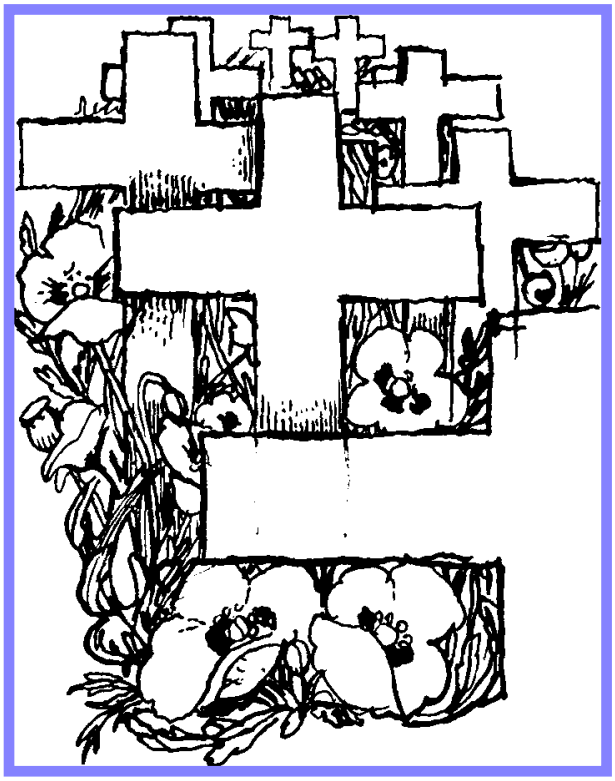
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR A - Remembrance Sunday



WHY REMEMBER THE HORROR?

There is enough sorrow in the world without constantly harking back to the horrors of the past - surely? Why keep on 'Remembering'?

To 're-member' is to reconnect, join the present with the past, so that the past can positively influence the present. We have to face up to the horrors we human beings have perpetrated in the hope of healing the human spirit, that the brutality will not be repeated. When the serpents bit the Hebrews in the desert because of their rebellious and sinful actions, then Moses fashioned a serpent and raised it high for all to look, to gaze on the sign of their sin - like gazing upon Jesus on the Cross, the cost of our sin! And the Cross of Jesus carries all the horrors of war, holocaust and genocide. But gazing on the wounds we can be healed!

So we must never forget! Have the courage to remember without a shade of glorifying the horror so that humanity may one day be healed of warlust! And Eucharist is re-membering the Cross!

SUNDAY: REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS FOR PEACE at 10.00am *(live-streamed)*

MONDAY: *Feast of the Lateran Basilica, Cathedral Church of Rome* No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Leo the Great, Pope, and St Martin of Tour, Bishop (4/5 cent)***
Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: ***Feast of Beatified Martyrs of Clifton Diocese (Bl Edward Powell of Bristol)***
Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation **NONE TODAY**

TODAY [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.

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year A** we come to the final parables of Jesus in Matthew 's Gospel before he journeys towards the Cross to lay down His life for us and for all humanity, all creation. In the 'Parable of the Talents' Jesus tells us of the great gift of the Gospel, Good News and the many Gifts of the Holy Spirit that He and the father have poured into our hearts and minds. He gifts the world with hope and mercy through us. What are we doing with these gifts and are we becoming God's Gift to our world today?
[2] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm** - all are very welcome to come. We often sing 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE': It is our privilege to host here at St Nicks the Diocesan Ministry among the LBGTQ+ community. It would be a great sign of welcome, valuing 'Gay' Catholics, if more parishioners would come sometimes to our 3rd Sunday monthly Mass with our LGBTQ+ friends. Do try to come occasionally and share with us.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Live-streaming Team,** co-ordinated by Lucy Lourenco. Started during Covid when no-one could come to Mass, it has been continued to enable those unable to attend for whatever reason to participate from a distance, be nourished by prayer, praise, the Word of God and Spiritual Communion. We have friends from different part of UK as well as New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Cameroon, Caribbean, USA and Canada that join us. And often weddings and funerals are live-streamed. This is a ministry of Evangelisation through the Internet. We are always looking for volunteers to be trained to live-stream and join the rota for Sundays and if possible be available for the occasional weekday. Please contact Lucy Lourenco.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in Communion for Mission of St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton, St Joseph's, Fishponds, and St Patrick's, Redfield served by Fr Richard McKay, Canon Gregory Grant, Fr Jerome Ajakaike, Deacons Rob Easton, Denis Deasey, Parish Administrators Debbie Forge, Savia Rodrigues, Pastoral Assistants Mary Hopper, Emilia Dunford and all their communities.

COLLECTIONS ***THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF ST NICKS***
GA: £10.00 + Loose £205.57 + Card Reader £40.00 + S.O. £206.35 = £461.92
Flowers £5.70 **Food Bank** £30.00 **THANK YOU!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY
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 Joint Committees (PPC, PFC, CS, LMG) meet 9.30-11.30am
28th Nov Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)
29th Nov **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**
29th Nov Safeguarding Training for CLOW leaders and Catechists 12-1.00pm
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
16th Dec St Nicks School Infants Nativity Play in Church at 2.00pm
16th Dec Parish Pastoral Council meet after 6.30pm Mass (7.15pm)
17th Dec St Nicks School Carol Service at 2.00pm
24th Dec **MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS** at 10.00pm
25th Dec **SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY** at 10.00am
31st Dec **New Year's Eve Watchnight Mass** at 10.30pm
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1st Jan **New Year's Day: Feast of Mary, Mother of God Mass for Peace** 10am
13th Jan Parish Pastoral Council meets after 6.30pm Mass (7.15am)
24th Jan **Parish Synod Day 12.00noon to 2.00pm**

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 November at 10am Mass
Parents Preparation First Session: Friday 13th Nov at 5.00pm (Church)
Parents Preparation Second Session: Thursday19th 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 meet each Thursday at 5.00pm in the Assisi Centre - all are very welcome**

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**. This important step in our young people's lives needs to be the young person's decision - not their parents' decision.

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CLOW LEADERS AND ALL CATECHISTS Making our Church community a safe, welcoming and listening place for everyone, but especially our children, young people and elderly is a priority for the Church and for our parish. Everyone with a direct involvement in the name of the Church with these groups must have a degree of Safeguarding Training. In addition to our CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) and Catechist leaders, anyone who wishes to take part in this training are more than welcome. **Sunday 29th November 12noon to 1.00pm in the Assisi Centre.**

THOUGHT FOR 32ND SUNDAY YEAR A *Carrying a Lamp of Faith, a Light of Love*
We spend huge amounts of money on weddings: yet sadly too often we neglect what is really important - to burn with love and faith in Christ the Bridegroom whose sacrificial love all married people are called to reveal and proclaim to the world by their sacrificial love for one another. Jesus comes to wed the world to God, to interweave the life and love of God into the very heart and pulse of creation. In Jesus, God woos the world to a different existence, love's betrothal that fulfils all our longings for love and fulfilment.
Are we ready, do we carry the Lamp of Faith waiting in expectancy for Him who comes to woo our hearts? Do we carry the Light of Love to guide our world to Him who is the World's Lover? Do we wait in prayer and service upon His Coming, with a heart filled with yearning?

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