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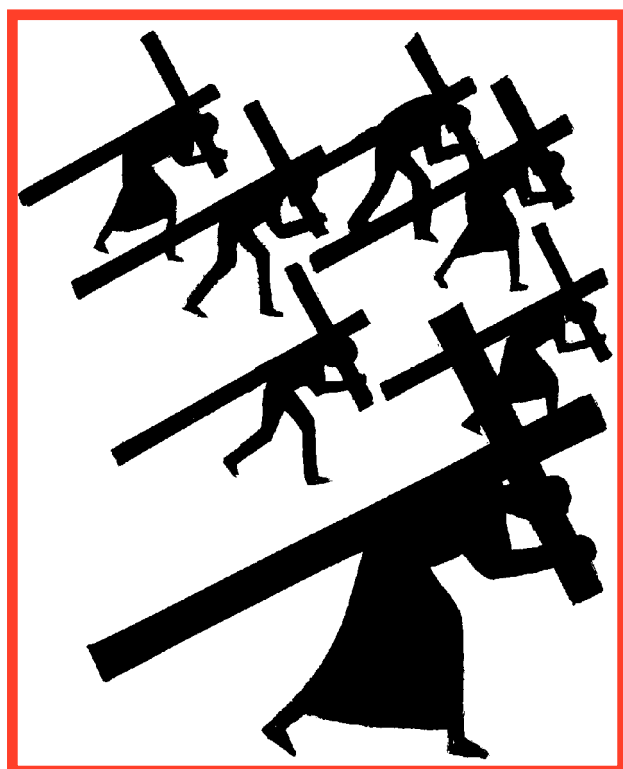
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



Carrying a Cross is no way to live!!

One minute Jesus is saying 'I have come that you might have Life in all abundance!' Then He says 'Lose your life for My sake!' Now he says 'Take up your Cross and follow Me!'

This is no way to get followers is it? Promise us a good life, promise us comfort, promise us wealth - do not offer us the Cross! Sadly there are too many preachers today offering us happiness, wealth, endless comfortable blessings if we 'sow seeds' - of money! But you cannot buy God's blessing and love ... just open your heart and life to receive true wealth: a heart filled with love, peace and fulfilment.

But the Cross? It is the cost of following Jesus, the cost and suffering that truly witnessing to the radical Jesus always leads. But the Cross is the only Way to life in all fullness, love truly alive, a heart filled with love's courage. Risk it!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Sacrament of Baptism at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: Feast of St Aidan and Saints of Lindisfarne

No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope and Theologian (540-604)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Cuthbert, monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne (634-687)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast St Teresa of Calcutta ('Mother Teresa') (1910-1997)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We have the joy of celebrating our **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino**, rededicating ourselves to the Mission entrusted by God to our parish and inspired by this great lover of the Poor and Healer of the sick. We seek to build and renew our parish as a truly 'Synodal' parish. Please come in cultural dress and bring (before Mass) some cultural food to share.

[2] Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for our **Ethiopian Orthodox Community**. Giving thanks for sisters and brothers in this very ancient Church, going back to the Acts of the Apostles, it is our privilege to host them Sunday by Sunday here at St Nicks.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in communion for Mission of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath and St Joseph, Peasedown St John, served by Mgr Robert Corrigan, Parish Administrator Isabella Lo and both their communities. Please pray also for Bishop Declan, resident in the parish.

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

GA: £10.00 + Loose £176.57 + Card Reader £44.24 + S.O. £206.35 = £387.16

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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**

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**

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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? We have made a good start with this year's Journey of Faith with 7 people seeking baptism or Reception into Full Communion. These meetings are suitable to anyone seeking to explore their faith more deeply. **We will be meeting each Thursday at 5.00pm - next meetings Thursday Sept 3rd and 10th September**

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 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

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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!**

ASSISTED DYING BILL IN PARLIAMENT

We are being invited to sign a post-card (available in the porch today) to send to your MP asking them to vote against this poorly framed Bill. People with severe disabilities are particularly concerned about pressure on them if this Bill is passed. Please take and read the postcard - I hope you will then sign and stamp it and send to your MP

SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept to 4th Oct With heatwaves, wildfires, drought, floods and turbulent weather 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'**

PRAY FOR NEPAL AND ALL KILLED AND MISSING IN THE FLASH FLOOD It seems a minor earthquake triggered a huge avalanche in the Himalaya Mountains. But it also seems that Global Warming is melting the 'perma frost', destabilising the snow ice and soil, leading to a glacier breaking up. Again the Earth is crying out to us: will we listen to those cries and cries of the poor of Nepal?

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.***

THANK YOU, VERINA, MUTEVE FOR JOINING OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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