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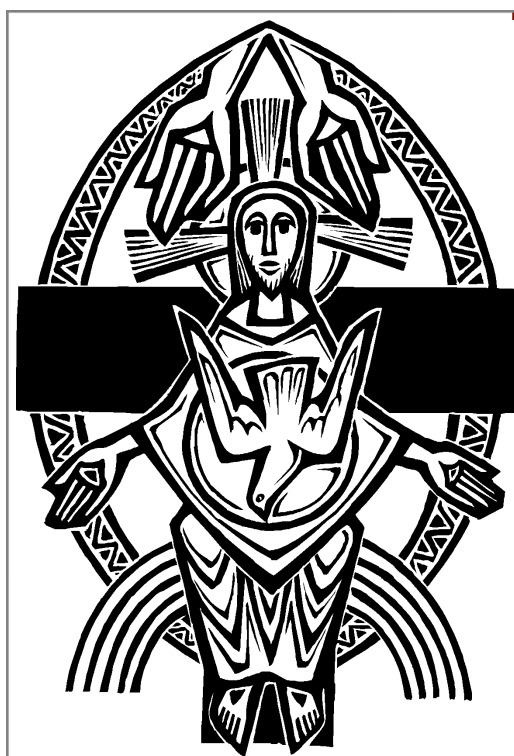
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THE FEAST OF HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY



Come find life in the House of Love!

God calls us to find ourselves, welcomes us into the intimacy of the 'House of Love' that God is. God is not a lonely isolated power, not the all-powerful rule maker demanding obedience! Rather God is a community of love, a network of relationships into which we are drawn, and from whom we have our origin.

We are made in God's image and likeness - made to be complete and whole only in relationship with others. Like God we too are a network of relationships. Relationships give us the greatest joy in life - and the greatest suffering too. Precisely because love is so life-giving, then the denial or the abuse of love is so death-bearing.

Love is always a risk - a risk God took in creating us, in sending His Beloved Son to us, in entrusting their shared love, the Holy Spirit to our hearts. God risks pouring all His Love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The Church is God's great risk of loving the world - through us in all our weakness and failure. The sole purpose of the Church is to be God's love today!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with celebration of Baptism at 10.00am (*streamed*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Augustine, first Bishop of Canterbury (died 604)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Paul VI, Pope of Vatican II & Prophet of Justice (1897-1978)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am

Service of Word and Communion at 12noon

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FRIDAY: ***Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Justin, Martyr & First Christian Philosopher (100-165)***
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [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.

[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.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ ('Corpus Christi')**. Week by week we gather around the Table of the Eucharist at the loving invitation of Jesus our Brother and Lord ... week by week we are fed by the Sacrament of His endless loving, the Bread of Life and the Cup of His Love. This great Sacrament, this sacred encounter with the utter reality of the Risen and Ascended Christ faithfully remaining with us, is food for our journey, medicine for our healing and the bond of love that unites us with God and each other - the leads us into communion with the world around us. How can we not come and eat and drink with Him and of Him? How else will we grow in His Love and Life, and find the nourishment needed to fulfil the Mission he has given us?

[2] Thank you **Epiphania, for 'breaking the Bread of the Word'** for us on this Feast.

[3] We have the joy of **Receiving into Full Communion and Confirming in the Holy Spirit** David Carter. He is new to our community - he experienced the Journey of Faith and the Rite of Election in Portsmouth Diocese, but then moved here to Bristol. As a result we have been able to welcome him among us and complete his initiation into full Communion with the catholic Church here is our parish. Please welcome David and pray for him.

[4] In honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Mass will conclude with a period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a Solemn Benediction.**

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert loveless Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath and St Joseph, Peasedown St John, served by Mgr Robert Corrigan, Parish Administrator Alice Fouad and both their communities.

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PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for the work and Mission of the **Wild Goose Café** and the **'In Hope' Ministries**. We appreciate John Flannery who has for a long time been a faithful volunteer, helping to provide hot meals to the homeless and the impoverished of our Inner City. This ecumenical Ministry draws Christians from many traditions in humble service of some of the most disadvantaged of our city. This includes a Women's Homeless Shelter and many life-skills courses helping individuals towards more independent and stable living. If you wish to volunteer in support of the Wild Goose Café and its ministries, please contact John Flannery for more information.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

12/05/24 G.A.Env £20.00 + Loose £308.02 + Card Reader £15.00 + S/O £165.88 = £508.90

19/05/24 G.A.Env £65.00 + Loose £239.73 + Card Reader £50.00 + S/O £165.88 = £520.61

Retiring Collection (World Communications): £39.00 **Caritas:** £45.00 - many thanks

Retiring Collection (CAFOD - Sudan): £332.41 **Zimbabwean Donation:** £124.00

FoodBank £200.00 many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

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
8th June	'Building a Dementia Friendly Church' at Stockwood Free Church (see below)
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	Prayer Day for Zimbabwean Youth
13th July	Diocesan Day for all Catechists - led by Dominican Sisters of St Joseph
14th July	Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage
17th July	St Nick's School Leavers Mass at 9.30am
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace
15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - HolyDay of Obligation
25th Aug	Baptismal Sunday
8th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Parish Day of Celebration

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 STEWARDS' AS PARISH CHANGES All of us are part of discerning (or prayerfully selecting) 'Community Stewards' as we transition to increased Lay leadership and ministry with a team of 7 that includes our non-resident parish priest (Fr Richard). So to clarify, **Richard will remain our parish priest**

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while living outside the parish but in Bristol and will **not retire** (health permitting) until 2028, when he will be 80 years young! He will however reduce his workload and share more fully responsibilities with the Team of 'Community Stewards' (a provisional name). Please make it a priority by your prayer to be part of this 'synodal' community process of discernment and calling to servant leadership of our parish in mission:

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

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.

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

HOUSE MASS IN TESCO / IKEA / STAPLETON / MULLER ROAD AREA Our Parish Pastoral Council Co-Chair, Marta Bolognani, is hosting this House Mass in her home. She invites all parishioners who live in her neighbourhood (above) to come and share Eucharist and friendship on **Thursday 6th June gathering at 7.00pm.** Please do come and support this celebration as we seek to build afresh our dispersed parish community. Please contact Marta, Richard or the Parish Office for Marta's address.

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