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### TWELFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B



#### *Jesus is found in the eye of the Storm!*

We can feel very close to God when in a place of tranquillity and peace, a place of beauty and stillness. But when life buffets us, when the storm rages we can feel alone, deserted by God. God can seem like He has gone asleep not caring about us.

But faith can trust God in the very heart of the storm. God's hands never stop holding us - we stop feeling them, we stop trusting Him! There is never a moment of our lives when we are not cherished in God's heart, held tenderly in the palm of His hand.

It is in the raging storm that we meet Him as the Saviour, the Rescuer, the ever faithful One who carries us. Whether it is the storm of terminal illness, or painful relationships, failed hopes - these are all moments for the growth of faith, to encounter the Living God as never before. The storm is the privileged place of meeting Him in a maturing faith. Nothing separates us from the Love of God!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION at 10.00am (*streamed*)

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy*

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of the Birth of DSt John the Baptist*

*Adoration* at 6.00pm

Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.00pm

Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm

**THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.30am

Service of Word & Communion at 12noon

**FRIDAY:** *No Liturgy*

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**SATURDAY: *Feast of St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (130-200)****Adoration* at 11.30am      **Mass** at 12.00 noon*James Manning's Ordination to the Priesthood* in Bristol Cathedral at 3.00pm**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass only

**23/06/2024:** The **Twelfth Sunday of the Year B** celebrates Jesus who shares with us the storms of our own lives and the storms of war., injustice and poverty, the storms of climate change that afflict our world. God is not a faraway remote and disconnected god, but in Jesus is involved in all the twists and turns of the human condition for God has through Jesus Christ entered the drama of human history. All human suffering God has absorbed in Jesus and calls upon the Body of Christ, the Church, likewise to open our hearts and energy to those same storms - sharing the 'hopes and joys, the griefs and despairs' of all humanity.

**FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL - THIRTEENTH WEEK OF YEAR B****SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10.00am (*streamed*)**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy***TUESDAY:** ***Feast of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral of Ss Peter & Paul****Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass** at 6.30pm**WEDNESDAY:** ***Feast of St Thomas the Apostle, Apostle of India****Adoration* at 6.00pm      **Mass** at 6.30pm**THURSDAY:** **School Mass of Ss Peter & Paul** at 9.30am*Adoration* at 11.30am      **Mass** at 12noon**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30pm      **Mass** at 9.00am**SATURDAY:** *Ethiopian Orthodox Liturgy* at 6.30am - 1.30pm*No Liturgy - Diocesan Day with Bp Bosco on 'Jubilee of Hope 2025' - all invited***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** None today

**16/06/2024** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of Ss Peter & Paul**, recognising in them the fundamental foundations of the Church as a Universal Communion of love that unites all peoples, tribes, classes and races in one divine family of love. Each listened to the Holy Spirit and pioneered a 'New Way' of the God's People. In our age the Spirit is calling us to pioneer a 'New Way of being Church' - a synodal way as we listen to the whole People of God and involve all in decision making, in ministry and mission. WILL WE LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT [2] A **Retiring Collection 'Peter's Pence'** that enables Pope Francis to 'minister the charity of the Churches' ... please be generous!

**THOUGHT FOR THE FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL** ***Two very different brothers!***

Such different characters! Peter, ill-educated but skilful fisherman, impetuously generous but also weak, cautious; Paul, intellectual man of letters, visionary and adventurer with courage to break new ground! One a compassionate shepherd who knew his own weakness; the other a fearless prophet who knew his strength in the Lord. Both are foundation stones of the Church, both witness to Christ with their blood in the powerhouse of Rome. One has the keys to open the gates of God's mercy and healing; the other wields the incisive sword of the Word that penetrates to the heart and converts! It is not always easy to be both gentles shepherd and courageous prophet - but that is the challenge for the Church of every age and place! Let us be Christians, who like Jesus, sow the seed of our own lives as gift to the world and its poor, so that justice can grow, peace can flourish, healing can liberate. We are His seeds ready to become His Saving shrub, His harvest of Hope! What a privilege!

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**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 wounded-ness 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 love-less 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** 23/06/2024 The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon, served by Fr Richard Elson, and all their community.

**30/06/24** The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Joseph. Bridgwater and Our Lady & English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea served by Fr Paul Vettikattu CST, Deacon Paul White, Parish Administrator Fiona White and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** 23/06/2024 We pray today for the work and Mission of **our Hospitality Teams**, who welcome all who come to our Sunday Mass and provide and serve the refreshments after Mass in the Hall. They help us to spend time together, build community together, listen to one another and create friendships with new old parishioners. This Ministry is vital to growing our community as 'disciples who love one another as Jesus loves us'. Will you help? contact Margaret Ulloa (parish office)

**30/06/2024** We pray today for our **Ministry of Flower Arranging**. Every week faithfully, Minette, Adama and Mary (Otoo) decorate our church with flowers, with the beauty of creation, in honour of our Creator whom we worship. They would love others to join them and no experience in flower arranging is needed - just come and learn by doing alongside this experienced team. Contact Minette.

**COLLECTIONS TO BE PUBLISHED ON 7TH JULY**

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**Caritas: £ Flowers £ - many thanks!**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY** 2024

3rd July	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
4th July	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
6th July	Annual Diocesan Day on Jubilee of Hope 2025 (St Bernadette's School)
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	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace</b>
15th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - HolyDay of Obligation</b>
25th Aug	Baptismal Sunday
8th Sept	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Parish Day of Celebration</b>

**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

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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!*

### **DISCERNING 'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' AS THE PARISH CHANGES, AN UPDATE**

We have all had the opportunity to take part in discerning (or prayerfully selecting) 'Community Stewards' as we transition to increased Lay leadership and ministry with a team of 7 including our non-resident parish priest (Fr Richard). 35 sheets and emails with suggested names were prayerfully considered and nine parishioners are now reflecting upon this call to serve. **Richard remains our parish priest while living outside the parish but in Bristol, not retiring (health permitting) until 2028**, when he will be 80 years young! From September he will reduce his workload and share more fully responsibilities with the Team of 'Community Stewards' (a provisional name). **Richard moves out of the presbytery September 9th - Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino. We hope to commission our 'Parish Stewards' at our Patronal Feast**

### **CALLING ALL CATECHISTS GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE**

The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will lead this day exploring how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. Those who are not catechists but care about the formation of children, young people, and adults, are invited to come to this day. **Do join us 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](mailto: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](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) or Alexander House on 0117 902 5590

**DIOCESAN DAY ON THE JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025** All are invited to join in the **Annual Diocesan Day on Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.** The focus of our day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The Day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early. To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesan-day.eventbrite.co.uk> You will be most welcome.

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - 14th JULY** - Our new Bishop, Bp Bosco, will be leading our annual pilgrimage, 'Mary, Woman of Prayer'. We cannot organise a coach because of expense but we do encourage as many as possible to take part especially as this will be first time our new Bishop will lead the Pilgrimage. Exposition, Confessions and healing Prayer from 12noon until 3.00pm; Healing Prayer 12 noon to 3.00pm; Rosary Procession at 2.15pm; Mass at 3.30pm. Please see poster for more info.

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