



ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

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4th August
2019

A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

An Extract of Christus Vivit by Pope Francis

The word “vocation” can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us.

In the Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, I spoke about the vocation of all to grow and mature for the glory of God; I wanted “to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities”.

The Second Vatican Council helped us to recognize anew this call addressed to each of us: “All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his or her own way, to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect”.

God’s call to friendship: The first thing we need to discern and discover is this: Jesus wants to be a friend to every young person. This discernment is the basis of all else. In the risen Lord’s dialogue with Simon Peter, his great question was: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” (Jn 21:16). In other words, do you love me as a friend? The mission that Peter received to shepherd Jesus’ flock will always be linked to this gratuitous love, this love of friendship.

On the other hand, there was the unsuccessful encounter of Jesus and the rich young man, which clearly shows that the young man failed to perceive the Lord’s loving gaze (cf. Mk 10:21). He went away sorrowful, despite his original good intentions, because he could not turn his back on his many possessions (cf. Mt 19:22). He missed the opportunity of what surely would have been a great friendship. We will never know what that one young man, upon whom Jesus gazed with love and to whom he stretched out his hand, might have been for us, what he might have done for mankind.

“The life that Jesus gives us is a love story, a life history that wants to blend with ours and sink roots in the soil of our own lives. That life is not salvation up ‘in the cloud’ and waiting to be downloaded, a new ‘app’ to be discovered, or a technique of mental self-improvement. Still less is that life a ‘tutorial’ for finding out the latest news. The salvation that God offers us is an invitation to be part of a love story interwoven with our personal stories; it is alive and wants to be born in our midst so that we can bear fruit just as we are, wherever we are and with everyone all around us. The Lord comes there to sow and to be sown”.

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& Friday 9:30am-12:30pm.
Wednesday 11am-1pm.

OUR PARISH

Confession: Ever wondered if confession is completely anonymous, even if a murder is confessed? Find out in the latest [#FrTomTalks](#) on Confession. Click here: <https://youtu.be/kJfco2GppSA>

Business Centre: We have now developed the plans for phase two of the Business Centre. Before we can start, we need to have a bit of a clear out. To achieve this we are asking for an adults only working party for Saturday 17th August from 9.00.am. We would hope to have it completed by lunchtime. Refreshments will be provided for our volunteers. Due to Health and Safety reasons we regret that we cannot have any “young” helpers no matter how willing they may be – so over 18’s only please.If you are able to help please email Tony Nelson c/o the Parish office.

Thank you: To the family of Reenie Slattery for their donation to St Bons.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sue Venning who passed away recently. Her funeral will be at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 8th August at 12 noon.

OUR COMMUNITY

Livesimply Thought for the Week: On the 29th of July, we used the amount of resources that our planet can create or renew in one year. For the rest of the year we are living on credit. The overshoot consists not only of ecological resources, but also accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Approximately 60 per cent of the overshoot comes from carbon dioxide emissions. For more information see <https://letsmovethedate.com/#/> . To assess your carbon footprint see <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

HCPT 200 Club: Congratulations to the latest winners of the 200 club. July draw: £60 Mary Wall 182, £25 Bridget Cox 28, £15 Christine Eastman 185. August draw: £60 Sheilagh Gaines 180, £25 Josie Wilmer 12, £10 Bernie Rogers 69.

The Chaplaincy: Are you interested in visiting patients in Hospital? Could you give a half day, a day or more to being a Chaplaincy Volunteer? The Chaplaincy at North Bristol NHS Trust is running a seven week training course for new volunteers this Autumn. This could give you an opportunity to see if you might be suited to joining us as a Chaplaincy Volunteer visiting ward patients at our hospital. If you are interested please contact Rob Easton on 0117 414 3700 for further details and application form before 31st August 2019

Beauty - Spirit - Matter talk by Aiden Hart: 26th October at Clifton Cathedral Apostle Room. Entrance by ticket only, available at www.cliftondiocese.com or 01179025591.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Fr Tom discusses the recent First Holy Communion at St Bons in a recent vlog available on our socials.

YEAR OF PRAYER

As we prepare to journey into the diocesan *Year of Prayer*, the Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation share these reflections.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a simple message in today's Gospel warning us to be wary of placing too much emphasis on acquiring more and more possessions. Very often wealth is seen as a marker of who we are in the eyes of the world. Yes, wealth can enable us to have a decent house, allow our children to go to the right school, enjoy holidays and much more. We can be proud of what we achieve as the rich man is in our parable. But in whose eyes are we rich? Rich in the sight of the world or rich in the sight of God? It's a struggle for us. The Church encourages us to 'live simply' with integrity and humility. Living by these values allows us to depend on our inner resources. They allow us to recognise that all we have is gift given to us, not to hold onto for ourselves, but to share with the world for the good of the world, so that all may benefit. This is what matters. At the moment of our calling from this world we will be judged not by how much we have but how much we have loved.

WHAT'S ON?

Art Club: The Art Club continues on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. All are very welcome to either come and do some art or play board games, puzzles etc, have a drink and a chat.

Friday Soup Lunch: The Friday Soup Group are having a break over the summer and will recommence on Friday 6th September. Thanks to all who come and enjoy the social gathering, lunch and raising money both for the Parish and for local charities.

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 6th August at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bonaventure's Presbytery. We will pray and discuss the rosary and have a cup of tea. Contact Chris 07771161259.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Veronica.
Maria Alfano.
Anna McGinn.
Nachtter Kaur.
Kathleen Ward.
Pat Kissane.
Reena James.
Elinor McCorry.

If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so it can be recorded.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Divine Renovation UK
@divreno_uk

Great things happen when we get together! Two Network parishes: the SLT at St Joseph's & St John the Baptist, Brighton sharing parish renewal experiences with @fptomsmith from @stbonsbristol



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



Edith Stein was born of Jewish parents in 1891 and, following her conversion to Catholicism, she entered the Discalced Carmelites in 1933. Sister Teresa Benedicta was arrested by the Nazi regime in 1942, along with all Catholics of Jewish extraction, and transported by cattle train to the death camp of Auschwitz. She died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz that same year.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 18 (Year C)

Sunday 4th August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass *Pro Pop*

7:00pm Mass *Vittorio Parinello R.I.P.*

Monday 5th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00pm Mass *Louise McGarvey*

Tuesday 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration

12:00pm Mass *Bernadette Minihane R.I.P.*

Wednesday 7th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00pm Mass

Thursday 8th August

Memorial of St Dominic

No Mass

Friday 9th August

Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

7:00pm Mass

Saturday 10th August

Feast of St Lawrence

6.00pm Mass *Rose Galvin R.I.P.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

Adoration: Monday at 10am after Mass through to 8pm on Tuesday.