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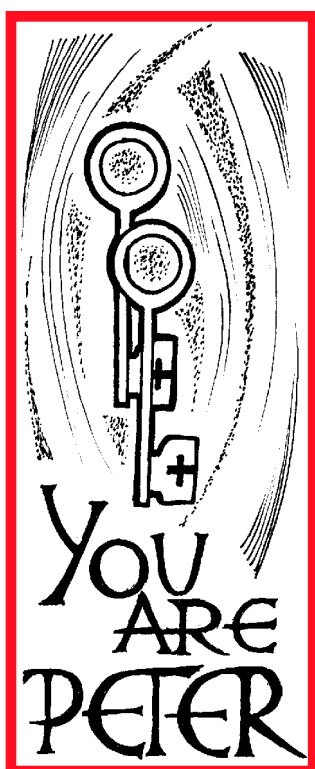
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



The Power of the Keys - the Power of Hope

Jesus gives Peter and the Church power to bind and loose - but what is this power?

The only power given to the Church, and the only power the Church should ever seek (it is the only power that matters) is the power of love. So the power of the Holy Spirit given by Jesus is the power to bind us together in love, the power to bind us as a community of Hope for a world that too often seems to be falling apart, dividing, rioting and warring. The power to loose is the power to loosen the chains that imprison humanity into destructive patterns, to fling wide open the doors of Hope, the Doors of Kingdom mercy and healing. The Power of Love draws all to enter through the gates of Holiness and Wholeness, to find a life rich with hope and divine humanity!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Rite of Child Catechumen at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: Feast of Bl Dominic Barberi, Passionist Missionary Priest (1792-1849)

No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Monica, mother of St Augustine (332-387)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Augustine of Hippo, Theologian and Bishop (354-430)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast of the Passion of St John the Baptist

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] We celebrate on the **Twenty-First Sunday of Year A** Jesus sharing his authority with us His Church in the figure of Simon Peter. And the question He asks the disciples, He asks each one of us - 'Who do you say I am?' Who is Jesus for you? How central is He in your life ... and mine?

[2] Please pray for the children and families celebrating the **Rite of Child Catechumen** in preparation for their Baptism

[3] **'Come and See' meeting of our new Journey of Faith** for 2026-2027 after Mass. 12noon to 1.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Second Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus our Saviour who accepts suffering and death to bring us New Life; and calls us, His Disciples, to carry the Cross of dying to ourselves in order that others might 'come alive in Him'. This is God's Way which we are to walk.

[2] **We have the joy of baptising new disciples of Christ** - in Baptism we die in Christ to rise in Christ! The only way to live a life of Faith, Hope and Love.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for the **Ministry of our Zimbabwean Community**. Giving thanks for all our Zimbabweans have brought to our parish and the Church in our diocese, we pray that in our parish of many cultures and languages we may work together to build a strong and loving 'communion of communities' in the service of God's great Good News offered to all the world..

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury, served by Fr Anthony Parish (also parish priest of Salisbury parishes) and all their scattered community.

COLLECTIONS **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION**
GA: £10.00 + Loose £194.25 + Card Reader £117.92 + S.O. £206.35 = £528.52

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

29th Aug Community Stewards meet at 1.15pm (Assisi Centre)

30th Aug Baptismal Sunday

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**

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9th Sept Parish Pastoral Council meets after 6.30pm Mass (Assisi Centre)
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**

URGENT NEED OF A ROOM FOR A HOMELESS LADY I am appealing for help with accommodating a homeless Catholic Nigerian lady. For 15 years she worked as GP medical doctor in her homeland and then came to study in UK (achieving a Masters in Public Health) and is seeking to transition to being a GP in UK. Because of Visa complications she has found herself unable to work and homeless on the streets. Can anyone offer this lady a room in their home until the Visa issues are sorted and she is able to start work again and eventually transition to being a GP serving our country. Please contact Fr Richard for more information. Thank you.

CHANGE IN PARISH PARKING - PLEASE NOTE If you are attending a liturgy or parish activity Mon – Fri, you can park for free by signing in using the Parish Visitor Free Parking QR code to be found in the sacristy. This change is to stop abuses of the free parking. **Please sign in within 10 minutes of parking.**

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!***

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***

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decisions are made and responsibilities are exercised, through transparency, evaluation, and share responsibility'

PARISH SYNOD DAY - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

Three years ago, with real commitment and enthusiasm our parish welcomed the opportunity to have our voices heard during the the preparation for the International Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to explore the them of 'Synodality' and to re-shape the governance of the Church globally and locally to a more inclusive model where all our voices are heard and shape policy and mission. Both our Parish Feast and this **FIRST PARISH SYNOD DAY** is to further the process of embedding 'synodality' in our parish and to set priorities for our community's life and mission into the future. It is vitally important that as many parishioners take part. There will be extra refreshments after Mass and then 12.15pm to 2.00pm we will gather for 'conversations in the Spirit'. We will arrange for our children to have supervised play during this time, so all parents can participate in the 'Synod' meeting. **PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOU DIARY AND MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU!**

CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES AND ALL SEEKING ASYLUM AMONG US

Organised by SVP, Jesuit Refugee Service and Caritas (CSAN) to counteract the current hate speech and violent action against our sisters and brothers. Please look at their website - www.jrsuk.net/defend-asylum. There is a post-card campaign and I will order them for the parish. More information to come on Parish Noticeboard and in our Newsletter **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS!**

SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept to 4th Oct With heatwaves, wildfires, drought, floods and turbulent wether condition we are seeing the result of global inaction to halt Global warming which is killing people and damaging the planet. Let us observe the Season of Creation in our prayer, liturgy & **ACTION TO HEAL OUR BEAUTIFUL PLANET - 'listen to the cries of the poor, the cry of the Earth'**

CHURCH CLEANING - FRIDAY MORNINGS

Thank you to those who have been serving the parish in this way each Friday morning from about 10.00am onwards. **Some have found work so we need more volunteers who can commit once or twice a month to come.** Please Contact Eddie or Richard to volunteer for this ministry, act of service to God and the whole community. Thank you!

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!

We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also **a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word** (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. **If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.**

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