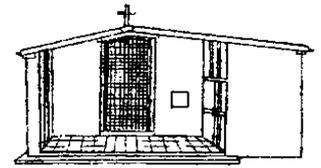




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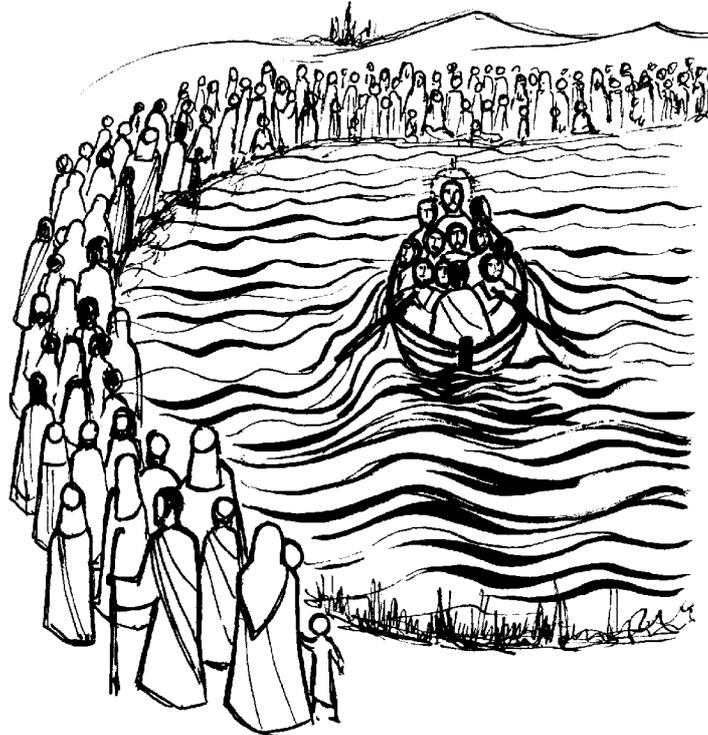
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Parish bulletin for Sunday 22nd July, 2018



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

At Wellington unless noted		Mass this week: 		
16th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	22nd	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
St Benedict	Monday	23 rd	9.15am	
	Tuesday	24 th	9.15am	
St James	Wednesday	25 th	9.15am	
			9.45am	Rosary
Sts Joachim & Anne	Thursday	26 th	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
	Friday	27 th	9.15am	
	Saturday	28 th	10.00am	
17th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	29 th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
Readers/Communion ministers:				
Sun 22 nd 9am: Liz, Anna Bingham/Goeff Rowsell, Anita Abrams				
11.15am: Jim Hawkins, Pat Ruffell-Hazell/Cynthia Rafter				
Sun 29 th 9am: Pat Howard, Mark Yvon/Yvonne Hunt, Mary Crabtree				
11.15am: Monica Spalding, Liz Stafford/Jimmy Jose, John Nutt				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass				
Ent:699 ; Kyrie; Gloria:43 ; Gifts:597; Holy Holy: 45; Mem acc:45 Amen: 46;				
Agnus Dei: 46; Comm: My shepherd is the Lord; Recess: S4				
Psalm response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.				
Tea/coffee after 11.15am Mass: Sun 22 nd : Jackie O.				
Sun 29 th : Jill				
Collection: Cash: £221.69+ direct debits c.£350				

Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.
ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: *John Dawson, Laura Brazier, Valerie Wallis, Peter McCall, Johanna Honeybun*

General

Employment vacancy: Fixed term post for a schools project officer from September for 2 years. The appointed person will be required to support the Director and current officers in shaping the changing educational landscape of Catholic education within Clifton diocese. They will be required to work directly with designated partnerships and schools and other appropriate educational bodies as needed. Further details from www.cliftondiocese.com. Closing date 10th August.

This Week

Healing Mass, reconciliation, and adoration at 7.30pm on 27th July at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, Bath.

Next Sunday Second collection for Bishop's charitable fund which enables the Bishop, on behalf of the diocese, to respond immediately and with discretion to the many charitable causes which appeal to him.

Coming Events

P.P.C. meeting: Tuesday 31st July at 7pm.

We are happy to announce to you that Fr Ikeokwu celebrates his 30th priestly ordination anniversary and thanksgiving Mass here in our parish on 12th August, 2018.

Living your Faith: Summer camps. See poster in porch. Further details and application forms available from Fr Ikeokwu or the parish office.

Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage, 24 – 31 August. See poster in porch for details.

Eucharistic Congress – Liverpool, 7 – 9 September, entitled “Adoremus”.

Please see Fr Ikeokwu if you are interested in attending.

Year of Mission – 16th Sunday in ordinary time

The “shepherds” that Jeremiah speaks against must have only thought about themselves. It seems that God's people have not been taken care of: the sheep have not been at the heart of the shepherds' mission. Notice who takes over! The Lord will be the shepherd; he will be the one to watch over and care and love and lead...the Lord now sets the benchmark for shepherding. Don't we see that reflected in the familiar psalm? We could use this Sunday's readings to pray for those who shepherd us, who reflect the care of Christ to us and who seek to enable us to find Christ. Let's pray for our priests in their mission of preaching and teaching, and their mission of enabling us to encounter the love of the Lord.

Let's pray that they find time for that "lonely place" to encounter the Good Shepherd, to know his tenderness and look to the example he gives. May our priests know the love of Christ and seek to be like him in the way they radiate Christ's care to those they watch over.

Gospel commentary for 16th Sunday in ordinary time.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus wished to take his little group away to a quiet place and rest, only to find when their boat put in to shore that a crowd of people was already there waiting for them. The planned break must now wait. The sight of these people had a profound effect on Jesus. He saw them as people who seemed lost and directionless. Mark, writing this Gospel story, says the people were like sheep without a shepherd.

So many people in the world, individually and in groups, are like sheep without a shepherd, easy prey for those who would take advantage of them and destroy them. Life should not be like this. Everyone deserves to be loved and cared for, but the world is full of sorrow.

The world needs shepherds. Everyone needs a shepherd. Without the care and love and protection of a shepherd we will all be lost. We will be vulnerable to those who wish to exploit us for their own selfish and cruel ends. Sometimes people fall through the cracks in society. No one seems to be responsible, and young people and poor people are neglected. But we are all involved. When we see a need it should provoke a response in us, a need to help in some way. Jesus could have turned that boat round and gone off in search of another place for peace and quiet. But to do that is to close your heart to human need.

Jesus tells us we belong to one another and are called to care for one another.
