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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B



A Shepherd? Or Prophet? Or Healer?

So who is this Jesus who sends His friends out into a pain-filled world of oppression and injustice with ... NOTHING! But love and vision and unconquerable hope in a different kind of world.

Do not be weighed down with possessions to protect, He says, buildings to keep safe, strategies and timetables to computerize! No go with nothing but the Love I place in your hearts. That Love has everything you need - power to heal, courage to challenge evil, vision to see the most broken people whole and free, the most despairing living with a new hope. I am a shepherd, but not to build up my flock, but to give life in abundance to all. I am a prophet who will challenge all the evil that oppresses and denies humanity to my little ones. I am a healer who brings the Kingdom breaking into lives not with empty words, but with the Word of Power that literally sets you free! And I send you - 'to go and do likewise ... for by your Love they will know me, and find themselves!'

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

Glastonbury Pilgrimage - Mass with Bishop Bosco at 3.00pm

MONDAY: *No Liturgy*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Bonaventure, Franciscan Bishop & Theologian (1218-1274)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *End of Year School Mass at 9.30am (all welcome)*

Adoration at 6.00pm

Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: *Adoration at 11.30am*

Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: *Adoration at 8.30am*

Mass at 9.00am

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SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon
Mass in Shona with the Zimbabwean community at 1.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] We celebrate on the **Fifteenth Sunday Year B** Jesus who entrusts the Mission of Love to the Apostles - and to us in our day! Each one of us is called to be His disciples; each one of us sent to do His work of proclamation and healing; each one of us is called to build a New Way of being Church and sent to build a New Way of being our World! And the Good News that we are sent to proclaim is a loving and prophetic message - challenging both the Church and the World to be different - more divinely human! Will we accept His call? Dare we be His Apostles, His Prophets, His healers in the power of His Spirit?

[2] We gather for our **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury**. Please pray for our new Bishop and all our diocesan family, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Glastonbury and the three Martyrs of Glastonbury Abbey: may learn from their lives of prayer, witness and courage, to be a diocese of the Spirit's courage, shaping a new future for our Church.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Sixteenth Sunday of Year B** we celebrate Jesus the Good Shepherd who puts aside his and the Apostles need for space to rest and 'de-brief' after their first experience of mission. Always the needs of broken humanity, wounded, defeated people come before His own need. He serves and shepherds with a generous heart that knows no limits. Our world of today needs us to touch the wounds and serve with the same heart overflowing with the love of the Good Shepherd. Will we be His Heart, His compassion?

[2] We gather with the **LGBTQ+ community, families and friends for their monthly Mass** at 3.00pm. As ever all are welcome - why not come and share and encourage them.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of Holy Family, Patchway, served by Fr Eugene Campbell VF (also Dean of our St Edmund of Abingdon Pastoral Area), Deacon Donald Cramer-Barnicoat, and all their community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of the Journey of Faith**. We are called to share our faith not only with each other but with all who might come to us searching for new meaning, a new wisdom - the Gospel and the love of Christ. That is the purpose of our Journey of Faith group. It also serves Catholics who wish to explore about their faith more deeply and seek a renewal in Christ and his Spirit. Adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed in the Holy Spirit - this group is also for you in your journey towards completing your 'Initiation into Christ'. The group is animated by Richard, Mary Hopper and Margaret Ulloa - interested in joining? please contact us.

COLLECTIONS

30/06/24 G.A.Env £35.00 + Loose £223.93 + Card Reader £20.00 + S/O £165.88 = £444.81
 - many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th July Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage
 17th July Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet at 12.30pm
 17th July St Nick's School Leavers Mass at 9.30am
 17th July Meeting for all Volunteers in our FoodBank at 1.00pm
 18th July Community Meeting with Police at Easton Christian Family Centre 7-8.30pm
 25th July Preachers Team meets at 6.30pm
 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**

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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!***

'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' I am pleased to inform our parish family that the following have agreed to serve the life, ministry and mission of St Nicks as 'Community Stewards': ***Eustace Tameh, Margaret Ulloa, Mary Hopper, Benedicta Lobela Amba, Epiphania Chipato.*** Some others also carefully considered whether to accept to be "Community Stewards" but for many reasons discerned that they were not able to fulfil this role at this present time. We hope that one or two others will be able to join the Team in the coming months. **I wish to thank** not only those who have accepted this new role and ministry supporting the future development of our parish, but also all who prayerfully considered who should be invited and all to were not able to accept this role at this time. This process of 'communal discernment' is at the heart of being a 'synodal parish in mission'. I also look forward to working closely and collaboratively with the Team of 'Community Stewards' to ensure the long-term development of our parish as a 'Eucharistic Community of Mission'.

RICHARD NOT RETIRING YET! To clarify, **Richard will remain 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**

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ON DIVERSITY OF GIFTS, CHARISMS & MINISTRIES: "The most beautiful experience is the discovery of all the different charisms and all the gifts of his Spirit that the Father showers on his Church! This must not be seen as a reason for confusion, for discomfort: they are all gifts that God gives to the Christian community, in order that it may grow in harmony, in the faith and in his love, as one body, the Body of Christ. The same Spirit who bestows this diversity of charisms unites the Church. It is always the same Spirit. Before this multitude of charisms, our heart, therefore, must open itself to joy and we must think: "What a beautiful thing! So many different gifts, because we are all God's children, all loved in a unique way". Never must these gifts become reasons for envy, or for division, for jealousy!"

URGENT NEEDS OF OUR FOODBANK [1] **Volunteers urgently needed** - we need members of our Christian community with a heart for the disadvantaged and poor to volunteer in our foodbank. Can you give one morning a week? (opening times - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm). Some of our existing volunteers cannot help during the school holidays because of childcare. Please see Michael Conway (mob: 07482425539).

[2] **Food and Toiletries needed** - It has become much more difficult to source suitable food and other items and often we have little to offer those with great need. Please bring anything you and ask your friends and neighbours to help and share with those who have so little. We need fresh meat (which can be frozen), bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables; pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, milk, sugar, tea/coffee, pasta sauces, and tinned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, baked beans etc. Some vegan foodstuffs also needed as well as some pet food. And of course also washing powder, cleaning materials and toiletries. Please bring what you can at

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the Offertory on Sundays - larger deliveries by arrangement with Michael, our foodbank manager, (mob: 07482425539). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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

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. Bring a picnic lunch. By Public Transport, there is the hourly service of No 376 bus from the Bus Station to Glastonbury High Street. **I can offer three people a lift to the Pilgrimage leaving after our 10am Mass.**

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE US ON THE SEAS - 'SEA SUNDAY' On Sunday July 28th we will be praying for and taking a retiring collection in support of the Church's mission among those serving on the seas. Seafarers and fishers can lead hard and dangerous lives. Your gifts and prayers will welcome and help them get the support they need. The Church's Mission to seafarers is a vital life-line for so many, helping to protect them from exploitation and working conditions very like modern forms of slavery. Do please support Sea Sunday as best you can.

URGENT APPEAL FOR BAME BLOOD DONORS The NHS has issued an urgent call for more Black people to give blood to meet increasing demand for Asian, Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed ethnicity donors. Some 16,000 new donors from these ethnic groups must be recruited this year as demand rises for life-saving transfusions for people with sickle cell disease, according to the health service. Sickle cell is the fastest growing genetic disorder in the UK, affecting 15,000 people with around 300 babies born with the blood disorder each year; the illness can cause organ failure, stroke or loss of vision, sometimes even leading to death. The disorder is more common in Black people and, as such, people from this ethnic group are more likely to have the rare blood sub-group Ro that many Black sickle cell patients need. *The Church strongly encourages blood donation as a life-saving gift to others.* **PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR - ONE PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES! To become a blood donor today, register today and book an appointment by visiting www.blood.co.uk, downloading the GiveBloodNHS app or calling 0300 123 23 23.**

CALLING OUR INNER CITY COMMUNITY: THE POLICE WANT TO LISTEN TO US
In the light of the tragic events - stabbings and murders - in our part of Bristol, the Bristol Police Commander and others from our local Police are meeting with residents and listening to our concerns, hopes and fears. The next meeting is on **Thursday 18th July from 7.00 to 8.30pm at Easton Christian Family Centre on Stapleton Road (about 150 yards from St Nicks!)** I expect to be there and hope others from our community will attend.

NEED FOR WELCOMERS It is so important that when people come to Mass on Sundays (especially if they are visitors or have not been to Church for a long time) that they are warmly welcomed. We need more volunteers for our Welcoming Ministry. It makes such a difference when people are greeted at the door. Welcomers will need to arrive no later than 9.30am for this Ministry, ready to hand out the bulletin and any Liturgy sheets.

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