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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A - Season of Creation



Who are God's Faithful People?

We go to Church, we say our prayers, we live reasonably upright and honest lives - what more does God want? Well ... are we people who do enough? Or people who want to give everything? Are we people who are self-satisfied? Or are we people who know we need God's mercy and yearn to receive more and to be more?

Heaven will be full of surprises - for our God is the God of surprises! The chaotic addicts who know a bit about love will be there with the saints! The abused prostitutes who know their utter need will be there with the Virgin Mary! The unbelievers who love and struggle for a better world will be there with Apostles! We say yes to God - but do we really? Are we people of the Heart? Are we people of Mission?

SUNDAY: PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels No Liturgy

**WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Jerome Priest & Founder of Biblical Studies (342-420)
No Liturgy**

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite Nun, Spiritual Teacher (1873-97)

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of the Guardian Angels

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

27/09/2026 On the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus who challenges each of us, and indeed the Church's a whole, to be faithful to His call - the call to one 'missionary disciples' to go where he sends us, to follow where he leads us. He sends us and leads us to the poor of our world.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION

We pray for our **Ministry of the Journey of Faith**. We are called to share our faith not only with each other but with all who might come to us searching for new meaning, a new wisdom - the Gospel and the love of Christ. That is the purpose of our Journey of Faith group. It also serves Catholics who wish to explore about their faith more deeply and seek a renewal in Christ and his Spirit. Adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed in the Holy Spirit - this group is also for you in your journey towards completing your 'Initiation into Christ'. The group is animated by Richard and Mary Hopper - interested in joining? please contact us

DIOCESAN PRAYER

We pray for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Joseph, Bridgwater, and Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea, served by Fr Paul Vettikattu CST, Parish Administrator (pending) and both their communities..

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A -Feast of St Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (led by our Young People) (Live-streamed)

followed by our First Parish Synod meeting 12.15pm-2.00pm (all invited)

MONDAY: Feast of St Faustina Kowalska, Nun (1904-1938) No Liturgy

**TUESDAY: Feast of St Bruno, Priest Founder of the Carthusians (1032-1101)
No Liturgy**

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest & Theologian (1801-1890)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast of St Paulinus, Monk and first Bishop of York (584-644)

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Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm**COLLECTIONS****PUBLISHED SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER**

6/09/2026 GA: £ + Loose £ + Card Reader £ + S.O. £206.35 = £

4/10/2026 [1] With the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday Year A** we celebrate Jesus whom is the stone rejected by the builders who becomes the corner stone of a New People of God. This New People of God is a Universal, global community - a vineyard of Hope for the world who must yield the fruit of community that witnesses to the value of every person and has a mission to transform the world in love and justice.

[2] **We hold our first 'Parish Synod' day which needs to be a priority for all our community, to come together in the Spirit to discern God's will for the future of our parish.** Please give time and energy to our meeting after Mass 12.15pm-2.00pm. There will be a snack & refreshments available in the hall and children will be supervised so parents and our young people can participate. **I cannot stress enough how important this meeting is.**

[3] Today, the **Feast of St Francis of Assisi**, concludes our Season of Creation - but not our work to heal our planet and live in communion with all creatures

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of Church Cleaning**. Our church building is a sacred space where the awesome act of Eucharist is celebrated and the People of God gather to worship and build together community for mission. Every week the church needs cleaning so that we can worthily offer worship to God. Eddie has been doing this voluntarily almost always win his own - we really need more volunteers to share the ministry and work. There can be some flexibility about day and time for the cleaning - please contact Richard to join the team.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in Communion for Mission that is our Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul, served by Mgr Liam Slattery VG, Fr Thomas Lawes, Fr Cavan McElligott, Deacons Paul Brandon, Robert von Hawrylak, Parish Administrator Mary Manners and all their community. Pray for their service of all our parishes, as the Mother Church of Clifton Diocese.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th Sept to 2nd Oct Richard on holiday

4th Oct **Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it**

14th Oct Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet at 12.30pm

17th Oct Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

1st Nov **ALL SAINTS DAY - SUNDAY MASS AT 10.00AM**

2nd Nov **Commemoration of All the Departed (All Souls)** Mass at 7.00pm

22nd Nov **FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** Mass at 10am

28th Nov Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

29th Nov **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**

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

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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 meeting Thursday 8th October**

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.**

PARISH SYNOD DAY - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER Three years ago, 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 reshape the governance of the Church globally and locally to a more inclusive model. 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 MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. 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.***

'FROM SEED TO PLANT' - A DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Led by Dominican Sr Hyacinthe this day is for existing catechists and those considering serving as catechists. **St John's, Bath, on Saturday 17th October 9.30am to 4.00pm** - bring packed lunch and register on [fromseedtoplant.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-seed-to-plant-tickets-755555555555)

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - A DAY EXPLORING POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL I really want to encourage people to take part in this day on safeguarding the human person in the light of poverty and Artificial Intelligence - especially parishioners involved with AI professionally. **Saturday 24th October 9.30am-4.00pm at St Brendans College** [magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/magnificahumanitas-tickets-755555555555)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Paul has stepped down from his role as Parish Safeguarding Rep (PSR) - thank you Paul for the contribution you have made to this important ministry. We are pleased to welcome Verina Muteve who joins the team as PSR with special responsibility for DBS checks. Thank you for joining Mary Hopper (PSR) and Richard on the team.

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