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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



A Hunger never satisfied!

Bread and fish shared - a banquet for hungry bodies! But there is another hunger - the hunger for meaning and purpose, the hunger for liberating knowledge and for healing love - and above all the Hunger for God! Jesus meets all these hungers, but as He does He engenders within us an ever deeper hunger.

The more we feast on the Eucharist - the more we hunger after the Eucharist. The more we 'taste and see that the Lord is good', the more we yearn and hunger to taste more, to go deeper, and devour love! Indeed Jesus meets our hunger - and makes us more hungry!

Let us also 'hunger' to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers, to become bread in God's hands, feeding the poor and healing the sick and bringing the reign of God's justice and love upon the Earth

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

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Parish Liturgy - Mass at St Monica's Care Home at 11.00am

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THURSDAY: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - HIROSHIMA DAY

Adoration at 11.30am MASS FOR PEACE & DISARMAMENT at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Jean Marie Vianney, Patron of Parish Clergy (1786-1859)

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12noon

SATURDAY: Feast of St Dominic, priest founder of the Order of Preachers (1170-1221)

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

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

TODAY [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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Nineteenth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus, Man of prayer and Master of wind and storm, not only on the lake but also the storms in our own minds and hearts. He brings us the courage to follow Him and reach out to Him, like Peter does. Let us like Elijah seek him in the stillness, stand before Him with confidence and contemplation.

[2] We celebrate **Sea Sunday** when we pray for all who serve us on the seas and the 'Star of Sea' Chaplaincies who serve them. Sea men and women are perhaps the most exploited workers anywhere, so often treated without rights, poorly paid and separated from their families for months. **Please be generous in supporting them with prayer and giving in the Retiring Collection**

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, Debbie Forge (while Astrid Fagon is on Maternity Leave) 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. Many thanks to Benedicta, Ricardo, 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 any parishioners 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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER

We pray for the Chaplaincies Teams and communities of our Universities, Colleges and schools in our diocese. They are accompanying and developing discipleship among our children, young people and students, who will be shaping the Church and its mission for years to come. May they embrace 'synodality', the 'new way of being Church'

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

GA: £85.00 + Loose £182.46 + Card Reader £152.59 + S.O. £206.35 = £626.40

CAFOD Venezuelan Appeal TOTAL £751.50 Bishop's Charitable Fund £16.00**Caritas Fund £35.00 Flower Donation £10.00 MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th Aug **Feast of the Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day, prayer for Nuclear disarmament**
- 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
- 3rd Sept Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
- 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**

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 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.

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More information and registration is via Eventbrite. This (SWESF) is a regional collaboration across South West England, focused on safeguarding within Christian churches and faith settings. First Light is a charity that supports and empowers any affected by abuse (domestic abuse, sexual violence, and church-related abuse). If so affected, 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

STILL A NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS Thank you to Maria Fernandez (of Venezuela), together with ... from Honduras, who with the support of Jackie Chenier have come forward to share the Ministry of Flower arranging in the church. They would love others to come forward so that a rota could be formed so that the same people would not have to do this every week. If you want to serve the parish and our Liturgy in this way, please see Minette or Richard.

NEWS OF DEACON ANDREW BENT Andrew has written to inform the parish that he has been accepted by our diocesan Vocations Team and Bishop for seminary training to discern God's call with the possibility of formation for Ordination to the Priesthood. This is a challenging period of study and spiritual development at the seminary and great responsibility as a priest serving parishes. He wants to thank our community for all the nurturing, friendship and support over the years that led him to Ordination as a Permanent Deacon. He asks our prayers as he steps into this demanding and transforming phase of his Journey of Faith and discipleship. He joins Allen Hall Seminary in London in September.

THE CATHOLIC POST - A NEW MONTHLY CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER You will find in the porch today this free paper - a relatively new initiative to bring Catholic News to our communities. Please take one and if you feel it would help our parish community please let us know and we will arrange to have regular monthly copies. We have received these thanks to the sponsorship of Downside Abbey School.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th

Just a few weeks away until we rededicate ourselves as a parish to be Good News to the Poor and servants and witnesses of the foot-washing Jesus whom we love. **PLEASE, PLEASE make every effort to come ready celebrate as a community during and after the Mass.** Please come in cultural dress, bring some food to share from your culture. Come and ask God's blessing and inspiration to guide our parish into the future. Being a 'synodal parish' means being a community that walks together, listens to one another and cares for each other especially in hard times. ***St Nicholas of Tolentino pray for us!***

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