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FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



BEHOLD THE KING!

Strange King, crowned with thorns, enthroned on a Cross, washing feet like a slave! Yet, 'I was born for this!'

Born to serve, born to gather all humanity into unity, born to die on a Cross so that we might stop killing each other, born to redefine forever authority, born to reign in the human heart where no King, Queen or President can ever enter, born to bring salvation to the very creation itself - the whole Universe! Salvation is Cosmic!

And this King makes you and I 'a line of kings and priests to serve our God'. Far from possessive of His Royal Power or Dignity, He freely shares it by pouring out His Spirit upon us. He shares His throne with us - both the Cross of serving our broken sisters and brothers, and the Heavenly Throne at the right hand of His Father

So let us enthrone Him and serve with Him the Kingdom of Justice, Love & Peace

SUNDAY: Mass at 10.00 a.m

MONDAY: No Liturgy

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

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THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

SATURDAY: St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Adoration at 11.30 Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

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TODAY Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

This Feast on the final Sunday of our Liturgical Year celebrates the goal of our Mission and the purpose of our lives: to enthrone Jesus Christ as King of our own lives, of our Church, our world - yes and even our Universe! The Son of God is the origin of all creation and the goal towards our Universe is evolving until all creation is reconciled, united in His Body. The Church is called to be the Sacrament and Servant of this transformation of all Creation into the Glorious Body of Christ. We and the Church have a vision and a mission to build 'the new heaven and new earth' - a world filled with justice and love!

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **First Sunday of Advent** the Church begins its new Liturgical Year (Cycle 'C' the Year of Luke's Gospel on Sundays). Advent is a Season of Mission - we are 'sent' by the Spirit of Pentecost to build a new world to hasten the day of the Lord's Final coming in Glory. Jesus cries out to us 'Stay Awake' - awake and alert to the needs of our broken hurting world, awake to the urgent need halt Global Warming and heal our beautiful but fragile planet. And always be alert to 'the signs of the times'.

[2] The **Jubilee Year of Hope** begins today. Hope is the theme of Advent - yearning and working with renewed faith in the Lord for a new future of our world and for the Church. Emeritus Bishop Declan was very fond of calling us in our diocese to 'be a People of Hope'. To bring hope into a world and to people that so often need Hope to journey on.

[3] The **New Lectionary is introduced today** - same readings but a different translation. We will bless the new lectionaries - may we be a people who attentively listen to the Word of God and then lovingly DO THE WORD OF GOD!

[4] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all are welcome to this mass, especially if work (or sport!) prevents you from sharing in our 10am Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton, served by Fr Reg Gray OFM, Fr Antony Collins OFM, Fr Eddy Highton OFM, Fr Tony Baya OFM, Deacon John Woodcock and Administrator Tom Osman; St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea and St Joseph, Portishead with their pastor Fr Frank Wainwright, Deacon Didier Delaplace, Pastoral Assistant Anne-Marie McIntosh and Administrator Elaine Shiel..

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION

We pray for our **Ministry of Flower Arranging**, led by Minette Semper - a small team of devoted ladies who every Friday enrich our worship with colour and nature in our flowers. They would welcome helpers willing to learn about flower - please contact Minette.

COLLECTIONS

G.A.Env: £55.00 + Loose £146.28 + S.O £ 165.88 + card reader: £68.82 = total: £435.98
Thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
31st Nov Readers' training for new lectionary
1st Dec **First Sunday of Advent & Introduction of the New Lectionary**
5th Dec St Nicks School Governors meet

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12th Dec	Bristol City of Sanctuary AGM - 2-4pm (New Rooms Broadmead BS1 3JE)
12th Dec	United Carols in Rawnsley Park, Stapleton Road at 6.30pm
13th Dec	End of Term School Mass at 9.30pm
16th Dec	St Nick's School Infants Nativity Play at 1.30pm (Church)
18th Dec	St Nick's School Carol Service at 1.30pm (Church)
24th Dec	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.30pm
25th Dec	CHRISTMAS SOLEMN MASS OF THE DAY at 10.00am
31st Dec	New Year's Eve Watchnight Mass at 10.30pm
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1st Jan	FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEARS DAY 10am Mass
5th Jan	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
12th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT SUNDAY MASS TIME The Parish Pastoral Council has been most concerned about the time keeping of the parish community for Sunday Mass. It seems that some people are no longer attending St Nicks because of the late start to Mass. It has decided (a decision I entirely support) that Mass must start at 10.00am from the 1st December (First Sunday of Advent) - no matter how few might be there. We must reclaim starting on time. So everyone with a ministry (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers, Live-streamers, Choir, Altar Servers, CLOW leaders...) need to be in place by 9.50am. This will be permanent - no more late starts to the 10am Mass. And Mass will finish no later than 11.30am (except for Baptismal Sundays).

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.

Baptismal Sunday (Provisionally) - Sunday 12th January at 10.00am Mass
Parents (Preparation Sessions to be announced)

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.

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

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the training session 9.30-12.00 on **Saturday November 31st**. 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.**

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.

AREA HOUSE MASSES TO RESUME The Area Masses we celebrated earlier this year was successful in gathering parishioners (and others) living in those particular parts of Bristol; and the Parish Pastoral Council wish to invite people to offer to host such a mass on a Friday evening. After Mass we have simple refreshments - tea/coffee, biscuits (may be cake), but no more.

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.

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

"I was sick, and you visited me..."(Mt 25:36) The Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care of the central Bristol Hospitals (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston) is looking for people to give up 2.5 hours a week each to reach out to the sick as chaplaincy volunteers. If you are interested in this important ministry, and would like to find out more about the recruitment and our thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Lead Chaplain, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9 - 4:00, or email Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk before 31st December 2024."

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025 Every 25 years the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year - a Year of Renewal and recommitment, a Year of Thanksgiving. This 2025 Jubilee will start on 1st December (next Sunday) and the theme is 'Hope' ... Hope for Peace

SHORT TALKS ON YOUTUBE During Covid Lockdowns Richard gave talks and celebrated Mass on FaceBook. He has been asked to give short talks (15-20 minutes) on YouTube. They will be live on Saturdays at 5.30pm and hopefully will include contributions from others together with Richard. This will start next Saturday 30th Nov and the themes during Advent will be different forms of prayer. Please join in on YouTube at 5.30pm next Saturday.

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