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## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR B -REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



### WHY REMEMBER THE HORROR?

There is enough sorrow in the world without constantly harking back to the horrors of the past - surely? Why keep on 'Remembering'?

To 're-member' is to reconnect, join the present with the past, so that the past can positively influence the present. We have to face up to the horrors we human beings have perpetrated in the hope of healing the human spirit, that the brutality will not be repeated. When the serpents bit the Hebrews in the desert because of their rebellious and sinful actions, then Moses fashioned a serpent and raised it high for all to look, to gaze on the sign of their sin - like gazing upon Jesus on the Cross, the cost of our sin! And the Cross of Jesus carries all the horrors of war, holocaust and genocide. But gazing on the wounds we can be healed!

So we must never forget! Have the courage to remember without a shade of glorifying the horror so that humanity may one day be healed of war-lust! And Eucharist is re-remembering the Cross!

**SUNDAY:** Mass at 10.00 a.m with Rite of Child catechumen

**MONDAY:** St Martin of Tours, Bishop  
No Liturgy

**TUESDAY** St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
Adoration at 6.00pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.30 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human person  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**THURSDAY:** Beatified Martyrs of Clifton Diocese inc Bl Edward Powell of Bristol  
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00noon

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**FRIDAY: St Albert the Great, Bishop and Theologian**  
**Adoration** at 6.00pm **Mass** at 6.30pm

**SATURDAY: St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, Patron of our Pastoral Area**  
**Adoration** at 11.30 **Mass** at 12.00 noon.

**TODAY** **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year B** With Jesus valuing the poor widow we see Him turning the world's way of looking at things, the world's priorities, upside down. When we are geared to be 'upwardly mobile', He calls us to be like Him, 'downwardly mobile', entering the world of the poor, the marginalised and the forsaken. He challenges our success culture with His culture of vulnerable loving.

**NEXT SUNDAY** **The 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year B** We hear Jesus using imagery from the non-scientific world view of his own time to speak of the utter Cosmic significance of His transforming presence in the world's history. It makes no sense to our modern scientific world view to picture Jesus flying around on clouds with hundreds of angels! But it does make sense to speak of the power of transforming love that Jesus unleashes by His death and Resurrection and the outpouring of that Love in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost !

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catherine , Chipping Camden and Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold with Bourton-on-the-water, and their pastors Fr John Brennan and Fr Stephen Lambert and Administrator Andrew Gorzinski.

**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 14 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.

**COLLECTIONS**

G.A.Envelopes: £25 + Loose £181.88+ S.O £ 165.88 total: £397.76  
 Covenant with poor: £10.00 thanks!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

10th Nov Remembrance Sunday, remembering all victims of 110 years of war  
 10th Nov Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am Mass  
 13th Nov Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person 6.00-7.15pm  
 15th Nov Parents Baptism Preparation 2nd Session at 6.30pm Assisi Centre  
 16th Nov Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm  
 17th Nov 'Safeguarding Sunday' - pray especially for survivors of abuse  
 21st Nov Parish Pastoral Council 7.15 pm  
 Education Mass at the Cathedral 6.00 pm  
 24th Nov Feast of Christ the King, Baptismal Sunday (Provisional)  
 27th Nov Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet 12.30pm  
 28th Nov Celebration Eucharist 20th anniversary of Prayer for Easton 7.30pm

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31st Nov Readers' training for new lectionary

1st Dec **First Sunday of Advent & Introduction of the New Lectionary**

**JOURNEY OF FAITH 2024/25 HAS BEGUN** It has been agreed that we meet in the Assisi Centre at 5.30pm each Thursday. This group explores our Catholic Christian Faith both for those thinking about becoming Catholics and for Catholics who wish a renewal or deeper understanding of their faith. **This includes adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed in the Holy Spirit. Please contact Richard or Mary for more information or just come along!**

**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.

**Parents 2nd Preparation Session - Friday 15th Nov 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)**

**Rite of Catechumen (Welcoming) - Sunday 10th Nov at 10.00am Mass**

**Baptismal Sunday (Provisionally) - Sunday 24th Nov at 10.00am Mass**

### **CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We would like hear from those of our young people (13 years or older by January 2025) 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 Astrid or Margaret in the Parish office to register your interest.

**EDUCATION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL** On November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm, Bishop Bosco will be offering mass for everyone in the diocese involved in education – children, parents, teachers, governors,

### **HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED ALL THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR OUR SUNDAY MASS?**

Would you like to help to prepare for our masses? We need someone (or a few people) who could come a bit earlier on a Sunday and learn where things are stored, what needs to be set out for mass, how to check on supplies and to do all the little jobs connected with the Sacristy. Might you be one of those people? Come and talk to to Mary after Mass!

**CALLING ALL LAY READERS (PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD) - NEW LECTIONARY** On the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December, the New Lectionary will be introduced. The same selection of Biblical readings it uses both a different translation and a different lay-out. **It is important that all Readers become familiar with the Lectionary so as to proclaim the Word effectively - clearly and with faith.** Readers are asked to attend the training session 9.30-12.00 on **Saturday November 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please make it a priority as part of the your ministry. Thank you for your co-operation in this. **If you feel called to this Ministry of Proclaiming the Word, please contact Reagan or Richard and attend these sessions.**

### **ARE YOU A SKILLED DESKTOP PUBLISHER?**

We'd like to have a think about redesigning our parish bulletin. Would you like to help? Do you have lots of ideas? Please speak to Fr Richard or to Margaret, or contact the parish office (email on the front of the bulletin)

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**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS**

Why not give a friend or family a gift that benefits the poorest of our world. Jesus is not honoured by lavish gifts to each other - when you give someone a CAFOD World Gift, you are giving to Jesus who identified himself with the poor who benefit from your Gift. 'Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers you do to me!' The catalogues for these CAFOD World Gifts will soon be in the porch.

**NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of their lives!

**GLOBAL SYNOD ENDS ... OR JUST BEGINS?**

The final Report has been published and the Assembly in Rome has concluded. **You can read on our website the 4 page summary of the 52 page document - it is essential reading!** Now it is up to us to ensure that the radical reform of the way decisions are made in the Church is embedded at every level - from global (Vatican), to national (Bishops' Conference of England and Wales), to diocesan (Clifton Diocese), to Pastoral Areas, to our parish of St Nicks. **This calls for a 'synodal conversion' and the formation of 'missionary disciples'**. Every voice needs to be heard, every person is to be equally valued and engaged in being Church and Parish.

**CALLING OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

We are delighted that a number of young people who have come to Bristol to study at University here, or to get employment have found your way to St Nicks. We value you and want to explore how we can support you and how you might get involved with the life and mission of our parish community. **Can we get together after 10.00am Sunday Mass on the 17th November** to get to know each other and discuss this? There will be coffee and cake on offer!!

**HALL BOOKINGS**

For hall bookings please contact Astrid (our Parish Administrator) in the office, either using the Parish Office email or phone number (see front of bulletin for both) or her work phone number: 07354895768.

**A CALL TO PRAYER - TO PROTECT THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON**

Our Bishops have asked us to share on Wednesday 13th Nov a Holy Hour of Prayer, especially in the light of the proposed legalisation of 'assisted dying' - helping people to kill themselves. Please make the effort to come to Adoration and Mass this Wednesday 6.00-7.15pm - if you cannot come, please at this time wherever you are.

**APPEAL FROM OUR SCHOOL**

The annual school camp is a very important part of our children's development both educationally and socially. Yet many of our children's families cannot afford the cost. Can you sponsor or part-sponsor a child to have this great opportunity? The cost is £185 per child for a week's camp - can you help? Please see Richard or go direct to St Nick's school, tel: 0117 3772260

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