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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A



What is Caesar's? What is God's?

The coinage of Imperial taxation bore the imprint of the August Caesar. But we bear the imprint of Jesus, of God, of the Spirit, of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Whose imprint do we truly bear, whose image can the world see in us? Are we shaped by loyalty to Caesar - to the powers of this world, to its voracious economic agendas, to its narrow national interests, to its petty and warlike ambitions?

Or are we shaped by our true King - shaped by the powerful gentleness of love, by an allegiance to the Reign of God which crosses over every national boundary and interest, shaped by God's passion for the poor and powerless and the stranger among us?

Are we God's coinage given away to the world in love? Or are we the world's selfish coinage?

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (Live streamed)

Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: Feast of Ss Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and the First Martyrs of North America (died 1600's) No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

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WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Feast of St John Paul II, Pope (1920-2005)

Adoration at 11.30am

Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, Founder of Claretian Fathers

Adoration at 11.30am

Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

Study Day on Pope Leo's Encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas' (St Brendans)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.00-4.30pm only

TODAY [1] With the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A** Jesus reminds us that we do have an obligation to our nation and to secure and participate in good governance, especially through our democratic processes. But our deepest loyalty to God before any ruler, nation or tribe. And we must not allow the 'Caesars' of our world today to take more than is their right - we need to remind them they are servants of their people, the poor and must work for 'the common good' - the peace of the world built upon true justice. [2] It is **World Mission Sunday** as we recognise the global mission of the Church and support this mission by our prayer and our action. **There will be a Retiring Collection for 'Missio' - a collection that is taken in every parish in the world.**

[3] There is a meeting immediately after Mass for those who are helping with **Children Liturgy of the Word** and those who are interested in joining the team so we can provide this foundation stone of our children's catechesis and participation in the Mass in a consistent manner. During our recent Parish Synod it was repeatedly voiced that we need to restore **Children Liturgy of the Word** on a regular basis. We cannot do this unless more people come forward to help. **PLEASE THINK AND PRAY SERIOUSLY ABOUT WHETHER YOU CAN HELP!**

[4] Today is our 'Social Sunday' when extra food is provided and we are all invited to spend time with each other in the Hall, building together a caring community.

[5] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome.**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday Year A** we celebrate Jesus challenging the powerful of the world and calls his disciples (us) to be prophets involved with our world and the world of politics as builders of a new way of exercising power - by serving not dominating, by putting the values of God's Kingdom of love and justice at the heart of our shaping society for all people and most especially to poorest and most marginalised. Then we will be bearing the image of Christ rather than the images of today's 'Caesars' of which there are many!

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of Catechesis**, which seeks to grow understanding of our Catholic Christian Faith and form our children, young people and adults as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Co-ordinated by Mary Hopper, catechists prepare our

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children for baptism, First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation, and our parents for the baptism of their children. This is an essential ministry, the bedrock and foundations of members of our Faith Community now and into the future. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY TO OFFER THEMSELVES FOR THIS WORK OF FAITH FORMATION.** Training and support will be provided - please contact Mary Hopper or Richard.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in Communion for Mission of Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, St Bonaventure, Bishopston, and St Anthony Henbury, served by Canon Tom Finnegan Deacon Bartek Kowalewski, Parish Administrators Joanna Adamek, Philip Yeo and all their communities.

COLLECTIONS **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF ST NICKS**
GA: £10.00 + Loose £182.98 + Card Reader £63.91 + S.O. £206.35 = £463.24
CAFOD RETIRING COLLECTION £137.00 **THANK YOU!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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

12th Nov Parish Finance Committee meets (via Microsoft Teams) at 7.30pm

18th Nov Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm after Mass at 6.30pm

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

25th Nov Mass (6.30pm) and Meeting of Jesus Caritas Lay Fraternity

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

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

10th Dec Parish Finance Committee meets (via Microsoft Teams) at 7.30pm

15th Dec Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm after Mass at 6.30pm

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 10th September and 8th October**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME HAS BEGUN We have made a good start but there are other young people who have voiced an interest in considering whether to take this step of commitment. **It is important to attend the meetings each Friday at 5.30-6.30pm.** When we have more precise numbers I can contact the Bishop to arrange a date for the Confirmation. I will also call a meeting for parents to explore the nature of the Sacrament of Confirmation with them so they can support their young person(s) on their Journey of Faith towards this important step our young people's lives while respecting that it needs to be the young person's decision - not their parents' decision.

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

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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.**

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.***

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

GLOBAL WARMING AND OUR MISSION AS CHURCH Heatwaves, floods, and wildfires. We have been enduring all of them with increasing frequency. Our beautiful planet, entrusted to us by our creator God, is groaning but are we listening? If we do not deal with this we will have seriously sinned against future generations - our own children as well as all the creatures of our world. It is our mission to be 'Good news to All Creation'. We all need to 'wake up'!

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE' It is our privilege to host here at St Nicks the Diocesan Ministry among the LGBTQ+ community. It would be a great sign of welcome, valuing 'Gay' Catholics, if more parishioners would come sometimes to our 3rd Sunday a month Mass with our LGBTQ+ friends. Do try to come occasionally and share with us

MEETING CATHOLIC PARENTS IN ST NICK'S SCHOOL The school is holding a Coffee Morning for Catholic Parents in the school so that I can meet them and explore how we might support them and the Christian formation of their children. If this applies to you, please come along **Thursday November 5th at 9.00am**. I look forward to meeting you there.

IN HOPE MINISTRIES SEEKING TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS. This entails a week-day morning trip to Avonmouth, loading food and returning to the Wild Goose Café, Stapleton Road (near St Nicks). If interested please email: provisions@inhope.uk and/or speak with Mike Burke. Our FoodBank also receives food from the Wild Goose Café each week, for which we are very grateful.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FULL RECOVERY POPE LEO XIV As you may already know from the media, Pope Leo had surgery on Monday which removed a part of his right lung where there was cancer. Why not say a Rosary or even better come to a weekday mass to pray for his recovery.

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