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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Year B



WHAT IS TRUE GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM?

Among the squabbling apostles, jostling for more power and prestige, Jesus teaches them and us the nature of greatness. He places a child, powerless, dependent, of no rank of influence, and tells them that the greatness of the Kingdom lies within the child.

There is so much ambition in our world - ambitions for honours, for success, for wealth, for recognition, for power. Paul tells us 'be ambitious for higher gifts' - and then speaks of love! Love is the measure of true greatness, love that safeguards the child and the vulnerable. Love that far from abusing or ignoring, places the children of the world, the children of our parish, the children of our families above every ambition.

Children need less of our money and goods and more of our time and love. They have a right to be safe from all harm, safe from violence of every kind in their homes, in their church, on their streets. Honours mean nothing, power means nothing - what matters is that we build a safe world for our children!

SUNDAY: Mass at 10.00 a.m.

**MONDAY: *Feast of St Padre Pio, Franciscan priest & stigmata*
No Liturgy**

**TUESDAY *Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham*
Adoration at 6.00 Service of Word and Eucharist at 6.30 pm**

WEDNESDAY Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Eucharist at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30 Service of Word and Eucharist at 12.00

FRIDAY: No liturgy

**SATURDAY: *Feast of St Vincent de Paul, Priest, lover of the Poor*
Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word and Eucharist at 12.00 noon**

TODAY [1] With the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Year B** we listen to Jesus teach about ambition and the meaning of true greatness. We welcome Fr Tibor to celebrate mass with us today.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Year B** we celebrate Jesus who explains to us again that the Messiah is not a glorious warrior, but the humble servant of all people.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of. St Edmund's in Calne, and St Anthony of Padua in Melksham, and for both their communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION

We pray for the **Ministry of our Parish Office and its Team**, supported by our Parish Administrator, Astrid Fagon (currently on sick leave) and Margaret Ulloa. The Office handles most of the day to day administration of the parish (vital work) as well as outreaching to the wider community. Many thanks to Benedicta and Kerry who also volunteer and enable the parish to serve the wider community on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (10.00am to 1.00pm). We need more volunteers to support this. Please contact Margaret or Richard to support this vital mission to the marginalised and impoverished of our inner city area.

COLLECTIONS

G.A.Envelopes £35 + Loose £146.41+ Card Reader £645.14 + S/O £165.88 = Total £99.43 thanks! **Caritas** £15 - many thanks!

Please see Jenny or contact the office if you would like to Gift Aid your contribution.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

26th Sept	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30 (Zoom)
26th Sept	Local community meets with Police
29th Sept	Community Meeting with Police at Easton Christian Family Centre 7-8.30pm
18th Oct	PPC meeting 7.15 pm
19th Oct	LGBTQ+ Day Conference at St Nicks - all welcome
24th Oct	Lay preachers' team meeting 7.00 pm
31st Oct	Parish Finance Committee 7.30 (Zoom)
1st Nov	All Saints (Holiday of Obligation)
2nd Nov	All Souls (Commemoration of all the faithful departed)
9th Nov	Joint Committees' meeting 9.30-12.00 noon Jesus Youth prayer vigil, starting with mass at 8.00pm
21st Nov	Parish Pastoral Council 7.15 pm
24th Nov	Feast of Christ the King - Baptismal Sunday

PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptismal Sunday 24th November - Feast of Christ the King

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We would like hear from those of our young people (13years or older by January 2015) who have not yet been confirmed in the Holy Spirit and want to think about whether God is calling them to this commitment. There may also be some adults who have not yet be confirmed and would like to consider making this step to complete their Christian Initiation which began at Baptism.

We expect to celebrate Confirmation in the Spring of 2025, so young people and adults who are interested, please contact Margaret in the Parish office to register your interest.

COMMUNITY STEWARDS

The Community Stewards team can be contacted either through the parish office (by phone or email) or on the Community Stewards' phone (Number to be announced)

Please feel free to contact them if you have a query or suggestion in a specific area, or for any pastoral needs which arise in Fr Richard's absence.

There is shared responsibility as a 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 is no longer living in the presbytery, so he cannot be contacted there, but appointments can be made to see him in the Assisi Centre on his working days - Thursday to Sunday each week.

URGENT NEED for CLEANERS

Work commitments and change of address have reduced our church cleaning team to one or two people, both of whom also have work commitments which sometimes prevent them from coming in on a Friday morning. Do you have an hour or two to spare to help with the really important work of looking after our beautiful church? If we had a big enough team it would not take too long at all. Could you occasionally spare the time, even if you can't commit every Friday?

Speak to Taz or Eddie , or contact the parish office.

Thank you for your help!

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 most of our gifts. We welcome you to attend the following Open Mornings/tours of the school:

Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 9:15 am - 10:45 am Thursday 17th October 2024, 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Further details on www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk or via our social media Facebook or [Instagram](#) We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school.

POLICE AND CITY OFFICIALS MEET OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

We all listened to the pain, frustration and anger of local people over so many issues of deprivation, violence, drug addiction and fly-tipping of litter that is harming our Inner City, especially in the Stapleton Road & Newtown areas of the parish. It was very uncomfortable listening and very challenging. What can we do as a Church with a Mission? Somehow 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 meeting: **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. If you are a local resident, please try to attend.

CONFERENCE: "Crumbs from the Table"

On Saturday 19th of October (9.30-4.30 pm) we are hosting a conference exploring the origins of the Vatican Document "Fiducia Supplicans" on blessings for same sex couples. We will look at whether it represents a development in Church teaching, and offers new possibilities in pastoral ministry to those engaged in ministering to same-sex couples.

Please register interest in attending or ask for further information from:

inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

SEPTEMBER - SEASON OF CREATION

From 1st September until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology, lover of the poor and lover of all creation, the Church asks us to focus our prayer and action on the greatest humanitarian crisis facing us - global warming. Man-made and caused by our use and abuse of the beautiful planet God has given us, it is still (just) in our power to halt global warming and its disastrous consequences, especially for the poorest of our world. Please keep this issue in your prayer and concern and do whatever you can to contribute to a more sustainable future for our children and grandchildren. **Mass on Sunday 20th October will be offered for the healing of our creation and justice for the poorest of our world.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR TWO PARISHES IN OUR DIOCESE:

In the past three weeks two serving parish priests of our diocese have died unexpectedly: Fr George Malecki of Christ the King, Thornbury and Fr Michael d'Mello of Christ the King, Knowle West (Richard's former parish). Please pray for these two servants of God that they may enter the reward of their labours; please pray for their bereaved families and their grieving parishes. Their deaths as serving parish priests are a wake up call to all the parishes and the leadership in our diocese that unless we empower the ministry and leadership of lay members of the Church, embrace wide-spread collaboration and listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in our time (synodality), so many of our parish will wither on the vine and no longer be vibrant 'Eucharistic Communities of Mission'. The recent changes in our parish are precisely to prepare us for a future of a more lay-led Church. As Pope Francis describes it, we are seeking 'a New Way of being Church.