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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Thirty-First Week

HOLINESS IS HAPPINESS!

Holiness is not just for the heroes for whom we erect statues and paint icons! They are part of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that encourage and inspire us. But holiness is for us as well - ordinary and extraordinary mums and dads, uncles and aunts, friends and co-workers, brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

Everyone of us is called to holiness. Called to be holy is God's call to become our true selves, to be who we are - and to be me in Christ, in truth, in love, in compassion, in mercy, in the struggle for justice. Ultimately the call to holiness in Christ is no more and no less than the call to be human - thoroughly human. As St Teresa of Avila said - 'the royal road to God is through humanity'

The world needs saints - the world needs us, young people and older people - all to be saints letting love be the power and driving force of our lives. Not 'perfect' plaster saints, but real flesh and blood people - in Christ!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS OF ALL SAINTS at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

Celebration of Zane's Baptism at 1.30pm

Mass with Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome!

MONDAY: COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS - Day of Devotion, prayer for the dead

Adoration at 6.30pm PARISH REQUIEM MASS at 7.00pm

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop (1538-84)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00noon

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

SATURDAY: **Adoration** at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.43pm

TODAY: [1] We celebrate **The Feast of All Saints** - giving thanks to God to the example, witness and intercession of the Communion of Saints - both those named by the Church and the countless others whose names are unknown and the saints we have known in our families and communities. We remember especially the unnamed saints of St Nick's parish.

[2] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome

[3] **Retiring Collection for CAFOD for the people of Gaza - please, please be generous - the need is so great.**

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] In this November Month of praying for our beloved who have died, the **Thirty-Second Sunday of Year C** celebrates Jesus the source of a life that is truly eternal. His Easter Resurrection was Life conquering death, Light vanquishing darkness and Love overwhelming hate. We too are destined to find the fulness of Life Eternal as we enter the realm of the Resurrection.

[2] This is also **Remembrance Sunday**, when together with all our nation we remember all who have died in the too many wars of the 20th and 21st Century, including those still raging today. We do not glorify the horror and pity of war, but rather cry out for Peace upon the Earth. We offer the Mass for Peace.

[3] **We continue our Retiring Collection for CAFOD for the people of Gaza - please, please be generous - the need is so great.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS DAY AND
 THE PARISH REQUIEM MASS WILL BE AT 7.00PM**

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 arranging and also donations towards the cost of flowers - please contact Minette.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for parishes in Communion for Mission of St Patrick, Brockworth and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown, served by Fr Christopher Hickey, Fr Paul Brandon, Deacons Brendan Vaughan-Spruce, Barry Taylor, Parish Administrator Mrs marianne Roberts and both their communities.

COLLECTIONS

GA: £30.00 + Loose £151.90 + Card Reader £60.96 + S.O. £165.88 = £408.74 - thanks!
Donation from Ethiopian Orthodox community £200.00

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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

9th Nov **Remembrance Sunday - Praying for Peace built on Justice**

11th Nov **Interfaith Dialogue on Sacred Texts 7-9pm (venue later)**

19th Nov **Mass for Persecuted Christians at 6.45pm Clifton Cathedral**

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23rd Nov **Feast of Christ the King - Youth Sunday**

25th Nov Interfaith Dialogue on Sacred Texts 7-9pm (venue later))

26th Nov Parish Pastoral Council (Assisi Centre) 7.15pm (Mass at 6.30pm)

30th Nov **Advent begins - New Liturgical Year - Year A (Matthew's Gospel)**

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!

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 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

'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/>

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 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

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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>

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

MASS CELEBRATING FAMILY LIFE Bishop Bosco is to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 February** (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

Aid to the Church in Need: Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians on **Wednesday 19th November at 6.45pm in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald** as main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. 'Red Wednesday' week offers a chance as Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome.

ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2026 Thinking of Reception Class for your child next year? Please take a look at our parish primary school. **Open Day Visits: Thursday 6th November 1.30pm-3.00pm**
Wednesday 20th November 9.30-11.00am
Friday 5th December 1.30pm-3.00pm
Monday 8th Dec 9.30am-11.00am
Friday 9th January 2026 9.30am-11.00am
If you are unable to make any of these times, then please contact the School Office to book a suitable time- tel; 0117-377-2260

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