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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



Faith in the storms & turmoil

Faith is wonderful, beautiful - the days of calm and peace, when the sun shines and creation glows. But then the storms come - a bereavement, unemployment, fleeing from terror to a land that does not want you... Perhaps suffering for your faith or values, or your ethnicity, gender or orientation. And can God seem strangely silent, distant, disappearing in the dark clouds of pain and the heavy rain of disillusion and depression.

But Faith deepens as it confronts doubt; Faith is enlarged as it battles against the waves; Faith becomes more luminous as you walk the dark valley of tears. Maybe you feel you are sinking beneath the waves: but like Peter, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and stretch out your hand - and he will be there even though you do not see or feel Him. That is real Faith - faith to walk on troubled waters and through the storm - Faith that gives Life! Faith that makes life worth living!

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

MONDAY: Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (died 258)

No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Clare of Assisi and St Jane Frances de Chantal

Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (followed by PPC 7.15pm)

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THURSDAY: Funeral Mass for John Farquharson RIP at 11.30am

FRIDAY: Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe & St Edith Stein, Martyrs of Auswicz

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon (in the Assisi Centre)

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

TODAY [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**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin, Mary**. We celebrate a God who is faithful to His promise in Jesus to raise humanity to the fulness of life in the Resurrection. Mary, the first and greatest of disciples, shares the fulness of Her Son's Resurrection as a sign that we too will enter that eternal fulfilment when we journey through death into the infinite love and mercy embrace of God for all eternity.

[2] We rejoice to **Receive into Full Communion with the Universal Church** our elected Catechumen, Shane Murphy. He will be **confirmed in the Holy Spirit, together** with Ronald (who will also make his First Eucharist). Please pray for them as they prepare to be filled with the Holy Spirit for ministry and mission.

[3] **Mass with the LBGTQ+ community & friends at 3.00pm - all very welcome**

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for the Ministry of our **Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders**, who Sunday by Sunday seek to explore the Gospel in a way appropriate for our children 4-8 year olds. **Sadly for some months now we have not been able to offer this ministry to our children consistently. WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD TO HELP.** With the guidance of Mary Hopper, our CLOW leaders work in pairs on a 4/5 week rota. This Ministry is a very important foundation for later catechesis (First Eucharist, Reconciliation etc), as well as building up community among our children - the 'little church'. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING and contact Mary - **more volunteers are urgently needed.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the Chaplaincies Teams serving His Majesty's Armed Forces stationed in our diocese. In the midst of the challenges of peace-keeping duties and the brutality of war and violence, they seek to bring humanity and compassion to those ordered to keep us safe. Pray that none of our armed forces will lose their humanity in the execution of their duty.

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

GA: £15.00 + Loose £135.03 + Card Reader £19.67 + S.O. £206.35 = £376.05

CAFOD Venezuelan Appeal TOTAL £751.50 Caritas Fund £60.00**Flower Donation £25.50 MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY****DATES FOR THE DIARY**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.

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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 friends 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.

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 which can be found in the sacristy. This change is to stop abuses of the free parking.

Please sign in within 10 minutes of parking.

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!***

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 and **ACTION!**

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