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PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



LOVER OF GOD, LOVER OF THE POOR

St Nicholas, lover of children, born like Samuel, Samson and John the Baptist of barren parents, the gift of God and his parents gift to God.

St Nicholas, who learnt to break bread with the poor long before he learnt to break the Bread of the Eucharist - risking his future in obedience to the God of the Poor and disobeying the voices of those who knew not the poor man of Nazareth.

St Nicholas, man of prayer who entered Love's silence in order to proclaim Love's Saving Word.

St Nicholas, vessel of God's healing love, from whom healing and life flowed in all abundance, raising the dead, healing the wounds, setting free.

St Nicholas, God's compassion to the prisoner, God's protector and rescuer of the prostitute, listening with a gentle heart and open mind.

St Nicholas, reaching in praying love beyond the bridge of death, holding the Departed in the purifying love of God. **St Nicholas, inspirer of our mission, healer of our wounds pray for us!**

SUNDAY: PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS of Rededication at 10am *(Live-streamed)*
followed by Food & Celebration in Parish Hall

MONDAY: No liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Funeral Mass for Ivorne Talbert RIP at 11.30am

FRIDAY: Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope & St Cuthbert, Celtic monk & bishop
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon

SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] We have the joy of celebrating the **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO WITH OUR MASS OF REDEDICATION**. We will bless the traditional St Nicholas Bread. Let us rededicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, a parish of many nations united in Christ, valuing each other's cultures, healing each other's wounds, reaching out to the poor and marginalised around us and throughout the world.

[2] **Please all come and share food, song and celebration in the Parish Hall to celebrate together our Parish Feast building our community of friendship and caring.**

[3] As part of our 'Covenant with the Poor' there will be a **Retiring Collection for the to be shared between CAFOD and our own 'Caritas' Fund (for local poverty).**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] The **Twenty-Third Sunday of Year C** celebrates Jesus, the strange wisdom of the Cross. He calls us to place him first and gather all our other loves around Him, for He is the source of Wisdom and Love. He calls us to carry the Cross of the world's suffering with Him - renunciation is the only way to fulfilment - for Jesus is the only One who can fulfil our deepest longings ... love in all fullness.

[2] Let us join our Bishop and Diocesan Family in **the Glastonbury Pilgrimage of Hope**. I hope many of us will travel to Glastonbury (perhaps after our own Parish Mass) as a Pilgrimage of Hope, praying peace for our world and renewal for our parish, diocese and global Church.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in communion for Mission of the Holy Family, Patchway served by their new parish priest, Fr Saji Mathew Deacon Donald Cramer-Barnicoat and all their community.

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 and other volunteers. The Office handles most of the day to day administration of the parish (vital work) as well as outreaching to the wider community who bring their needs to us. Many thanks to Benedicta, Kerry and Margaret Ulloa who volunteer and enable the parish to serve the wider community on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (10.00am to 1.00pm). We wish to open the Office Monday to Friday but need more volunteers to support this. In addition, if a parishioner who is an experienced administrator could offer us, as a volunteer, one morning a week, please contact Margaret or Richard and support this vital mission to the marginalised and impoverished of our inner city area.

COLLECTIONS

GA: £9.50 + Loose £233.73 + Card Reader £??? + S.O. £165.88 = £409.11 *thanks!*

Caritas Fund £10.00 - many thanks.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31st Aug **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Shared Meal after 10am Mass**

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- 7th Sept Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage - ends with Mass at 3.30pm
 9th Sept Mass for Care of Creation at Emmaus, Whitchurch 12noon
 10th Sept Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
 11th Sept Parish Finance Committee meets (on Zoom) at 7.30pm
 11th Oct Diocesan Formation Day ('Joyful Evangelists') St Brendans 9.30am-3.30pm
 2nd Nov **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Mass at 10.00am**
 3rd Nov **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day mass 7pm**

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 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. Having visited this remarkable exhibition, I thoroughly recommend all who can to visit it, especially in this 'Season of Creation'. 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.

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

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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 food at home. 8 meals could be saved each week if we stopped binning our food; 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 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. 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. 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.

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/DZNd3700-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/>

NEW MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION Come to Emmaus, Sleep Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0QN and Mass in the garden **Tuesday Sept 9th at 12noon** - 'pray with creation, not just for it'. Plant-based lunch to share afterwards. Please notify them your coming email: annemmaus40@gmail.com

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES As our children return to school this week, please pray for them, the staff at our schools. As we do so we remember the children and families in the school and parish in Mineapolis, victims of a horrifying shooting as they gathered in the church for their Opening Year Mass.

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