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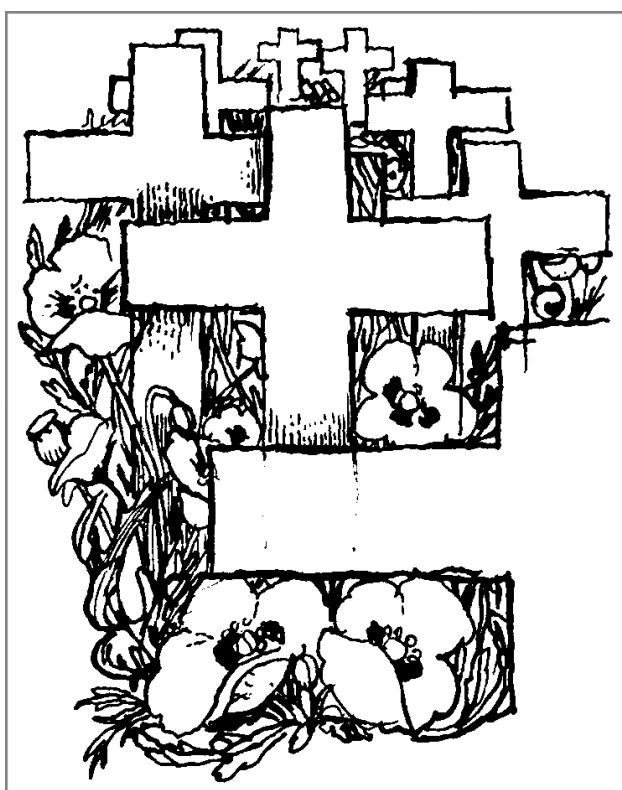
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THIRTY-SECOND WEEK - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Remembrance - the Pity not the Glory!

War is brutal - it destroys the youth of nations and the innocence of humanity! War dehumanises all of us, drags us back into 'sub-humanity'.

Yet we justify it by appeal to a noble cause so as to hide from ourselves its appalling destructiveness and its power to corrode the human spirit.

So today we remember - the pity of war! We do not glorify war but face its dark heart. And in remembering the millions of lives wasted over the last 100 years of bloody conflict, we cry to God for mercy. And we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us a new wisdom - how to solve conflicts with bloodshed, to deal with disputes without descending into the depravity of violence.

We remember so that we will not repeat; we remember so that we will glorify the heroisms of peace and peace-making. We remember so that the destructive fires of war will be transformed into the creative furnace of Love. We remember, lest we forget the horror & pity!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: Feast of St Leo the Great, Pope & 'Doctor' of the Church (died 461)

Adoration at 6.30pm

PARISH REQUIEM MASS at 7.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of St Martin of Tours, Bishop and monk (316-397) No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr for Unity (1580-1623) No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00noon

FRIDAY: Feast of Bl Edward Powell & Beatified Martyrs of Clifton Diocese

Adoration at 11.30am

Service of Word & Communion at 12.00noon

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SATURDAY: **Feast of St Albert the Great, Bishop & 'Doctor' of the Church (1206-80)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon
Mass in Shona with Zimbabwean Community at 1.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.43pm

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C - World Day of the Poor

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS OF JUSTICE & PEACE** at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: **Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Carthusian monk and Bishop (1140-1200)**
No Liturgy

TUESDAY: **Feast of Dedication of Roman Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul** **No Liturgy**

WEDNESDAY: **'Red Day' Mass for Persecuted Christians** at Clifton Cathedral 6.30pm

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

FRIDAY: **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon

SATURDAY: **Feast of St Cecilia, Virgin Martyr & Patron of Music (3rd Century)**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.43pm

9/11/2025 [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.**

16/11/2025 [1] On the **Thirty-Third Sunday of Year C** we celebrate Jesus Who will come again in Glory to gather all creation into His Body, for He is the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning of all Creation and the Final goal of evolution in the fulfilment of all Creation. Our Mission is to shape a world ready for His Coming, but this Mission will involve the Church in persecution. Be ready!

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

FEAST OF THE CHRIST THE KING - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year, we celebrate the fulfilment of all Creation in Christ's reconciling love. **We invite all our young people to take a special part in our Sunday Mass** - please contact Benedicta and Eustace and fulfil a ministry during the Mass.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION **9/11/2025** We pray for our **Ministry of Altar Serving**. We rejoice in our excellent team of Altar Servers who enable and enhance our Sunday Liturgy. They work so well together they are an

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example to all our parish of great team work. We are training new altar servers (boys and girls of any age after they have celebrated their First Eucharist) at this time on a Saturday - the precise time to be confirmed. Please see Richard or Mary. **16/11/2025** We pray for our **Ministry of the Journey of Faith**. We are called to share our faith not only with each other but with all who might come to us searching for new meaning, a new wisdom - the Gospel and the love of Christ. That is the purpose of our Journey of Faith group. It also serves Catholics who wish to explore about their faith more deeply and seek a renewal in Christ and his Spirit. Adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed in the Holy Spirit - this group is also for you in your journey towards completing your 'Initiation into Christ'. The group is animated by Richard, Mary Hopper and Margaret Ulloa - interested in joining? please contact us.

DIOCESAN PRAYER 9/11/2025 The Diocese prays today for parishes in Communion for Mission of St Edmund, Calne and St Anthony of Padua, Melksham,, served by Fr Vincent Curtis, Parish Administrator Mrs Sharon Pearce and both their communities. **16/11/2025** The Diocese prays today for parishes in Communion for Mission of Assumption of Our Lady, Chippenham, and St Patrick, Corsham, served by Fr Michael Fountaine, Parish Administrator Teresa Gosling and both their communities

COLLECTIONS

GA: £31.00 + Loose £158.65 + Card Reader £186.45 + S.O. £165.88 = £541.98 - thanks!
CAFOD Gaza Appeal £326.50 - many thanks - appeal still open

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th Nov Remembrance Sunday - Praying for Peace built on Justice
 11th Nov Interfaith Dialogue Sacred Texts 7-9pm (Park Row Orthodox Synagogue)
 19th Nov Mass for Persecuted Christians at 6.45pm Clifton Cathedral
 21st Nov Legacy Management Group meet (on Zoom) 6.30pm
 23rd Nov **Feast of Christ the King - Youth Sunday**
 24th Nov Parish Pastoral Council (Assisi Centre) 7.15pm (after 6.30pm Mass)
 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)**
 30th Nov Meeting of Parents seeking First Eucharist & Reconciliation for their children **(after 10.00am Mass)**
 4th Dec Advent School Mass (Church) at 9.30am - all welcome
 6th Dec Community Stewards Meeting at 1.00pm (Assisi Centre)
 9th Dec **Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 7.00pm**
 17th Dec School Infants Nativity Play (Church) at 2.00pm - all welcome
 18th Dec School Carol Service (Church) at 2.00pm - all welcome
 19th Dec School pre-Christmas Mass at 9.30am - all welcome
 24th Dec **CHRISTMAS EVE - MIDNIGHT MASS** at 10.30pm
 25th Dec **SOLEMN DAY MASS OF CHRISTMAS** at 10.00am

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.

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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!

'AROUND SACRED TEXTS' - INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MEETINGS

All are invited to share in the remaining two evenings looking at sacred texts:

7-9pm Tuesday 11th November (Park Row Orthodox Jewish Synagogue) and 7-9pm Tuesday 25th November.

These 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/>

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION - 'MARY'S YES' Saturday 6th December You are invited to this day of Prayer, Teaching, personal reflection time and sharing at the Apostle Room at Clifton Cathedral - starting at 10.15am (after Mass at 9.30am) and finishing at 3.30pm - bring packed lunch. Part of our 'Jubilee Year of Hope' Journey Contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering [Essential Training for Catechists](https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join). 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](https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join). More information on other courses & sessions run by the Sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

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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