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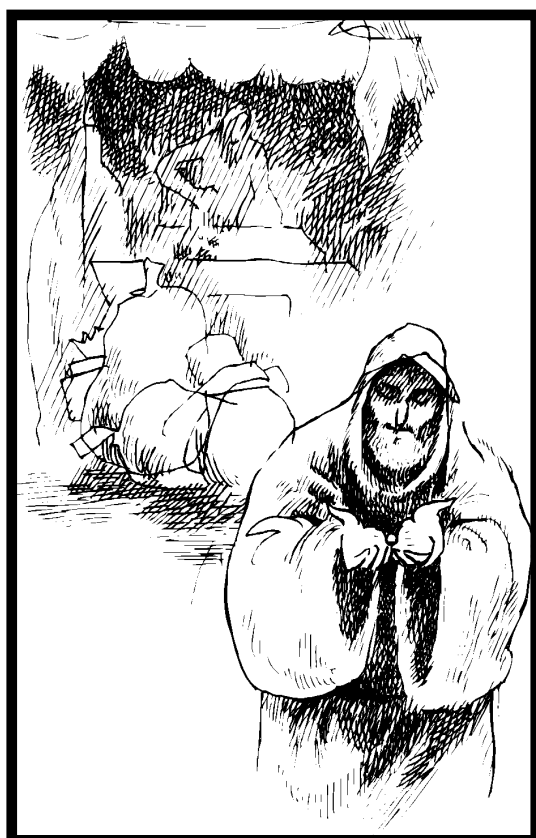
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



Jesus' Wisdom - our true treasure!

What is our real treasure? What is our true wealth? Solomon replied by praying for Divine Wisdom so as to lead well his People in the Ways of the God of the Covenant. Jesus tells us that true treasure is the Kingdom of God hidden in the field of the world and our own hearts.

The wisdom of Jesus led Him to give everything away (even life itself) so as to capture the pearl of great price - that is you and me and with us all creation! He gives everything - to the last drop of His blood poured out from the Cross and continually poured out for us in the Eucharist.

This same sacrificial love is our true wisdom which seems so foolish to a self-seeking, wealth and power obsessed world. But for us it is the true treasure of our lives - the foolish wisdom of Jesus - sacrificial love!

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

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Feast of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, priest & founder of the Jesuits (1491-1556)

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12noon

SATURDAY: Feast of St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Moral Theologian, founder of the Redemptorists

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after 12 noon Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] With the **Seventeenth Sunday of Year A** we continue our celebration of Jesus, servant and proclaimer of the Kingdom of God. He speaks of the Kingdom as treasure to be discovered, and of Himself giving everything for us who are 'pearls of great price'. He is our treasure and we are His Treasure! What an amazing Lord whom we love and serve!

[2] **Retiring Collection for our Bishop's Charitable Fund**, enabling Bishop Bosco to reach out to those in need who turn to him. Thank you for supporting the 'charity of the Church' of Clifton Diocese.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Eighteenth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus the compassionate Shepherd who heals the crowds and feeds the hungry, as well as drawing them into the Divine Mystery of God's total love for us and for all humanity. He gives Himself Bread of Life and Cup of Love.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for the **Ministry and Mission of our Parish Pastoral Council**. The Chair of our PPC is Marta Bolognani. It is elected by the parish congregation and seeks to represent the diversity of our community. The parish priest and Lay Pastoral Assistant are ex-officio members. It is the most important decision-making body, reflecting the many and varied 'voices' of our parish family and offering leadership by word and example. It is increasingly important as we seek to build our parish as a truly 'Synodal' community and in this period of transition to a 'New Way being Church' called for by Pope Francis and Pope Leo. It meets approximately every 4-6 weeks. Please contact PPC members with your ideas, concerns and hopes for the parish community and its future development. This is part of being a 'synodal' parish

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the Ministries and Missions of Bishop's House, the Diocesan Curia, and Diocesan Services. Much of their work supports the mission of our parishes, schools and chaplaincies.

BISHOP BOSCO - ON SICK LEAVE While our Bishop is recovering from his (now treated) heart condition, can we pray both for our Bishop and for his assistant, our Vicar General, Mgr Liam Slattery (also Dean of Clifton Cathedral) as his workload is suddenly increased. The role of the Vicar General is to exercise the Bishop's authority either at his request or in the Bishop's absence. In Mgr Liam we have a fine, approachable Vicar General.

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COLLECTIONS MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION

GA: £0.00 + Loose £179.48 + Card Reader £114.60 + S.O. £206.35 = £484.04

CAFOD Venezuelan Appeal TOTAL £741.50 - MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**DATES FOR THE DIARY**6th Aug **Feast of the Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day, prayer for
Nuclear disarmament**

6th Aug Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

16th Aug **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady (celebrated on Sunday)**

23rd Aug Journey of Faith 'Come and ~See' meeting after 10am Mass

30th Aug Baptismal Sunday - names to Richard or Eustace now please

4th Sept First Confirmation Meeting Assisi Centre at 5.30pm

6th Sept **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Day of Rededication and
Celebration**4th Oct **Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it****POPE LEO ON 'SYNODALITY' He told the Spanish Bishops - 'the synodal style at the service of the mission of the Kingdom...requires attention to the way decisions are made and responsibilities are exercised, through transparency, evaluation, and share responsibility'****UPDATE ON THE GROWTH OF SYNODALITY IN THE CHURCH** Over a year ago the Final Report of the 'Synod on Synodality', held over two years in Rome, was published. The whole Catholic Church has been asked by Pope Leo to reflect prayerfully and 'synodally' on this document and to come forward with plans to introduce this new form of governance in every diocese in the world. An initiative of the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo is deeply committed to this vision of 'this new way of being Church'. It is to reshape how we make decisions at parish level and deanery level as well as at diocesan level. This is not optional, but calls for all bishops, priests and people to 'catch the vision' and find ways of putting it into practice. Sadly we have had little or no guidance as yet from our own Bishops of England and Wales, but this must not hinder us as a parish from becoming an increasingly 'synodal parish'. To this end there are a number of copies in the porch of a brief summary of the Final Document, made available by Westminster Archdiocese and the full version of the Final Document is available on request. **Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing this and both our Celebration of the Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino (September 6th) and our Parish Synod (Sunday October 4th after mass) are part of exploring together how we embed 'Synodality' in our parish. Please keep both these dates as a priority for attendance - thank you!****CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONFIRMATION** We will prepare our young people (aged 13 +) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The Church wishes that Confirmation is delayed until an age when young people can decide for themselves to take this step of commitment to Christ.** Parents can encourage, but must not make this decision for their children. We invite names of young people who would like to explore the possibility of receiving Confirmation, and will meet with them on **Friday 4th Sept at 5.30pm** in the Assisi Centre***Jesus says: 'The Kingdom of God is like treasure in a field or a pearl of great price' - worth giving everything for, as Jesus laid down his Life for us! Will we for Him?***

and begin a Programme of Preparation (along the lines of the Journey of Faith) in October. We hope to arrange a date for Confirmation in February/March. Young People, please approach Richard or Mary as soon as possible.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know might be thinking about becoming a Catholic, or simply want to know more about our faith, then the **Journey of Faith Group** is for them. If already a Catholic but have not been Confirmed, or simply what to deepen your faith, then this group is also for you. Please contact Richard or Mary Hopper. **We will have a 'Come and See' meeting after Mass on Sunday 23rd August**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS- ADOREMUS 2026 10/11 OCTOBER

Each year there is this special event gathering pilgrims for all diocese in England and Wales. There is teaching, prayer, Mass and public witness. There will be a 'Corpus Christi' Procession from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral through the streets of London. 45 places have been allocated to our diocese. If you are interested in taking part, come to an orientation meeting on Saturday 12th September beginning with Mass at Clifton Cathedral. apply through: www.adoremusclifton@eventbrite.co.uk

PARISH SHARING THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS As a parish we will take part in the National Congress with Eucharistic Adoration and a possible Corpus Christi Procession during the weekend of 10/11 October. I welcome suggestions how we should renew our love and understanding of the gift of the Christ in the Eucharist as we plan to participate in the Congress and focus centrality of the Eucharistic Christ in our lives - ideas to Fr Richard please.

FREE SURVIVORS & INFORMATION EVENT - 11th August 2026

Hosted by the South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum in Partnership with First Light. More information and registration is via Eventbrite. The South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum (SWESF) is a regional collaboration across the South West of England, focused on safeguarding within Christian churches and faith settings. First Light is a charity that supports and empowers people affected by abuse, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, and church-related abuse. If affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive event. [Free Survivor Support & Information Event Tickets](#),

PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible.

Next Baptism celebration: **BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 30th August at 10am Mass**

Parents Preparation Sessions: Friday 21st & 28th August at 6.30pm (Church)

Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming): Sunday 23rd August at 10am Mass

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Minette has been leading the flower-arranging team for many years. Sadly she needs to step down from this ministry. If no-one steps forward to help we will probably have no fresh flowers in the Church. We thank Minette for her faithful service. Please see her or Richard to help with this important ministry that enriches our Liturgy and worship.

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