. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom & discernment

**COLLECTION FOR THE PAST WEEKS**

G.A.Env £115.00 + Loose £234.61 + Card Reader £? + S/O £165.88 = £562.36?

**CAFOD** £238.46 - *many thanks*

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023**

27th Oct Memorial Service for Tyrone Hayman RIP at 10.30am

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27th Oct	Vigil for Peace in Israel/Palestine 6.00pm with Mass at 7.00pm
28th Oct	Meeting of the Joint Committees PPC, PFC, Legacy Group at 9.30am
29th Oct	Celebrating Andrew's Diaconal Ordination with Mass and shared food
1st Nov	<b>All Saints Day - Holyday of Obligation</b>
2nd Nov	<b>All Soul's Day - come and pray for our beloved who have died</b>
7th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
11th Nov	'Jesus Youth' Vigil at St Nicks 8.00-11.00pm (for 18+)
17th Nov	First Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
19th Nov	Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming) at 10.00am Mass
22nd Nov	Meeting of St Nick's School Governors
24th Nov	Second Parents Baptismal Preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
26th Nov	<b>Feast of Christ the King and Baptismal Sunday</b>
3rd Dec	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
6th Dec	Visit of New Apostolic Nuncio to Clifton Diocese
13th Dec	St Nick's First Year Nativity Play at 1.30pm (in church)
14th Dec	St Nick's School Carol Concert at 2.30pm (in church)

**ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR - A CALL TO PRAYER AND HUMANITY** I wrote the following to the our local Jewish Synagogue community: *'I write on behalf our St Nick's community to assure you and all our Jewish sisters and brothers of our heartfelt prayer both for the people of Israel and the people of Gaza before the horror that is unfolding in the land all the Abrahamic faiths hold as holy. Hamas have perpetrated an horrific attack on innocent people in Israel made worse by the taking of hostages. And as a consequence the innocent people of Gaza are now being subjected to horrific attacks. In the name of our shared humanity, and as people of faith, we pray the prayer of Lamentation for the immense ocean of suffering and grief that is filling this our shared Holy Land. Is it possible that Christians, Jews and Moslems here in Bristol could come together in an act of prayer and friendship for Peace - a peace built upon the only solid foundation ... Justice and security for all? Shalom! Salaam! Shanti! Peace!'*

**POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR PRAYER, FASTING & PENANCE FOR PEACE**

In response to Pope Francis's call for Friday 27th October to be a Day of Prayer for Peace between Israel and Palestine, we will hold a Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace from 6.00-7.00pm, followed by a Mass for Peace at 7.00pm. **I strongly encourage all who possibly can come to make the sacrifice to come and pray love into the appalling conflict that is costing so many lives, especially women and children.**

**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.

**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** This week we had our first meeting of our enlarged PPC, with most our newly elected members - **Patricia Bird, Grace Etim, Nelson Katenga, Benedicta Lobela Amba, Claudio Munguia, Patricia Songu, Carol Strange.** Among the topics discussed was:

[1] the formation of a number of 'synodal groups' in our parish that all will be invited to join. We are gathering facilitators and formulating two questions to stimulate sharing and discernment, related to the future development of our parish into the future when Richard becomes our semi-retired non-resident priest, serving the lay leadership.

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- [2] The **Parish's financial situation** - we are sliding into a deficit unless we raise more funds
- [3] Agree we would make the parish Hall available for **cold weather emergency overnight accommodation for homeless 'rough sleepers'**.
- [4] **Future use of the Presbytery** - we are seeking a small community (of Sisters?) to occupy the presbytery and be a stable praying and pastoral presence among us. The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace greatly regret that they are unable to come, much as they support us.
- [5] Report from the newly-formed '**Communications Group**' concerning use of FaceBook and revised Website, as well as personal welcoming of new people at Mass.

**DIOCESE MOVES TOWARDS 'SYNODALITY'** At the recent Diocesan Day, our parish was represented by David Maggs, Ashley Tardivo and myself. Unfortunately, Epiphania Chipato was prevented from attending at the last minute. The purpose of the Day was to launch new 'Pastoral Areas' that replace the former deaneries throughout the diocese. All of Bristol north of the River Avon constitutes the Pastoral Area of 'St Edmund of Abingdon'. We spent most of the day in 'synodal' sharing and work groups, exploring together how to work together across parishes in mutual support and to enable and develop the life and Mission of our parish communities. Sharing and working together as equals (the People, sisters, priests and deacons), discerning the leadings of the Holy Spirit for the Church in our areas and then acting upon that 'communal discernment' to build this 'New way of being Church' in our diocese.

**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PARISH CAR PARKING AND FUND-RAISING**

On Tuesday 17th October, the company 'YourParkingSpace' is installing a car registration recognition camera at the entrance to the parish and Dunstan centre car park, together with signs giving full instructions of how to pay digitally for daily or weekly parking. Those who are already contracted with the parish for parking are not affected, but all others who wish to park there will need to comply with the instruction panels. There will be fines issued to those who park without paying or a contract with the parish. ***IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PARISHIONERS NOTE THE FOLLOWING: This system operates from Monday to Friday 24 hours, but does not operate on Saturdays and Sundays. Also all parishioners parking because of attending weekday Mass, parish meetings, volunteering or coming to the parish office or presbytery will be exempt from parking charges or fines - provided they register their car number plate in the church or parish office. We have no intention of charge parishioners for parking here on parish business or for worship.***

**ST NICK'S SCHOOL NEWS**      **Reception Class September 2024**

Are you looking for a place for your child in Reception class in September 2024, or know of anyone who is, then please do come along to our Reception open mornings. This is a chance for you see our caring and inclusive school in action. If you are unable to attend on the dates below, please do call the school office (01173772260) and book a convenient time - every day is an open day!

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 11.30am

**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, this act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

**REMINDER OF JOINT MEETING PPC, PFC & LEGACY GROUP** All members of these key parish committees are invited to come on Saturday 28th Oct 9am to 1pm

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