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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME HOLY SPIRIT!



Holy Spirit - always coming, always here!

Why do we cry 'Come, Holy Spirit' when the Spirit is always present among us and within us?

For the same reason that Jesus, conceived in the Holy Spirit needed another outpouring of the Spirit (at His baptism in the Jordan River) to impel Him into and empower Him for Ministry; for the same reason that He was overshadowed afresh by the cloud of the Spirit's presence and power (at His Transfiguration) in preparation for His Passion and Death; why He was anointed with the Spirit by Mary of Bethany's precious anointment at the beginning of Holy Week.

We need the Holy Spirit's fresh outpouring to guide and equip us for the New Evangelisation of the West that the Spirit urges upon us. We need the Holy Spirit to heal the Church of 2000 years of division and disunity that obscures the beauty of the Gospel we proclaim. We need the Holy Spirit so that we become a New Pentecost transforming the very earth itself! **Come Holy Spirit!**

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST at 7.00pm

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (streamed)

Mass with LGBTQ+ friends and families at 3.00pm - all welcome!

ORDINARY TIME RESUMES - WEEK 7 SUNDAYS YEAR B; WEEKDAYS CYCLE 2

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: *Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST*

Adoration at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 12noon

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Aldhelm, Monk and Bishop (640-709)***
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Bede the Venerable, Monk, Theologian, Historian (673-735)***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] We celebrate the **Great Feast of Pentecost**, the Holy Spirit overshadowing the Church to bring to birth in every age and place the Christian Community renewed and energised for Mission in the service of the Good News of New Life, fashioning us afresh to be 'Good News to all Creation'. We begin our celebration with Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 7.00pm and continue it in the morning Mass at 10am. We have a great need to call upon the Holy Spirit to come upon our parish to empower, lead and gift us as we transition this year into a 'New Way of being Church'. Make it a priority to come and pray!

[2] **'Suggested Names' available today as part of the Discernment of 'Community Stewards' Team** (provisional name) - please return your nominations today, to be collected and presented in the Offertory of the Mass.

[3] **Monthly Mass with our LGBTQ+ friends and families** at 3.00pm - all very welcome.

[4] **Retiring Collection for Emergency Famine Relief in Sudan - through CAFOD.** Because of the brutal civil war seven million people have been displaced and millions are facing starvation. This is the biggest human catastrophe in our world at this time - please be as generous as possible. This collection will also take place next Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**. Having completed the celebration of the saving action of God in Christ Jesus, we now contemplate the very being of God Who is Love. God as Trinity is rejoicing that God is not a lonely dominating power, but a network of interrelationships of love that overflow into all creation. We are made in God's likeness - our dignity lies more in our being than just in the value of our doing! God loves us for who we are, not because of what we do!

[2] We celebrate very appropriately today the **Baptism** of Oscar Browning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for him and his family.

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MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY It is a long and honourable tradition that the month of May is the Month of Mary. But why? Mary allowed the Holy Spirit to fill her life and reshape her future - and she gave flesh, humanity to the Son of God. In becoming the mother of the Saviour of the World she said yes also to a unique relationship with the world He saved! Forever she now holds the whole world in her heart of prayer, interceding, bring God's love within her to bear upon the pain and struggles of the world and its peoples. If she loves her Son, she loves the world He died for! She teaches us how to love, how to intercede, how to heal, how to walk in solidarity with a pained world, helping it to come to a new birth.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury, Wiltshire, served by Fr Saji Matthew and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for our **Parish School of St Nicholas of Tolentino**, led by our Head Teacher Mrs Rachael James. Giving thanks for the excellent and hard work of all the staff in educating and caring for our children and the pastoral care of many of our families, we recognise the school as a special

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part of the Mission of our parish and the wider Church, offering the special contribution of Catholic Christian education to our inner city community with all its diversity. We value children and families of different faiths and beliefs who seek to educate their children with us. We have a number of Muslim families who have chosen our school for their children.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

G.A.Env £40.00 + Loose £178.35 + Card Reader £9.84 + S/O £165.88 = £394.07 - *thanks!*

Retiring Collection (CCS Adoption): £65.00 Caritas: £14.00 CAFOD £40.00

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

19th May	FEAST OF PENTECOST - COME HOLY AND RENEWING SPIRIT!
19th May	Suggestions for discernment as 'Community Stewards' to be submitted to PPC
22nd May	Clergy Training Day of Fresh Approaches to Catechesis
25th May	Mass in Celebration of Christian Marriage with Bp Bosco at 12noon (Cathedral)
26th May	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
1st June	Parish Pastoral Council away day for Discernment of the six 'Community Elders'
2nd June	Feast of 'Corpus Christi' - Mass followed with Adoration & Benediction
8th June	Diocesan Day on 'The Eucharist - a Bond of Love' St Bernadette's School, Whitchurch 9.30am to 4.00pm
9th June	First Eucharist Sunday
3rd July	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
4th July	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
13th July	Diocesan Day for all Catechists - led by Dominican Sisters of St Joseph

WE WELCOME OUR NEW BISHOP Ten days ago, Clifton Cathedral was filled to capacity with those who had come to participate in the Ordination of Bishop Bosco MacDonald as the Tenth Bishop of Clifton in succession to Bishop Declan. We as St Nick's community warmly welcome Bishop Bosco to his new ministry among us and assure him of our prayer and support. The change from ministering to a parish and serving the whole diocese (and beyond - all the bishops have additional responsibilities than their diocese) is a huge life-change, and one that was never planned in Bishop Bosco's mind. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish community hopefully before too long. Pray for our new Bishop.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT THE PARISH MISSION? Arising from the recent Parish Forum on the future of our parish, the Parish Pastoral Council is delighted that many have expressed the wish to offer some time and energy in support of the life and mission of St Nicks. So the PPC is establishing a '**Volunteers Whatsapp**' to let people know the needs and opportunities for volunteering either on a long-term or an occasional basis. Some cannot commit themselves to a regular slot or programme but could volunteer from time to time and for limited periods. *If you would be willing to join such a team of volunteers on this Whatsapp Group, then please contact the Parish Office or Patience Bird (07411406411) and give your mobile no. Thank you!*

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL: To improve communications among our diverse parish community, we will begin to send weekly a brief Parish News Email, highlighting key news or issues that we all need to be aware of. Please check your emails for the Parish Update!

TIME-TABLE FOR DISCERNING 'COMMUNITY ELDERS' AS PARISH CHANGES

All of us are part of discerning (or prayerfully selecting) 'Community Stewards' as we transition to a Lay-led parish served by our non-resident parish priest (Fr Richard for the next 3-4 years). So please make it a priority to be part of this 'synodal' community process:

[1] **Parish Prayer Day** - which was yesterday - good day but poor numbers!

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- [2] **Suggestions from parishioners** of names for discernment as 'Community Elders' to be collected before or during the **Pentecost 10am Mass on 19th May**
- [3] **PPC Away Day to discern the six 'Community Stewards' on Saturday 1st June**
- [4] **Richard moves out of the presbytery September 8th - Feast of St Nicholas.**

DIOCESAN GATHERING 'The Eucharist - a bond of love which can never be undone' - a Day for everyone (part of the Year of Prayer) to deepen our understanding and love of the Eucharist led by Fr Michael McAndrew **Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's School, Whitchurch, 9.30am to 4.00pm.** To register, please click the Eventbrite link on the diocesan website.

MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Our new Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25 May** (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. We will also celebrate couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. If you are, or know of a couple celebrating special anniversaries during 2024 please do let us know. Send names to this email (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with the address so that a personal invitation can be sent to them from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating.

BUILDING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH This ecumenical Day Conference will share experiences of churches that have developed a safe and welcoming space and ministry for sufferers of dementia. Dementia is a major health and social issue facing our nation and therefore our churches. We all have so much to learn! I hope some of our community will attend this conference on **Saturday 8th June 9.30am to 3.00pm at Stockwood Free Church, Ladman Road, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8QH.** Please contact Richard if you wish to attend or learn more about this important day for the life and ministry of our parish.

DISCERNMENT OF 'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' Please use the simple sheet to give us 'suggested names' of those you consider appropriate to consider taking on the new responsibilities. You can put one name or up to six - those you have respect for and confidence in. This is not an election! You need not ask those you suggest if they are willing - it is a call of the community to serve the community. Whether they feel able to accept or otherwise the call will be discussed with them later, after the role is explored with them in more depth. The Parish Pastoral Council take seriously your part in the synodal process of discernment.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE

The Adult Education and Evangelisation Department of the Diocese write: We are delighted to let you know that the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. We hope anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people, and adults, will think seriously about coming to this day. **Do join us if you can on Saturday 13 July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge.** Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing adult.education@cliftondiocese.com *Please let Mary Hopper or Richard know if you are able to attend. It is very important that some from St Nicks take part in this training session. Thank you.*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Join some of our diocesan family on the Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in southern France. Friday 23rd August to Friday 30th August. Accommodation in 3/4* hotel, full board including transfer from Toulouse Airport to Lourdes. Single rooms from £680 and shared rooms from £510. Pilgrims to arrange own flights (Bristol-Toulouse on EasyJet) and travel insurance - information available from email: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or Alexander House on 0117 902 5590

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