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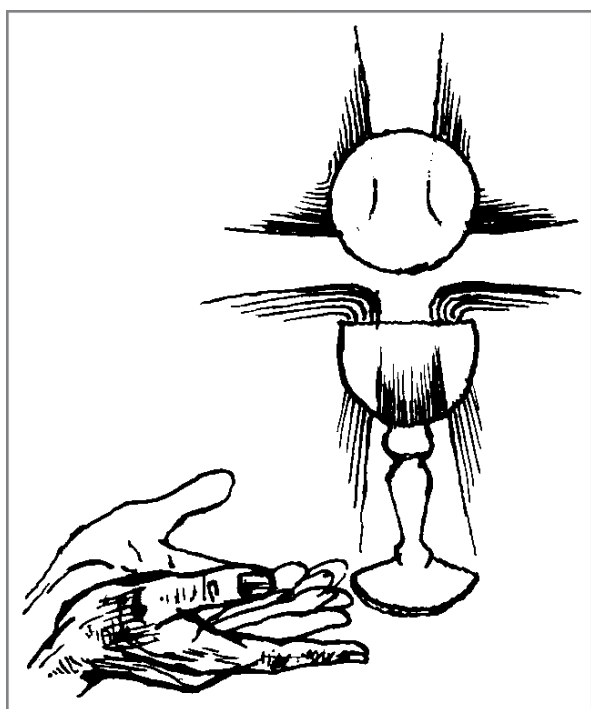
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR B



The Eucharist - the Test of Faith

The words of Jesus stretches our imaginations, challenges our narrowness of mind, and reveals the shallowness of our love! He asks His followers - you and me - to believe because he says so, because he is the Truth, God's Truth. So to follow Him is to trust what He says, feed on the Gift He gives, and love in the limitless power of His loving.

Yes, this has always been 'intolerable language'! And so the Eucharist has always been the test of our faith as well as the measure of our love - for God and each other! Eating a scrap of bread, drinking a drop of wine - and we taste the Eternal Banquet?? We enter into the mystery of Jesus and become utterly one with Him?? We are embraced by His dying on the Cross and raised up by His Rising?? Like Peter, we too say 'To Whom shall we go - you have the Words of Life' - The Eucharist not only tests our faith, but also nourishes us with Bread of Faith and of Trust!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Child Baptism at 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Monica, wife, mother of St Augustine of Hippo (332-387)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Theologian (354-430)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: *Feast of the Martyrdom of St John the Baptist*
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon

FRIDAY: *Feast of Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Martyrs (died 1580's)*
No Liturgy today

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SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Aidan and the Saints and Martyrs of Lindisfarne (Aidan died 651)***
Nuptial Mass for Rene Fonyuy and Uchechi Izuka at 1.00pm
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** none today*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Child Baptism at 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy*

TUESDAY: ***Feast of St Gregory the Great, Monk, Pope & Theologian (540-604)***
Funeral Mass for Aaron Swift RIP at 1.00pm

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration at 6.00pm* *Service of Word & Communion at 6.30pm*

THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Cuthbert, Monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne***
Adoration at 11.30am *Mass at 12noon*

FRIDAY: *Adoration at 8.30am* *Mass at 9.00am*

SATURDAY: *Adoration at 11.30am* *Mass at 12noon*
***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm*

25/08/2024 [1] The **Twenty-First Sunday of Year B** celebrates Jesus who speaks 'Words that are Spirit and Life', and invites us to believe in Him. Faith must always go beyond our understanding or it is not real faith. And in Jesus we have the eternal covenant between God and humanity, the Creator and all Creation. 'Lord we believe, help our unbelief!'

[2] We rejoice to celebrate the **Baptism into the New Life of Christ** of nine of our children. Please pray for them and their families as they 'grow in all ways into Christ Jesus'.

1/09/2024 [1] On the **Twenty-Second Sunday of Year B** we return to the cycle of readings from Mark's Gospel as we celebrate Jesus the Rule-Breaker! He insists that external observance of religious rules will not 'save' us - growing in love, the true meaning of our Faith, will! It is our heart that must change and simply conforming to rules in our external behaviour is of no avail - God sees the heart and the Word of God is a 'two-edged sword' that pierces through our religious 'masks'!

[2] We **commission during Mass our Preaching Team**, anointing them for their Ministry of 'Breaking the Bread of the Word' so that our community is nourished with the Life-Giving Word of God. Please pray for Eustace Tameh, Margaret Ulloa, Mary Hopper, Jacob Gitahi, David Maggs, Epiphania Chipato and Paul Bradshaw-Price.

CELEBRATING THE PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO On **Sunday 8th September** we rededicate ourselves as the Parish Community of St Nicholas of Tolentino. We are inspired to continue our mission by the example of the this great lover and servant of the poor, this great healer (in Christ) so many of the broken and wounded whom he served. **This year's celebration will be particularly important as it marks a new beginning and development for our parish.** As Richard steps back to a lighter workload and moves out of the presbytery we **Commission and prayer for our 5 Community Stewards** as they take up extra responsibilities in the journey to greater lay-leadership of the parish family. Our parish could become a model for other parish's with a non-resident priest without diminishing the life, spirituality, ministry and mission of the community. More lay-leadership and less clergy dominance can lead to a truly thriving 'Eucharistic Community in Mission'. **SO LET US ALL COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF REDEDICATION AND MOVE INTO A NEW FUTURE WITH FAITH, TRUST AND**

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LOVE! Please bring food, song, laughter and love to share together after the Mass and make this day a joyful celebration of our shared future in Christ.

DIOCESAN PRAYER **25/08/2024** The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton and St Vincent de Paul, Southmead served by Fr James Finan, Deacons Tom Douglas, Charles Hickman, Ludgero Ferreira, Parish Administrator Debbie Nicholls, and both communities.

1/09/2024 The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gerard Majella, Knowle and Christ the King, Knowle West, served by Fr George Henwood, Fr Michael d'Mello, and both communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION **25/08/2024** We pray for our **Live-streaming Team**, co-ordinated by Reagan d'Mello. Started during Covid when no-one could come to Mass, it has been continued to enable those unable to attend for whatever reason to participate from a distance, be nourished by prayer, praise, the Word of God and Spiritual Communion. We have friends from different part of UK as well as New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Cameroon, Caribbean, USA and Canada that join us. And often weddings and funerals are live-streamed. This is a ministry of Evangelisation through the Internet. We need volunteers to be trained to live-stream and join the rota for Sundays and if possible for the occasional weekday. Please contact Reagan.

1/09/2024 We pray for our **Proclaimers of the Word**, co-ordinated by Reagan d'Mello. This ministry of of life-giving importance as the Word of God is our daily 'Bread for the Journey'. Christ is truly present among us in His Word proclaimed in our Liturgical Assembly. The Word is not simply 'read' but is to be proclaimed with faith and love, with understanding and passion. We also pray for our Preaching Team who regularly 'break the Bread of the Word' for us one Sunday a month and when I am away on a Sunday.

COLLECTIONS

G.A.Env £90.00 + Loose £130.34 + Card Reader £25.00 + S/O £165.88 = £411.22 - thanks!
Richard's Caritas Stall £413.53 **Caritas** £20.00 - many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th Aug Baptismal Sunday
 27th Aug Community Stewards meet at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
 29th Aug Local Community meets with Police and City Officials at ECFC at 7-8.30pm
 1st Sept Commissioning of our Lay Preaching Team at 10.00am Mass
 5th Sept Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
 8th Sept **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Parish Day of Celebration**
 10th Sept Beginning of School Year Mass (marking Patronal Feast) at 9.30am
 26th Sept Parish Finance `Committee meets at 7.30pm (via Zoom)
 26th Sept Local Community meets with Police and City Officials at ECFC at 7-8.30pm
 29th Sept Community Meeting with Police at Easton Christian Family Centre 7-8.30pm
 18th Oct Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
 19th Oct LGBTQ+ Day Conference at St Nicks - all welcome

LIFE-SAVING 'BLEED KIT' OUTSIDE OUR PARISH HALL Many thanks to Ashley Tardivo for arranging for the Police to fit the bleed kit to an external wall of the church. It is intended to save people from bleeding to death in minutes, especially from knife crime attacks (which sadly have occurred near St Nick's). Full and simple instructions how to dress a wound are contained in the pack. Let us pray that it will never be needed - but if it is that quick action will save someone's life.

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'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' We had a our second meeting this week and settled on the various areas of 'oversight' responsibility for each of the Team of Community Stewards. Please pray for us:

Eustace Tameh on Financial Responsibility, **Benedicta Lobela Amba** for Young People,
Epiphania Chipato for Pastoral Care, **Margaret Ulloa** for Buildings and Maintenance,
Mary Hopper for Catechesis, **Richard McKay** for Liturgy and Spirituality
 and the **whole Team** for Mission Focus.

The area of responsibility under 'Communications' is so wide and varied that it was decided to share it out between the Team:

Margaret Ulloa - Interfaith and ecumenical, **Benedicta Lobela Amba** local community
Eustace Tameh - Social Media **Richard McKay** Deanery Pastoral Area
Richard McKay - School

There is shared responsibility as Team. Each Community Steward will seek to involve other parishioners in sharing the work, while their role is oversight - ensuring that the work is done and the parish and area is served.

Richard remains our parish priest while living outside the parish but in Bristol, not retiring (health permitting) until 2028, when he will be 80! Richard moves out of the presbytery September 8th - Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino. We will commission our 'Community Stewards' at our Patronal Feast

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS - OPEN EVENTS St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School, an outstanding Catholic secondary school, is holding its annual Open Events for parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 who will transfer to secondary school in 2025/2026. At St Bernadette's we pride ourselves on being a vibrant faith community and an ambitious learning community, where everyone is valued and has a part to play. Strong, caring relationships, high expectations and making the We welcome you to attend the following sessions: **Open Evening: Thursday 19th September 2024, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Head's Talk: 5:45 pm Head's Talk: 6:45 pm

Tours of the school will be running throughout the evening. **Open Mornings: Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 9:15 am - 10:45 am Thursday 17th October 2024, 9:15 am - 10:45 am**

Please access our school website for more information. This can be found at www.stbernadettebristol.sch.uk or via our social media Facebook or [Instagram](#) We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school.

RICHARD'S CARITAS TABLE Thank you to all who contributed to the 'Caritas Fund' by donating through my 'Caritas Table'. There remain a few more items which will be available after Mass in the parish hall. The only cost is a donation to the Parish Caritas Fund (for the relief of poverty locally - there are so many more demands on this fund because of the cost of living crisis. Come and have a look over a cup of coffee.

SPUC PETITION TO END THE TWO CHILD BENEFIT CAP The last Labour Government halved Child Poverty in UK (as well as releasing deprived nations of the International Debt Crisis). This petition (which I strongly support and urge all to do so) will press the new Labour Government to abolish the Two Child Benefit Cap, which will

POLICE AND CITY OFFICIALS MEET OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY We must all come together and act collectively to improve the community and area especially for our children. There will be monthly meetings where police and city officials will be accountable to local people for progress on the issues raised. Next meetings: **Thursdays 29th August and 26th September 7.00-8.30pm at Easton Christian Family Centre** (next to the swimming pool). St Nicks needs to be part of these meetings and the actions that follow.

NEXT BAPTISMAL SUNDAY will be on the **Feast of Christ the King, 24th November** - please see Eustace Tameh if you wish your child to be baptised at St Nicks.

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