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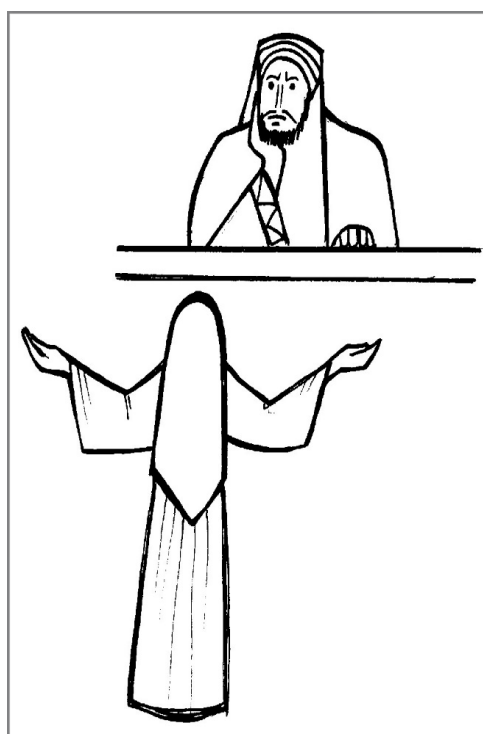
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



HOW LONG BEFORE THERE IS JUSTICE?

A vulnerable woman pleads for justice before a system of justice that is male dominated. She has to keep pleading and pleading, wearing down the obstinate judge! Sounds familiar?

Jesus' parables speak into the real world not only of His time, but of every time! 'How long, oh Lord, how long?' before the women of the world or the Church get justice, before their pleas are heard? It is a principle of law that justice delayed is justice denied. The long struggle of our asylum sisters and brothers to have the pain recognised, their danger heard and their freedom granted?

God is not slow in granting justice - but we are! We refuse to hear the cries of the poor and change our systems and rid the world of poverty and oppression. Yet we must never give up, either praying for or struggling for the Justice of god in the world. **This is our mission ... in the world and to the world. This is building the Kingdom!**

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS of Evangelisation at 10.00am (Live-streamed)
Mass with LGBTQ+ Community & friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: No liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St John Paul II, Pope No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Funeral Mass for Baby Divora Robel at 9.00am (Burial 11.00am)

FRIDAY: Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, Reformer, Founder of Claretians
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00noon

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SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.43pm

TODAY: [1] On the **29th Sunday of Year C** we celebrate Jesus the teacher of persevering prayer and the bearer of the justice of God. He teaches us to persevere both in prayer and in demanding justice for all in our world - there is no hope of real peace in the Middle East with building authentic justice, security and freedom for all the peoples and especially Palestine and Israel. Keep praying!

[2] It is **World Mission Sunday with the theme 'Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples'** in this Jubilee Year of Hope. We too are called 'Proclaim the Good News - welcome or unwelcome'! A **Retiring Collection for 'Missio' - the world-wide fund for the missionary work of the Church.** Please be generous.

[3] **Mass the the LGBTQ+ community & friends** at 3.00pm - all are welcome

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] With the **30th Sunday of the Year C** we celebrate Jesus the bearer of God's infinite and unconditional mercy. But are we open to receive His mercy? Do we recognise our constant need for the mercy, compassion and understanding of God? He gives us His mercy without reserve - but are we open to recognise our need and receive His Mercy? We are a Church of sinners, seeking to become saints!

[2] We have the joy of **celebrating Baptism** with our children. Please pray for them and their families.

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 12 years ago to resource and develop this Mission and over the years many of our community have volunteered with Borderlands. One 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..

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for parishes in Communion for Mission of St Gerard Majella, Knowle and Christ the King, Know West served by Fr George Henwood (on sick leave), Canon Michael McAndrew, Fr Michael Akene (newly arrived from Nigeria and resident in Christ the King presbytery serving the South Bristol partnership) and both their communities.

COLLECTIONS

GA: £10.00 + Loose £240.16 + Card Reader £63.91 + S.O. £165.88 = £479.95 - thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th Oct Affirmation of new Parish Pastoral Council

22nd Oct Parish Pastoral Council at 7.15pm Assisi Centre (Mass at 6.30pm)

26th Oct Baptismal Sunday at 10.00am Mass

2nd Nov **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Mass at 10.00am**

3rd Nov **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day Mass 7pm**

11th Nov Remembrance Sunday - Praying for Peace built on Justice

PRAYING FOR PEACE IN SOLIDARITY WITH HOLY FAMILY CHURCH IN GAZA There is a movement inviting us all to pray in solidarity with the beleaguered Catholic Church in Gaza (Holy Family Church - Pope Francis and now Pope Leo phones them

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regularly). Pray together the Rosary for Peace at or around 7.00pm each Monday evening also supporting spiritually the small Catholic community who are still caring for 450 displaced people in their precinct. Please respond to the call to prayer

'GOING THE DISTANCE' - an evening session to support vibrant and lasting marriage organised by the ecumenical 'Care for the Family' charity. Held on **23rd October at 7.30pm at the OTHER St Nicholas Church, BS1 1UE - NOT here at St Nicholas of Tolentino**. Early bird ticket £6.00 (until 23 Sept), after that Couples ticket £22, single ticket £11. contact www.cff.org.uk/goingthedistance or 029 2081 0800

Neurodiversity and our Faith research The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys

'AROUND SACRED TEXTS' - INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MEETINGS

All are invited to share in three evenings looking at sacred texts:

7-9pm Monday 27th October | 7-9pm Tuesday 11th November | 7-9pm Tuesday 25th November. The first session is being hosted by St Nick's .

These 3 sessions look at common themes in texts that are sacred to people of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, with the hope of deepening our understanding of one another. The events are being co-hosted by a member of each faith, and all sacred texts will be checked by a trusted and learned leader. The themes for these evenings will be 'Prayer', 'Fasting', and 'Generosity'. These events are free but booking is required:

<https://www.bridgesforcommunities.com/event/around-sacred-texts-2/>

World Mission Sunday 2025: The Holy Father calls us all to be Missionaries of Hope

This year, World Mission Sunday takes place on 19 October 2025

On this special day in the Church's year, Pope Leo XIV asks people in every Catholic parish around the world to support Missio, his charity for World Mission. We stand united in prayer and solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need, as together we strive to make God's love more visible in the world.

As part of the global Missio family, Missio England and Wales invites every parish, school, and community to join this special event through prayer and giving.

Catholic parishes worldwide are called to play their part through their prayers and offerings. Everyone plays their part so that those in greatest need receive support.

In 2024, Catholics in Rwanda raised £12,000; Ecuador raised £197,000; Italy raised £3.3 million; and here in England and Wales we raised £790,000. A heartfelt 'Thank you' to everyone who so generously got involved!

Visit missio.org.uk/wmsdonate to give to this year's World Mission Sunday Appeal, and ensure that missionaries may continue to work alongside communities

Pope Leo XIV has released the first document of his pontificate, an Apostolic Exhortation called Dilexi te – 'I have loved you'.

Underpinned by Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and the teaching of his predecessors, *Dilexi te* focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special

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concern for those living in poverty. It affirms the ways in which the magisterium should inform our pastoral practice in accompanying the poor and vulnerable to serve the common good. In continuity with Pope Francis's final encyclical, *Dilexit nos* on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ, Pope Leo makes a clear link between this document and the new Exhortation:

"I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor," he writes in the opening paragraphs. "I too consider it essential to insist on this path."

THE VOCATION OF THE CATECHIST Jesus taught, accompanied and formed his disciples, making them ready for the Mission He was entrusting to them. This is what our Catechists are called to do - teach, accompany and form a new generation of 'missionary' disciples. This begins with Children's Liturgy of the Word (sadly every fortnight rather than every Sunday), continues with preparing children and families for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, then into adolescence with calling our young people to Confirmation in the Holy Spirit. Then there is the preparation of parents for their children's Baptism and adults seeking to become Catholic Christians. ***And all this to form 'missionary disciples proclaiming the Gospel and changing the world.*** WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THIS FOUNDATION WORK - THINK ABOUT SERVING IN THIS MINISTRY - ***YOU PARISH REALLY NEEDS YOU,***

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering [Essential Training for Catechists](#). Parishioners can join us on Saturdays, 6th, 13th & 20th December, online, from 9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. Anyone interested can sign up for the series by clicking on the Zoom link [here](#). More information on other courses & sessions run by the Sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE LIFE AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH Our parish, together with all churches and voluntary organisations around the country, has not yet recovered fully from the effects of the Covid Pandemic and the restrictions placed upon our meeting together during that time. A significant number of our community are not coming to Mass here for a variety of reasons. It is a joy to welcome new families and individuals who have found their way to St Nicks. However there has been great difficulty in drawing members of the parish into being part of the many ministries and tasks of the parish. ***Whether it is the Welcoming Ministry, Church Cleaning, the Foodbank, Catechists, Parish Office Ministry too few are doing too much in support of the parish's life and mission.*** We are all called by our baptism to serve, to sacrifice time and energy to build our parish community and support the Mission of Christ entrusted to us. I well realise that many have heavy commitments caring for children or elderly family members and juggling work and family. They are indeed serving Christ in these ways. ***But I do ask everyone to reflect whether some time can be given to sustain the parish's life and mission as we move towards a lay-led parish.***

THE PEOPLE OF GAZA NEED OUR HELP - PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO CAFOD FOR THE RELIEF AND REBUILDING OF GAZA'S COMMUNITY

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