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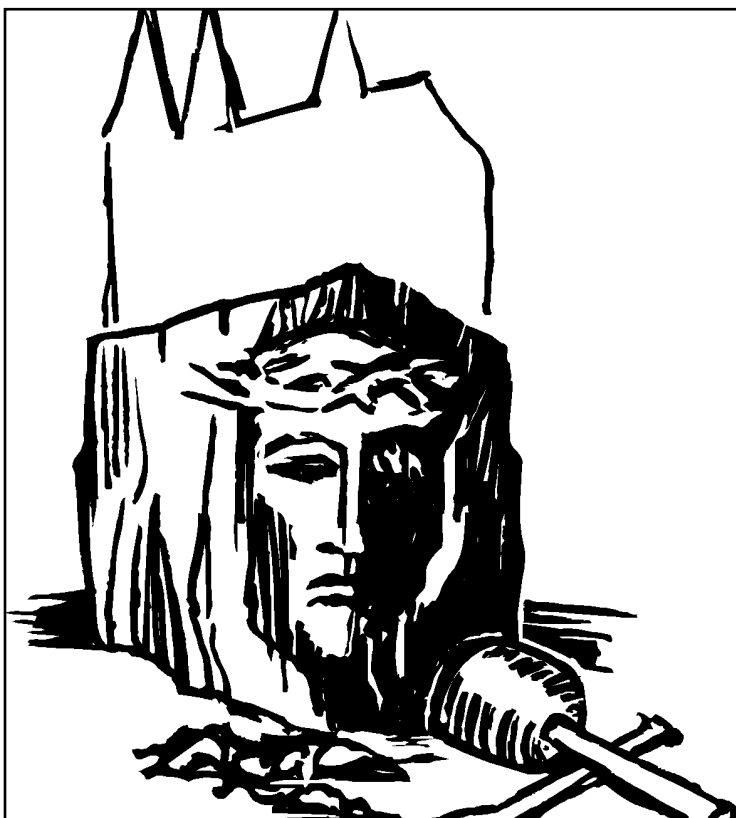
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus the Rejected - Jesus the Keystone!

We are all hurt by rejection - we feel less as a person, not valued, understood or accepted. It can be a wound we carry all through life that limits our freedom for love if the rejection occurs in childhood. That is why our children deserve unconditional love and acceptance, to know they are held and loved and can grow whole within good loving safe boundaries.

So beware of rejecting anyone! Because you are rejecting Jesus ('whatever you do to another, you do to me!'). You could be rejecting the keystone of your life! The key stone - that stone high up at the centre of arch which holds the whole building together safely. The stone every other stone depends on, leans up against, is upheld by!

Jesus is the rock that holds us together, the key that opens up the fulness of life and an eternity of loving in God. Never reject - always accept! Love is all!

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

Signed Mass for the Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St John Henry Newman, priest & theologian (1801-1890)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St John XXIII, Pope of the Second Vatican Council (1881-1963)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: *Feast of St Wilfrid, Monk of Lindisfarne, Bishop of York (634-709)*

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

FRIDAY: *Feast of St Edward the Confessor, King of England (died 1066)*

Adoration at 8.30pm **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am (NB change of time)

Nuptial Mass and Wedding of Stephen Alisigwe & Nenne Francisca Njoka 1.00pm

Mass in celebration of Marriage with Bishop Declan at 12noon in Clifton Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] This **Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year A** celebrates Jesus the Vine - the People of God have long been described by prophets and in the psalms as God's Vineyard. God cares for His Church, nurtures, tills and prunes His Church so that we can bear more fruit - the fruit of God's love in our world. The Global Synod seeks to discern where and how we 'reject the cornerstone' that is Christ, damage the vineyard and limit the fruit of love that God seeks from us. Who do we reject? - Jesus!

[2] Today at our Mass we vote to **elect up to 8 new members of the Parish Pastoral Council**. Each person can vote for up to 4 nominees - but no more. Those who cannot be at Mass today can still vote, provided they print the voting paper which is on our parish website and make sure it is delivered to the parish office of the presbytery by Thursday. Thank you to all who have been willing to stand for election to this increasingly vital role as our parish moves to a new future.

[3] **Signed Mass for the Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm - all very welcome.

[4] Today during this **Prisons Week** we are asked especially to pray for all prisoners and their families - and all who serve in the Prison Service. We pray for the reform of our Penal System so that it will serve better rehabilitation rather than punishment.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year A** we rejoice in a God who welcomes everyone and invites everyone to 'the banquet of life' - life eternal and life in all its fulness here and now. The Eucharist is the great 'banquet of life' - all are invited to eat and drink of Jesus, Bread of Life and Cup of Love. Never let us refuse His invitation to come to the feast, never let us make excuses for coming!

[2] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm. Already in the Synod meeting in Rome (which has just begun), the call to be a more inclusive Church that values both women's gifts and ministries, and the faith and love of our LGBTQ+ Catholics has been highlighted strongly. Continue to invoke the Holy Spirit on us all.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, with Ss Dunstan & Antony, Yatton, St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea and St Joseph's Portishead served by Fr Reg Gray OFM, Fr Antony Collins, OFM, Fr Tony Baya OFM, Fr Richard Elson, Deacons John Woodcock, Ivan Reynolds, Didier Delaplace, Parish Administrators Tom Osman, Elaine Shiel, and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Lay Ministers of the Eucharist**. This Ministry enables us all to be fed with the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, during Services of Word and Communion and very importantly by reaching out to housebound and elderly parishioners with Communion on a weekly basis. They enable us to be a truly Eucharistic Community in Mission.

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COLLECTION FOR THE PAST WEEKS

10/09/23 G.A.Env £65.00 + Loose £255.75 + Card Reader £24.59 + S/O £165.88 = £511.22
17/09/23 G.A.Env £20.00 + Loose £161.95 + Card Reader £39.33 + S/O £165.88 = £387.16
24/09/23 G.A.Env £25.00 + Loose £223.67 + Card Reader £14.75 + S/O £165.88 = £429.30
1/10/23 G.A.Env £29.00 + Loose £310.82 + Card Reader £19.67 + S/O £165.88 = £525.37
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CAFOD £50.00 **Flowers** £5.00 - *many thanks*

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

8th Oct Election of 8 new members for the Parish Pastoral Council
 14th Oct Mass in Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral at 12 noon
 17th Oct Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
 19th Oct Meeting of Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (via Zoom)
 27th Oct Memorial Service for Tyrone Hayman RIP at 10.30am
 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**
 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 **Feast of Christ the King and Baptismal Sunday**

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. We meet each Friday at 5.00pm in the Assisi Centre. 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. Please contact Richard, Margaret or Mary for more information.

THE CHURCH IN SYNOD - BOTH GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY Pope Francis opened the Rome Synod Assembly on Wednesday, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - he who 'rebuilt the Church' in the 13th century bringing about the Franciscan Renewal of the Church. Pope Francis also issued that day his 'Apostolic Exhortation' on the urgency of action required to limit Global Warming - a follow up to his groundbreaking Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si'. This reminds the Church that we seek Renewal and Reform so that we can better fulfil the Mission of God's Love for the World. The Synod Assembly is part of the Global Synod we have taken part in and its work will be completed next year with a second Synod Assembly on the theme off 'Synodality' - a new Way of being Church for our times.

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. The Diocese wishes to value all seek to live the Sacrament of Matrimony. Thank you.

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A DAY TO EXPLORE THE MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, the Diocese is offering a day to explore the Ministry of Catechesis. With Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, integrating catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This day is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. **Saturday 28 October at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge.** Beginning 10am, refreshments from 9.15am and ending at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

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 took 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

[3] 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!

Friday 13th October 9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 1st November 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 7th December 9.30am - 11.30am

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

The six sessions cover:

1. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5 October
2. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12 October
3. Methods and Resources – 19 October
4. 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:

Sarah Adams adult.education@cliftondiocese.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, this act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

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