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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Thirty-First Week



HOLINESS IS HAPPINESS!

Holiness is not just for the heroes for whom we erect statues and paint icons! They are part of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that encourage and inspire us. But holiness is for us as well - ordinary and extraordinary mums and dads, uncles and aunts, friends and co-workers, brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

Everyone of us is called to holiness. Called to be holy is God's call to become our true selves, to be who we are - and to be me in Christ, in truth, in love, in compassion, in mercy, in the struggle for justice. Ultimately the call to holiness in Christ is no more and no less than the call to be human - thoroughly human. As St Teresa of Avila said - 'the royal road to God is through humanity'

The world needs saints - the world needs us, young people and older people - all to be saints letting love be the power and driving force of our lives. Not 'perfect' plaster saints, but real flesh and blood people - in Christ!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS OF THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS at 10.00am (live-streamed)
Mass with Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm -all welcome

MONDAY: COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DEPARTED 'ALL SOULS'
Adoration at 6.30pm PARISH REQUIEM MASS at 7.00pm

TUESDAY: Feast of St Martin de Porres, Dominican brother (1579-1639) No Liturgy

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WEDNESDAY: School Mass for All Saints at 9.30am - all welcome

THURSDAY: **Feast of St Charles Borromeo, Reforming Bishop (1538-84)**

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Mass at 9.30am (NB NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.00-4.30pm only

TODAY [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)

NEXT SUNDAY [1] On the **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year A** we celebrate Jesus, the Bridegroom (who lays down his life for His Bride - the Church, you and me, all humanity. We are called to wait and work for His Final Coming 'to reconcile all things in Himself'. But he pours into our hearts the Oil of the Holy Spirit so that we have the vision and energy to build a New World ready to welcome him, to gather all creation into His Banquet of God's Love.

[2] This is **Remembrance Sunday** when all our nation and many others hold silence to remember all who have been killed during the too many wars of the last 120 years. We do not glorify war but weep for the 'pity of war'. Mass is offered for the Peace of our war-torn world of today.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Parish Finance Committee**, led by Eustace Tameh our Chair. This committee has oversight of all income and expenditure, seeking ways to increase our income and lessen our annual shortfall. All funds in the parish are for the life and mission of our parish community here in the inner city. If we do not increase the parish income we will run out of money to enable the parish to thrive. If this were to happen we would be failing in the Mission that God has entrusted to us among the poor and marginalised of our Inner City. We seek to strengthen our Finance Committee - if able to join us contact Richard or Eustace - thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, Kingswood, St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul, Yate, served by Fr James Williams, Fr Barnabus Page, Fr Frank Birmingham (Retired), Deacons

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Vincent Calder, Michael Belt, Parish Administrators Maria Fernandez, Bernadette Thompson and all their communities.

COLLECTIONS THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF ST NICKS

GA: £10.00 + Loose £180.70 + Card Reader £45.00 + S.O. £206.35 = £442.05

Caritas £10.00 **Zimbabwean Mass** £431.80 **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

13th Nov First Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents at 5.00pm (Church)

15th Nov Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass

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

19th Nov Second Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents at 6.30pm

22nd Nov **FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Youth Sunday and Baptismal Sunday 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

WANTING BAPTISM FOR YOUR CHILD? 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 22nd November at 10am Mass**

Parents Preparation First Session: Friday 13th Nov at 5.00pm (Church)

Parents Preparation Second Session: Thursday 19th Nov at 6.30pm (Church)

Rite of Child Catechumen: Sunday 15th November at 10am Mass

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 in our young people's lives while respecting that it needs to be the young person's decision - not their parents' decision.

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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.**

NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 120 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' - indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. **Please take a Memorial Sheet today** and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fulness of life.

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.

UNIQUE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS THAT HELP THE POOR - CAFOD World Gifts

Why not give a friend or family member a gift that benefits the poorest of our world. Jesus is not honoured by lavish gifts to each other - when you give someone a CAFOD World Gift, you are giving to Jesus who identified himself with the poor who benefit from your Gift. 'Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers you do to me!' The catalogues for these CAFOD World Gifts are in the porch. I strongly recommend incorporating these in your giving gifts to others this Christmas.

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.

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