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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR A



Divine Love has Three Faces!

There is only one way to serve God, to fulfil God's call and yearning for you and me! To live out God's 'Law' (which is so much more than a law!). The One Way is the Way of Love! There is no other - as St Therese taught us - the fill every small thing with a great love!

Three faces - the Father who gives everything, indeed is sheer infinite gift; the Son who receives everything and who experiences His life as the Gift of the Father; the Spirit who shares everything, the mutuality of giving and receiving. And we have those three faces in us, for we are made in God's image and likeness!

To love with everything to Giver of everything; to recognise my own being as loving gift from the Father; to share this love with everyone: Love God, love the other, love self - with my whole being! Love is All! Love is God!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (Live streamed)

MONDAY: Feast of Ss Chad and Chedd, Celtic monks and Bishops (died 7th cent)

No Liturgy

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WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass after and 4.00-4.30pm

SUNDAY 1ST NOV: PARISH MASS OF THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS at 10.00am

**MONDAY 2ND NOV: Parish Requiem Mass for All the Faithful Departed at 7.00pm
(with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm)**

TODAY [1] On the **Thirtieth Sunday Year A** we celebrate our God Who is Love, and Whose love is made perfectly flesh in human history in Jesus, Word and Love made Flesh. We are made in the image and likeness of this God - so every human person has been created 'a freedom for love'. We too in Christ are called, chosen and sent to make God's love flesh in us, so the world can taste and see that God is good, God is Love.

[2] It is a great joy for us that **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) restarts on a regular weekly basis today**. All children from Reception Class to 8 years old are invited to join CLOW so that the Liturgy of the Word can be proclaimed to them in an age-appropriate way. Thank you for all our CLOW leaders and helpers who serve our children and our community in this way.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] At the beginning of the Thirty-First Week of the Year we celebrate **The Feast of ALL SAINTS**. We give thanks to God for those who have lived lives of faith and love, of deep humanity and a passion for the Lord. We remember those of our own families and communities who have passed on faith in Christ and humanity to us. And we sing 'Alleluia!' as we too seek to 'grow in all ways into Christ'

[2] **November Memorial sheets** are available for you to fill in with the names of all of your family and friends, the parish community and any others you wish to be remembered and prayed for at every Mass and Service of Word and Communion throughout the month of November. They will be placed beneath the Altar on All Souls Day (Monday 2nd November)

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of St Nicholas Bread Foodbank**, led and managed by Lahiru Gunatilake. It is a vital ministry providing food and toiletries to families and individuals most afflicted by the cost of living crisis. The foodbank is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 12.30pm and needs supporting, not only donations of food, toiletries, nappies or money etc but also with volunteers, especially from the parish community. Please contact Lahiru Gunatilake. (07438976736) for more information about supporting this life-giving mission.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Mary-on-the-Quay, the oldest post-Reformation parish in Bristol, served by Fr Sanjeeb Xaxa SVD and Fr Joseph Mensah SVD, and all their community.

COLLECTIONS **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF ST NICKS**
GA: £130.00 + Loose £195.04 + Card Reader £177.95 + S.O. £206.35 = £709.30

WORLD MISSION RETIRING COLLECTION £35.00 FOOD BANK £147.46 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

12th Dec Mass for our Spanish speaking community at 5.00pm

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 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.**

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'!

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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 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 recently 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 full recovery.

FLAME 2027 - NATIONAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC YOUNG PEOPLE

Flame 2027 maybe a long way off (**6 March 2027**), however, the Evangelisation & Discipleship department have prebooked 70 tickets which are all together. The early bird price for these tickets is £30. The event at the OVO Arena Wembley is now sold out, and these are all the tickets we have. More information can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/evangelisation-and-discipleship/youth-ministry/>

Please do let us know if you require tickets for your parish, you can contact us on this email address: Evangelisation.and.Discipleship@Cliftondiocese.com and we can reserve tickets for you, on a first come, first served basis.

We currently have a donation page: <https://donate.mydona.com/clifton-diocese> if parishioners would like to donate to help our young people or plan fund-raising.

CALLING SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO FEEL ALIENATED FROM THE CHURCH

There are so many who have been hurt by their experiences in the Catholic Church and many reasons for that hurt. A particularly destructive hurt has been abuse especially by priests and religious. Yet Christ calls us to be a welcoming, safe and healing community.

Here at St Nick's we seek to offer an unconditional welcome and a safe and respectful place to be and to speak your voice. We seek to echo the words of Jesus: *'Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you peace'*. So we want to welcome you, be a community where you can if you wish speak your pain, voice your hurt and anger, or just come and be.

We understand that for many it is impossible to trust the Church again, and we do not expect or deserve that trust. But we do want to earn it and so offer to share your journey and make together the safe space that is your right.

Our community currently includes those who have expressed some of their own experience of this particular hurt. They, particularly, would like you to know: "If you come to see us you won't be alone - it isn't easy but we do seek to journey together gently."

We understand it may be difficult for some to enter the Church. If you wish to make contact please tell us what might help to make things easier for you.

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