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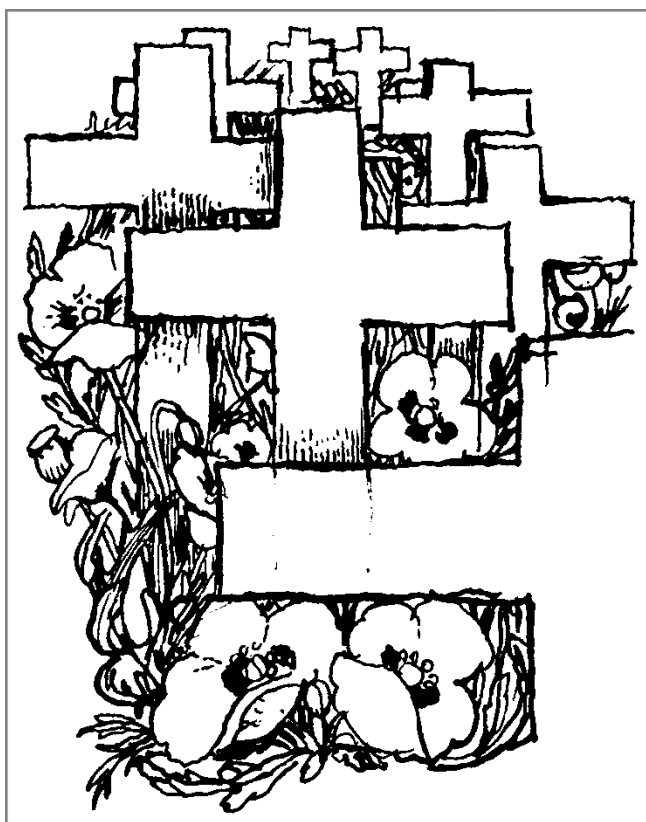
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY - Remembrance Sunday



Carrying a Lamp of Faith, a Light of Love

We spend huge amounts of money on weddings: yet sadly too often we neglect what is really important - to burn with love and faith in Christ the Bridegroom whose sacrificial love all married people are called to reveal and proclaim to the world by their sacrificial love for one another.

Jesus comes to wed the world to God, to interweave the life and love of God into the very heart and pulse of creation. In Jesus, God woos the world to a different existence, love's betrothal that fulfils all our longings for love and fulfilment.

Are we ready, do we carry the Lamp of Faith waiting in expectancy for Him who comes to woo our hearts? Do we carry the Light of Love to guide our world to Him who is the World's Lover? Do we wait in prayer and service upon His Coming, with a heart filled with yearning?

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

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

MONDAY: *No Liturgy today*

TUESDAY: *Feast of Bl Edward Powell, Priest & Blessed Martyrs of Clifton Diocese*

Adoration at 6.00pm *Mass* at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Albert the Great, Dominican Bishop & Theologian (1206-1280)*

Adoration at 6.00pm *Mass* at 6.30pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury (1175-1240)***
Adoration at 11.30pm Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Carthusian monk & Bishop (1135-1200)***
Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul (In Rome)***
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] With the **Thirty-Second Sunday of Year A** we begin the famous 25th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which sums up Jesus' teaching remarkably. Jesus is the Wisdom of God made flesh and He speaks of the wisdom that is being alert and awake to the 'signs of the times'. He calls us always to shine with light to the world, a light that will guide with Divine Wisdom. Let the Holy Spirit's love be the oil in the lamp of our lives & witness.

[2] We mark **Remembrance Sunday with Mass offered for the Peace** of our world. We remember not to glorify war but to weep for the 'pity' of war' that is always evil, always destroys, always dehumanises people on all sides of the conflict. When will we learn, when will we listen to the Scripture that says 'No More War'!

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

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] On the **Thirty-Third Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus the giver of gifts, the one who entrusts us with gifts of the Holy Spirit, to be used for the renewing and building of the Church and for our Mission to transform our world into a place of equality, peace, freedom and justice - the Kingdom come upon the Earth. Do we welcome the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the responsibility to serve and witness they bring?

[2] With joy we welcome families preparing for the baptism of their children as we celebrate the **Rite of Child Catechumen** at our 10am Mass - please for them and their families.

[3] **Mass with the LBGTQ+ community, friends and families** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Dominic, Dursley and St Joseph, Nympsfield, served by Fr Philip Beisly, Deacon Dominic Bucci, the Sisters of the Marian Missionaries of the Poor and all their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the work of **our Priest, Fr Richard**. The priest is the servant of the Eucharist, who gathers the People of God that the Spirit might form us as the Missionary Body of Christ, and then sends us out into the world to work with God - co-creators with the Father, bearers of healing Salvation with Jesus and renewers of the face of the Earth with the Spirit. The priest is our brother who walks with us and helps us listen together to the Voice of the Spirit in our times - to see 'the Sign of the Times' that we the Church might be God's radical love poured out with abundant generosity into the hurting heart of the world. As a brother he is our shepherd who needs us all to be shepherds; he is a prophet who challenges us - and wants to be challenged by us! He is a leader who knows how to serve, a preacher who knows how to listen, a prophet who has the courage both to challenge and be challenged. The ordained priest and the Priestly People - journeying with one another in faith and love, forming each other as a People of Hope, a People of Love, a People of Mission - God's People!

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

G.A.Env £75.00 + Loose £163.84 + Card Reader £4.92 + S/O £165.88 = £409.64 - thanks!

Donation from Ethiopian Orthodox community £200.00

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

14th Nov	First Clergy Meeting for St Edmund of Abingdon Pastoral Area
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
1st Dec	Funeral Mass for Caroline Price RIP at 12.30pm St James Priory
3rd Dec	First Sunday of Advent
9th Dec	Preaching Group meets 9am-12noon (Assisi Centre)
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'!**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023 REPORT Our parish made a very considered contribution to the Global Synod Process (and are embedding 'synodality' into our parish's discernment and decision-making). Today the official Synthesis of the Assembly deliberations is being brought up in the Offertory of the Mass, and you can read/download the Synthesis Report with this link: https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report_IMP.pdf

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 DATABASE The Parish Pastoral Council seeks to create a comprehensive database to include all our parish members. Today forms will be distributed asking for some essential information - names of all family members, address with postcode, telephone and email contact details etc. The purpose of this is to enable effective pastoral care, community building and effective communication. ***The information given will be used solely for internal parish and pastoral reasons and will not be divulged to any other party. Please sign the forms giving your permission for us to hold your details on our database - this is essential for compliance with GDPR (Data Protection legislation). THANK YOU!***

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 park-***

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ing 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! Thursday 7th December 9.30am - 11.30am

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Local Council (Bristol/North Glos, Banes etc). If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**.

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!

PROPOSED AREA HOUSE MASSES With work schedules, distance from St Nick's church and traffic congestion in Bristol, attendance at weekday Mass has fallen considerably. Yet the Eucharist is the heart of our community and the source of energy for our Mission. It is the praying foundation supporting all we do and are as a Parish Community. We recognise that we are a very dispersed parish community many if not most living some distance from our church. This can undermine our sense of community. So the PPC proposes that we have regular House Masses (eventually one each week in a different part of Bristol), to gather parishioners in that part of Bristol and build community and sharing around the Eucharist. The development of the database and also completing the location 'dots' on the Map in the church will help in developing this pastoral initiative. If you are willing to host a House Mass in your area, inviting other parishioners living locally, please let Margaret or Richard know.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS Why not give a friend or family a gift that benefits the poorest of our world. Jesus is not honoured by lavish gifts to each other - when you give someone a CAFOD World Gift, you are giving to Jesus who identified himself with the poor who benefit from your Gift. 'Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers you do to me!' The catalogues for these CAFOD World Gifts are in the porch.

FUNERAL MASS FOR CAROLINE PRICE RIP Caroline had requested that her Funeral Mass be at St James Priory (by the bus station) and will be at 12.30pm Friday Dec 1st. It will be a very ecumenical celebration. Her burial will be at a place she greatly loved - Llanmadoc in the Gower, South Wales. She also requested that after the Mass at St James we share food and memories together. All are most welcome.

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