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### TENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B - FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY



#### ***EUCHARIST - CENTRE OF OUR LIVES***

Every few years the Church gathers for a great International Eucharistic Congress: why? To celebrate Mass! To sit in silence before the Lord of the Eucharist! To ponder this 'most wonderful sacrament'! We do not gather to make policies, to discuss church politics, to make church appointments. We gather simply to pray, to do together that which is most important in our lives - come to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Today we bring our children to Jesus in this vulnerable gift of all His Love in the poverty of bread and wine. This is one of the most important days in the lives of our children because the Eucharist is the most important gift and activity we can engage with, the richest food we can ever offer our children. Let us share with all our children our love for the Jesus we meet in this Sacred Banquet, hand on to them this amazing gift which is above all others!

Let us bring them and ourselves week by week to this Sacrament of Infinite Love that will transform their and our lives!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS of FIRST EUCHARIST at 10.00am (*streamed*)

*Signed Mass with Clifton Deaf Association & Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm*

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy*

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Barnabas, Apostle, 'Son of Encouragement'*

*Adoration at 6.00pm*

*Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm*

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

*Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm*

**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Anthony of Padua, Franciscan Priest & Theologian (1193-1231)*

*Adoration at 11.30am*

*Service of Word & Communion at 12noon*

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Let us be such a Church, dynamic in compassionate love, prophetic in courageous witness so that the broken and wounded can find shelter, humanity, hope among us - like the birds coming and sheltering in our branches.

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!

### **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 9/06/2024** The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of St John the Evangelist, Bath, served by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Parish Administrator Janet Flinn, Parish Outreach Robert von Hawrylak and all their community. We pray also for the retired priests who live at St John's Flats and help in the Bath parishes - Canon Michael English, Fr Tibor Szende, Fr Joseph Bredin

**16/06/024** The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary, Bath, served by Mgr Provost Jeremy Rigden, Parish Administrator Mrs Charlotte Boyall and all their community.

### **PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION**

We pray today for the work and Mission of **our Borderlands Charity - from exclusion to Belonging**. Since the year 2000 our parish has been involved in serving and accompanying the refugee and asylum community. We set up this Charity about 12 years ago to resource and develop this Mission and over the years many of our community have volunteered with Borderlands. Three of the Trustees of the Charity are parishioners. An independent Charity, Borderlands is a most valued partner organisation as we continue to serve and rejoice in our refugee and asylum community and friends.

### **COLLECTION 2/06/2024**

G.A.Env £60.00 + Loose £288.49 + Card Reader £199.87 + S/O £165.88 = £714.24

**Caritas: £60.00    Flowers £25.50 - many thanks!**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024**

9th June	<b>First Eucharist Sunday</b>
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>

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**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!*

**DISCERNING 'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' AS PARISH CHANGES** All of us have 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 that includes our non-resident parish priest (Fr Richard). 35 sheets and emails with suggested names were submitted by both individuals and couples- a significant participation. **To clarify, 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! He will however reduce his workload and share more fully responsibilities with the Team of 'Community Stewards' (a provisional name). **Richard moves out of the presbytery September 8th - 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. Exposition, Confessions and healing Prayer from 12noon until Mass at 3.30pm. Please see poster for more info.

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