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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR A



### *Divine Love has Three Faces!*

There is only one way to serve God, to fulfil God's call and yearning for you and me! To live out God's 'Law' (which is so much more than a law!). The One Way is the Way of Love! There is no other - as St Therese of Lisieux taught us - but to fill every small thing with a great love!

Three faces - the Father who gives everything, indeed is sheer infinite gift; the Son who receives everything and who experiences His life as the Gift of the Father; the Spirit who shares everything, the mutuality of giving and receiving. And we have those three faces in us, for we are made in God's image and likeness!

To love with everything the Giver of everything; to recognise my own being as loving gift from the Father; to share this love with everyone: Love God, love the other, love self - with my whole being! Love is All! Love is God!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10.00am (*streamed on website*)

*followed by Shared Agape meal in celebration of Andrew Bent's diaconal ordination*

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy today*

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

**WEDNESDAY:** ***FEAST OF ALL THE SAINTS (Holyday of Obligation)***

*MASS* with the School at 9.30am

*Adoration* at 6.30pm                      **MASS** at 7.00pm

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**THURSDAY: COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls Day)***Adoration* at 11.30pm**Mass at 12noon***Adoration* at 6.30pm**PARISH REQUIEM MASS at 7.00pm**

‘Jesus Youth’ ‘Encounter Journey’ at 8.00pm (Lady Chapel) for young adults (18+)

**FRIDAY: Feast of St Martin de Porres, Dominican Brother, first Black Saint of modern times***Adoration* at 8.30am**Mass at 9.00am****SATURDAY: Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop (1538-1584)***Adoration* at 11.30am**Mass at 12 noon****Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm**

**TODAY:** [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.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] We celebrate on the **Thirty-First Sunday of Year A**, Jesus the Prophet that challenges all hypocrisy and calls us to radical equality in a radical community of love that we call ... The Church! All are equal sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ, and the growth of Synodal Governance in the Church both global and local seeks to embody that equality where all voices are to be heard, respected and contribute to communal discernment of the Way forward as a inclusive Church.

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

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the Abbey Church, Downside with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, served by the Chaplain of Downside School, and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK’S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for the work of the **Parish Administration Team**, led by Astrid Fagon and supported by Margaret, Claudia and Kerry. The Parish Office is also very importantly a pastoral inter-face with our local community and its many needs. Presently the Office is open Tuesday and Thursday, but with sufficient volunteers we want to open Monday to Friday 10am to 1.00pm. If you have a morning you can offer, please contact Margaret.

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

G.A.Env £35.00 + Loose £197.22 + Card Reader £29.49 + S/O £165.88 = £429.59

**Retiring Collection for MISSIO** £45.00 - *many thanks***DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023**

29th Oct Celebrating Andrew’s Diaconal Ordination with Mass and shared food

1st Nov **All Saints Day - Holyday of Obligation**2nd Nov **All Soul’s Day - come and pray for our beloved who have died**

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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** The horror of the killings inflicted firstly by Hamas on Israel and now by Israel on the Palestinian people in Gaza (and the West Bank region), calls us to prayer for peace and to political action on world leaders to bring the horror of war to an end. The overwhelming number of victims on both sides are women and children. Both the taking of hostages, the killing of innocent civilians and the blockade of Gaza, cutting off food, water, fuel and medical supplies are war crimes. We must not be afraid the name the evil and call for such war crimes to cease immediately. **PLEASE PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE IN THE LAND WE CALL 'HOLY'!**

**JESUS YOUTH IN BRISTOL** invite you to an upcoming event on **Thursday, Nov 2nd**. We will be joining the "Encounter Journey" - a 'Procession of the Holy Eucharist', which started in Scotland and seeks to reach out to university students in particular. On All Souls's Day, we will be hosting an event hereat St. Nicks, gathering to pray with the youth in our community. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to deepen our connection with our faith and come together in unity. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** After the **Parish All Souls' Day Mass at 7.00pm** we will begin the exposition at **8:00 pm** and anticipate concluding the prayer session by **9:30 pm**, creating a peaceful and reflective atmosphere for all attendees. The following day, we will commence with Mass at 9.00am before our departure, as we continue our journey as part of the Eucharistic procession.

**JESUS YOUTH VIGIL OF PRAYER** All our young people aged 18 to 35 years are invited to share with 'Bristol Jesus Youth' in this Vigil of Prayer at St Nick's on **Saturday 11th November beginning at 8.00pm and concluding with Mass at 10.30pm**, followed by refreshments. Come and pray, reflect and discuss with other young Catholic Christians, helping each other to centre our lives on Jesus Christ.

**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 Strainge**. 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

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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.

[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 how to work together across parishes in mutual support, to enable and develop the life and Mission of our parish communities. Sharing and working together as equals (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

**NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD** We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at ever-Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives! ministry, this act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

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