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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



CONTEMPLATION & STRUGGLE

Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé Community coined this phrase some years ago to express the call we all have to both 'stand ready and watchful' - awakened to the presence of God, the sound of His Word and promptings of His Spirit; and to act for justice and truth, peace and freedom wherever there is oppression and war.

The Christian is called and anointed in baptism to be a Prophet! To be on fire with love's courage that will be faithful to the radical Gospel and challenge both the Church and the World to transformation in a love that liberates. We are to be equally at home in the silence of contemplation and the din of action, for both serve the Kingdom. Our action needs to be shaped by our contemplation - our prayer to flow from our action! Let God's Fire burn in our bones and inflame our hearts!

SUNDAY: MASS at 10.00am (live-streamed)

Mass with LGBTQ+ community at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: No liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Theologian (1090-1153) No Liturgy

THURSDAY: St Pius X, Pope & Liturgical Reformer (1835-1914)

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

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FRIDAY: **Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12 noon

SATURDAY: **Feast of St Rose of Lima, first Saint of the Americas (1586-16-17)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] On the **Twentieth Sunday of Year C** we celebrate Jesus the Realist. He comes not to be popular, but faithful: to 'cast fire upon the Earth'... the Fire of God's radical and unconditional love that struggles to shape a different world. His radical love was so challenging that it led him to the 'Baptism' of the Cross - utter self-sacrifice. We are His disciples, called also to 'cast' the same fire of love upon the world and its structures. Reshaping our world to be more peaceful, just, equal and humane will not necessarily win us friends as we struggle against selfishness and vested interests who want a world where they keep their riches no matter the cost to the poor or to our fragile and beautiful Earth.

[2] **Mass with the LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all very welcome**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Twenty-First Sunday of the Year C** we celebrate Jesus the Universal Saviour. This Jewish Messiah came to realise that His Father's desire is to gather all the peoples and races into the experience of His great love. No one is excluded as all are called to enter through the 'narrow door' of ever more expansive love and life-giving. May our hearts become as broad and long, High and deep as God's heart! The narrow door is a wide open heart!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion of St Joseph, Bridgwater, and Our Lady & English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea, served by Fr Paul Vettikattu CST, Deacon Paul White, Parish Administrator Fiona White and both communities.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the **Lay Ministry of the Eucharist**. Our Lay Ministers of the Eucharist enable us to receive the Precious Blood of the Lord each Sunday Mass and lead Services of Word and Communion when Richard is away. This nurtures the prayer and worship life of the community especially when a priest is not available. Lay Ministers of the Eucharist also ensure that all our housebound and long-term sick can receive the Healing Christ of the Eucharist in their own homes on a weekly basis. We are needing to train and commission a few more lay ministers to continue this invaluable ministry that touches the praying and sacramental heart of the parish

COLLECTIONS

GA: £60 + Loose £183.97 + Card Reader £24.59 + S.O. £165.88 = £434.44 *thanks!*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31st Aug **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Shared Meal after 10am Mass**
 7th Sept Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage - ends with Mass at 3.30pm
 11th Sept Parish Finance Committee meets (on Zoom) at 7.30pm

A NEW 'DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH' (THEOLOGIAN/SAINT) - ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Nine years ago this great English Theologian was declared a Saint - now Pope Leo has declared him to be a 'Doctor of the Church' - a saint who has had decisive

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impact on the Theology shaping the Church and its Proclamation of the Gospel. There are only 37 such 'Doctors of the Church' (including Ss Augustine, Athanasius, Thomas Aquinas, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila etc) and now just three English 'Doctors' - Venerable Bede (7th century), St Anselm (11th century) and now St John Henry Newman (19th century). His great works were 'The Development of Doctrine' and 'On consulting the Laity on matters of Doctrine', as well as primacy of conscience, and his 'Apologia' - the account of his conversion to the Catholic Church. His theology prepared the Church for the Second Vatican Council and its reforms and the growth of 'Synodality' in the Church of today. Let us be shaped by his faithful and dynamic teaching.

ST BERNADETTE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL - OPEN EVENTS Thinking about the right Secondary school for your child? Please consider seriously one of our Catholic Schools. Come see what St Bernadette's offers:

Open Evening: Wednesday 24th Sept 5-8pm (Head's Talks 5.45 and 6.45pm)

Open Mornings: Wednesday 1st Oct 9.15-10.45am; Thursday 16th Oct 9.15-10.45am

THREADS THROUGH CREATION - Spectacular display of Textile Art A powerful exhibition of textiles and tapestries depicting Creation in the Scriptures. At Victoria Methodist Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol 25th August to 4th October. Free Entry Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11am - 4pm ; Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 11am-6pm

CANCEL DEBT - CHOOSE HOPE IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR - A CAFOD CAMPAIGN Pope Francis identified Debt Cancellation for the Developing World (especially for African countries) as a vital element of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope celebrations. CAFOD is pressing the UK government for action to address the Debt Crisis. Please sign up and make your voice heard by emailing: cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt or with the link: www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/161357/petition/1

PROTECTING THE UNBORN AND THE ELDERLY SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) has an important campaign in the light of recent decisions of the House of Commons. MPs voted to allow women to abort their unborn child up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. As Christians we need to defend the 'Culture of Life' in every aspect. If you want to be part of this campaign "Every Life Matters" please sign the postcards available today in the porch. You can leave them in the basket and I will send them in together - to save postage.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP We meet on **Thursdays at 5.30-6.30pm**: come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers Ministers of the Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) for the Zoom link.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO A little earlier than usual this year because of the changed date of the Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage, we will hold on **Sunday 31st August** this Feast of Rededication to being (like St Nicholas) **Good News to the Poor, the Marginalised and to Creation**. Please ring our diverse cultural foods to share together after Mass, perhaps also with song and dance? Also please wear national/cultural dress as we celebrate with joy our diversity united as one. We also need a few volunteers to bake our 'St Nicholas Bread' - patterns and cutters available - see Margaret. Let us make this Patronal Feast with this Jubilee Year of Hope and the first Augustinian Pope.

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DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY On Sunday 7th September all are invited to share our annual Pilgrimage in honour of 'Our Lady of Hope'. It begins at 11.00am with Rosary, followed by Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 2.30pm (in the parish church). In the Abbey Grounds, the Jubilee Year of Hope Procession from the Abbey to the Tor (11am-12.30pm); prayer for Healing in the tented Healing Chapel (11.30-2.30pm); Rosary Procession from Abbey through the town centre (1.45pm); concluding with Mass led by Bishop Bosco at 3.00pm. Plenty of space in the Abbey grounds for a picnic.

THIS MONTH'S 'LAUDATO SI' TASK - Get the best out of your food Jesus has invited us to share food with the hungry, with those in need. In "Laudato Si'," Pope Francis emphasized the moral imperative to reduce food waste, framing it as a social justice issue and a responsibility towards both the environment and those in need. About 60% of food waste comes from our UK homes. 18 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) are generated by UK homes from wasted consumable food at home. 8 meals could be saved each week if we stopped binning our food at home. Here are some tips to stop food waste:

[1] What do you actually need?. Plan what you are going to eat each meal and each day, prepare your shopping list of the ingredients and shop what you just need. Check your fridge and food cabinets before shopping, move older food to the front of the shelf and make space for food you'll be buying. Update your shopping list. Check who's in and who's out; sense your flexible meal plan and update your shopping list again.

[2] Stay-in-control shopping. Adopt a few simple habits to take the stress out of shopping, keep it simple and help you stick to your list when in the shop. Remember to take your shopping list, notes on the telephone, photo of dry-wipe list on the fridge. It'll keep you focused on buying only what you need. Set your budget before you get to the store. Use the quick-scan hand-held facility in store.

[3] Storing your food after shopping. Putting your food away in all the right places will keep it fresher for longer - more time for you to use it in delicious meals. Find out the best places to store your food and a good time to check the fridge temperature. Fruit bowl in the fridge.

The less you waste, the better our common home will be.

GREAT NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS - ESPECIALLY FROM BAME COMMUNITY

When you donate blood you could save up to 3 lives in 1 hour.

Info can be found on a few websites below:

ACTL partnership with NHSBT https://youtu.be/HzGIBjUfXpl?si=VNkm_9AltWvdEVpx

Disney Ironheart message about blood donation

<https://youtu.be/DZNd37O0-ng?si=8DH2GW7Tc4ucasuH>

African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust website <https://aact.org/>

NHS Blood and Transplant

<https://www.blood.co.uk/why-give-blood/demand-for-different-blood-types/why-more-black-blood-donors-are-needed/>

LOURDES PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like to send petitions to be placed in the Grotto at Lourdes, for Mary's intercession, please go to website: Lourdes/Clifton Diocese and post them there. **Or give them on paper to Paula Murphy who is going as part of the pilgrimage.**

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