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# Sunday 14th October 2018

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm**

### Entrance antiphon\*:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### Psalm R/:

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

### Acclamation:

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

### Communion antiphon\*:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

*\* Not said if sung Mass*

## NOTICES

### Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to £177.17 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many thanks.

### Diocesan Prayer Link

Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol

### Cleaning Rota

Team B

### Adoration

Tuesday 1pm-1.50pm and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm and Perpetual: Thursday 10am to Friday 7pm.

Newsletter items to elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk no later than 10am Wednesday mornings.

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## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: B (II) Liturgy of the hours: Ps4

	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
StF	11am 6pm	9am	2pm Rosary	7pm	9-15am	9am Praying the Sunday readings	-
StJ	6pm (Sat, vigil) 9am	-	3pm Waverley Court	-	-	10am	10am

Where are we grounded? Where are we anchored and rooted? Is it in things, possessions, treasures or are we rooted and anchored in God? Are we defined by what we have or by what we do... or are we defined by our relationship with the Lord. In today's Gospel there is a challenge to 'let go' of everything and to find security, strength, and an understanding of who we are in our relationship with the Lord. It is only when we let God dwell at the centre, when we are defined by his love for us, that we come to understand the freedom and the life he offers us; when we are weighed down by our possessions we find it is our possessions that possess us. In all we do to proclaim the Gospel this week, let us reveal what it is that dwells at the heart of our life because of the way we live and the way we love.

## ADORATION

There will be a meeting TODAY at 7pm for all those who take part in or are interested in Perpetual Adoration on a Thursday and Friday.

## Praise and Worship Evening

This is on NEXT Sunday 21st October at St Francis' Church Nailsea BS48 2LP. 1900 - 2030 for Worship. 2030 - 2130 for bring and share (leave whenever) Led by Backwell School's CU.

## Cafe Francis

Cafe Francis is open this Tuesday from 2 - 3.30pm. Come along to the Church Hall and enjoy a cuppa and cake. All are most welcome.

## Build my Church – St Francis Parish

To continue to build and grow our parish we need more volunteers. Could you consider signing up and helping either regularly or just occasionally when extra help is needed? Please pick up a form from the table in the foyer and return to Fr Tom.

## PRAYER BOARD

### Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Nancy Evans, Josef Leduchowicz and Pauline Hill.

**Anniversaries:** 14th October, Edith Martha Thomas, 1997; 15th October, Michael McGurk, 1993. Jack Grant, 1997; 18th October, Gillian Houghton; 20th October, Marie Devlin, 1990. Maria-Luisa Solano, 1990.

## The Great Adventure Bible Study

Over the past two years several small groups in our Parish have gained a much greater awareness and appreciation of the Bible by working through a DVD-based course presented by Jeff Cavins. It is highly recommended as it opens up our Sunday readings, particularly those of the Old Testament, and provides a valuable historical background and understanding of God's plan for Salvation and the way in which he has revealed himself through the ages. The course is designed to be run in small groups and also provides a great opportunity for discussion and the development friendships with others in our Parish. It is flexible with times and dates being arranged to suit the participants. For more information about this exciting programme please contact Deacon Paul on 07502 156961.

## Youth Synod

During October, Pope Francis is holding a Synod in Rome on Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment. For the week of 15th – 21st October, our diocese is entering into a time of focus and prayer for young people. Prayers for each day are available along with many more resources for young people, catechists and parishes from your parish and from [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com). You can follow our Social media journey to the Synod each day using @cliftonyouth.

## Fixed Term post for a Schools Project Officer

The Schools and Colleges Department are looking to appoint a suitable person to the above position. Details are available on the diocesan website [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or by contacting the Director, Colleen Collett, on 0117 9025593 [colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com) Closing date: midday Wednesday, 17th October. Interviews Wednesday, 14th November 2018.

## Christmas Shop

Opportunities to share in joint work as Christians : volunteers (for an hour at a time) are being sought to staff the temporary Christmas shop which will run again from 26-30th November. This was a great success last year -a place to drop food

or gifts that will be distributed to local children's centre and food bank.

## Open the Book Dramas

This group acts out stories from the Bible to our local schools including St Francis , on Friday mornings. If you'd like to join the team contact David Kelly on 790520 or [daveandbev@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:daveandbev@blueyonder.co.uk). A report is also on our board. Or speak to Francesca Magner or John McAllister who attend the CTINAD meetings.

## Concert – St James Priory, 25th October at 6.30pm

St James' Priory, Bristol, is pleased to be hosting – at the request of the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia - a concert of Early Music from the 16th and 17th Centuries. The Minstrel Ensemble are a vocal and instrumental group specialising in music and dance of early Europe. Supported by the Croatian Embassy they come to Bristol as guests of the Ambassador and are performing for one night in Bristol. Monies raised will help support the Priory and its projects. Entrance is by donation. The concert takes place on Thursday 25 October at 6.30pm.

## Inter-Faith week 2018

This will build upon the superb opportunity of listening to other faiths engage in an understanding of Mercy during the Jubilee, I have arranged for an evening's conversation focusing on peace. Three distinguished speakers who, together, will unfold in conversation an understanding of peace held at the centre of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. My hope is that, as with the Jubilee, we will open up avenues of dialogue in order that we might understand one another better and grow in our respect and appreciation of others. Professor Sajjad Rizvi, Dr Alexander Goldberg and Jacob Fareed Imam will come together in the Apostle Room of Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 14 November The conversations will be 'chaired' by Professor Gavin D'Costa and should provide wonderful opportunity for insight, understanding and for questions. As part of the evening's conversation all three speakers will address something on the issue of peace in the Holy Land. The evening will begin at 7.15pm and refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. All are most welcome.

## Help required

Middle aged (Young at Heart), disabled lady desperately seeking someone to help me run my own home. General light household duties, Hoovering, ironing etc. Please telephone 01275 540092 for an informal chat – Location Long Ashton.

## Film Nights

Two more coming up: on Wednesday 7th November as we prepare for the beatification of the monks of Tibhirine, we will show the film "Of Gods and Men" and on Wednesday 12th December the film about Pope Francis "A man of his word".

## Year of Prayer

Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to come together ahead of the launch of the 'Year of Prayer'. As you will have seen in the most recently *Ad Clerum* there are two events to which the bishop extends an invitation in the hope that each of our parishes and communities is represented.

Encounter the Lord  
On Saturday 10 November we gather at St Brendan's College, Brislington, (10.15am to 3pm) with David Wells who will help us reflect upon *Encounter the Lord*. The day at St Brendan's is set to prepare us for the coming Year of Prayer (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome and it would be good if each parish was represented. Whilst we do not need names it would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming from your parish: please let the Adult Education office know by 6 November. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

Evening Prayer  
On Tuesday 27 November at 7pm in our Cathedral, Bishop Declan invites our parishes and communities to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the Year of Prayer starting the following weekend. As we did with the Year of Mission, each community will be called forward to receive the Year's resources.