

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
**&**  
**ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD**

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**



**Collect**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## **Gospel (Matthew 22: 1 – 10)**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested; one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proves to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding. “So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

## **Reflection**

In his first exhortation, ‘The Joy of the Gospel’, Pope Francis reminds us of the key message which lies at the heart of Christianity: “Jesus Christ loves you, he gave his life for you, and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.”

This is the first proclamation, the Kerygma which we as Christians are called to proclaim. It is the Good News, the really good news of an invitation to a banquet – not just any banquet but the great banquet of the Lord.

Everyone is invited but either through a lack of awareness or complete indifference not everyone accepts the invitation. There are also those who will ridicule or attack us when we try to offer the invitation.

We cannot give up – we are sent to the four corners of the earth, to anyone who will listen so that all can hear and respond, as they choose. It is not just about saying yes to the invitation, it is about saying yes in all its fullness to following Jesus, whatever the cost.

### **Opening of our Churches for Private Prayer**

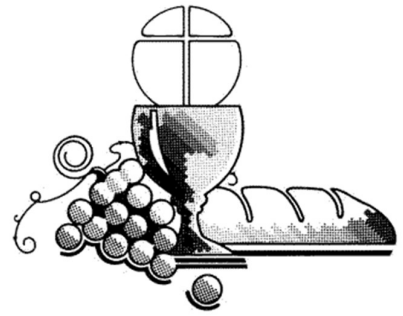
St Dominic’s Church will be open for individual private prayer on Thursdays, 2 pm to 3 pm.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Dominic’s Church on Saturdays 3.30pm to 4.00pm or by arrangement

## Celebration of Mass

We will be celebrating Mass again at St Joseph's at 5.30 pm on Saturdays and at St Dominic's at 11 am on Sundays and at 9 am on Wednesdays



Because we are following the guidelines set down by the bishops, whose chief consideration is to create a safe environment for everyone, fewer people will be able to attend the Mass each week.

As numbers will be limited, you will have to contact the Church Office in advance with your name and contact details: 542039 or [dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com)

Be sure to arrive early for the Mass; stewards will be on hand to help with the seating

You will need to bring a mask and wear it

### Becoming a Catholic

We shall be starting a group for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith, with a view to being received into the Church. They are known as 'enquirers'. There is no commitment involved in joining the group. It is an opportunity to discover more, ask questions and discuss. The time of meetings will be arranged to suit participants.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining, do encourage them to get in touch. They might like to contact Father Philip for an informal chat.

### World Mission Sunday: 18 October

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!'. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

### Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St John the Baptist, Trowbridge  
**Churches Together Prayer Rota:** St Joseph, Nympsfield

**Parish Prayer Rota:** The children of our parishes

## **Pat's Hymn Challenge**

Pat Uglow has been our Church organist for over 50 years. At the age of 84 she has decided to retire, but not before she has completed an exciting but exhausting challenge that she has set herself: playing 84 hymns on the organ, one for each year of her life! The aim will be to raise money for our Parish Charity, Clifton Refugee Sponsorship, so whilst you are invited to come and listen to the hymns, you are also encouraged to give. Pat will play more of the hymns once more, after Mass on Sunday 11 October. **Please contact the Church Office in advance to book a place.**

The preferred way of sponsoring Pat is through *JustGiving* at

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stdominicsdursley?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=m38QW7Q5N](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stdominicsdursley?utm_id=1&utm_term=m38QW7Q5N)

Other ways of donating are by cheque (made out to M P Uglow) or by cash left in the basket at church after Mass or posted to church at any time – if you pay using either of these methods please indicate clearly that the donation is for CRSS

**Many thanks to Pat for undertaking this marathon for our Parish Charity!**

**Please give generously**

### **St. Joseph's. School**

School re-opened on 3rd. September for all our children. They were delighted to come back, although the furniture had had to be re-arranged to meet new Covid Safety Guidelines. Staff spent many hours setting up classes and drawing up a fresh curriculum, which allowed for plenty of outside learning. The fine weather gave everyone a chance to play in their secure bubbles.

New staff have settled in well and the children adapted quickly to social distancing, frequent hand-washing and more on-line lessons.

Some of the ongoing problems with parking remain, as parents adapt to staggered starts and different entrances. Please be tolerant, we all get it wrong sometimes.

Governors continue to hold virtual meetings monthly. We are very grateful to Mrs. Howells and all the Staff for their continuing commitment to the School and children.

However we still have vacancies for two Foundation Governors.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to act on his behalf and that of Clifton Diocese. They need to be committed Catholics, interested in Children' Education. Computer skills are necessary and a willingness to work with others for the good of the School.

If interested and needing further information, please contact the School by phone, 01453 860311 or Email: [admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)

Syd Gwyer, co-Chair of Governors

### **CAFOD Family Fast: 8 – 11 October**

This week our parish is marking CAFOD'S Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online through the CAFOD website, or by using one of our envelopes.

[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)