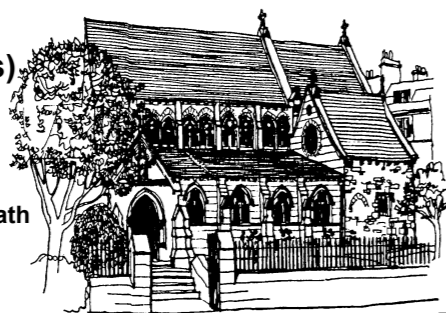


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

**Benvenuto - Bienvenu - Bienvenido - Benvindo - Fáilte - Willkommen - Witamy - Welcome**

**“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” Pope Francis**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year A Psalter 2**

**Sunday 30th August**

9.00am Mass [Chris Pettit \(anniversary\)](#)  
 10.30am Mass [Henry Stacey](#)  
 5.00pm Mass [People of the Parish](#)

**Monday 31st August**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 No service in church

**Tuesday 1st September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 No service in church

**Wednesday 2nd September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00am Mass [Joan Hart \(anniversary\)](#)

**Thursday 3rd September**  
**St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

No service in church

**Friday 4th September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00am Mass [Oscar dela Cruz RIP](#)

**Saturday 5th September**

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
 No Mass

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession will available by request only. Please call Fr Jeremy 01225 311725**

Links to local masses and services being streamed live, such as those celebrated daily by Fr Christopher at St John's (<https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/>), can be found on the [parish website](#). Use the [online directory](#) of churches in England and Wales streaming Catholic Mass live online.

Handmade cloth facemasks will be available to purchase on Sunday at the entrance. £5 each, please bring exact money. Limited stock so bring your own incense they sell out.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:  
 St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894  
 St John's Fr Christopher 464471

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st Reading:** People carry personal liability for their sins; but the community, represented by the prophet, is also liable if it neglects to warn the sinner.

**2nd Reading:** If we love our neighbours, that love will ensure our fulfilment of all our obligations towards them arising from the Commandments, & will perfect our fulfilment of them.

**Gospel:** The Christian, united with a sinner in Christ's name, is commissioned to do what is prudent & possible to win back that sinner to grace.

**Parish Prayers:**

For all staff and pupils returning to education settings this week  
 For Eloise (Ella), aged 4, who has a brain tumour  
 For all those with life threatening illnesses  
 For Fr Jeremy's continued recovery  
 GOOD news: Baby Annie's heart surgery was a complete success.  
**Diocesan Prayer Link:**  
 Holy Rood, Swindon

**PARISH OFFICE: EMAIL ONLY**

Charlotte will remain working from home for the foreseeable future, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. All postal items need to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Items for the bulletin must arrive by noon on Wed: [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)  
 Email the parish office if you would like to receive the bulletin by email each Friday or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates and ideas for coping with life during a the pandemic. Previous emails have been uploaded to the parish website "[News, Events & Pandemic Resources](#)"

**This week we remember:**

Ben Saunders RIP, who died on Tuesday (Y13 student at St Gregory's);  
 Oscar dela Cruz RIP, who died this week;  
 Fr Martin Griffin RIP, whose funeral takes place on 1st September (livestreamed Mass [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjRoStv9-W\\_2WwcY\\_tcQ2cg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjRoStv9-W_2WwcY_tcQ2cg))  
 Tudor Geering, Mary Allen, Amy D'vaz and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**



**MASS AT ST MARY'S**

The obligation to go to Mass each Sunday is still suspended, so you are not obliged to go to Mass on any day of the week.

**We have been asked to take the contact details of one member of each household who comes to Mass. The details will be kept for 3 weeks and then will be destroyed.**

**BOOKING A SEAT AT MASS**

Please click on the link to reserve a place at Mass between 30th Aug and 2nd October: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-30th-august-to-2nd-october-registration-117817891485>

**Eventbrite** is our preferred method as it reduces the work for the Parish Office. Booking OPENS when the link appears on the parish website & **BOOKING CLOSES:**  
 Sunday 9.00 am Mass - Saturday at 8.00 pm  
 Sunday 10.30 am Mass - Saturday at 9.30 pm  
 Sunday 5.00 pm Mass - Sunday at 4.00 am  
 Wed 10.00 am Mass - Tuesday at 9.00pm  
 Friday 10.00 am Mass - Thursday at 9.00pm

**Via answerphone** 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). Phone booking for the following week's Masses (Sunday to Friday): OPENS Noon every Wed, CLOSES Noon on Sat. Please text or leave messages within these hours only, or a seat will not be booked for you. Even if you have booked before, please include:  
 \*Preferred Mass  
 \*Names and number of tickets  
 \*Your phone number (mobile preferred)  
 \*Age of any children included

**COMING TO CHURCH SAFELY**

It is important that anyone in a vulnerable group continues to stay at home. Please do not come to Mass if you have any cough or cold symptoms.  
Masks are now mandatory in all churches. Please make sure your mask covers both your nose and mouth throughout the whole Mass.

**When going up to receive communion:**

\*Wait for the steward to tell you to go up  
 \*stand on the marked square  
 \*remove your mask  
 \*Put your arms out straight to receive the host  
 \*Consume the host  
 \*Put your mask back on; return to your seat.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

When we are hurt or angry, we can use silence both as a shield & a weapon. Afraid to say the wrong thing, afraid of causing more hurt, we can sit & fester. Yet silence is the enemy of peace. Jesus reminds us of the need to seek reconciliation. It is often difficult to take that first step, to be the one to start the conversation especially if we are the wronged one; but in a spirit of generosity & willingness to listen to the other, the process of healing can begin. If, on the other hand we continue to meet with hostility, we are encouraged to seek the help of others to try & bring about peace. Without this peace & reconciliation, the situation will remain bound. In other words we have to do everything we can to resolve the problem. Perhaps in our own life we have a situation which is causing pain either for ourselves or another. Do we need to take that step? Let us ask God for the courage & the willingness to reach out & begin the process.

Sarah Adams, Director for the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation

**STEWARDS**

Thank you so much to all our brilliant volunteers. Without them, we may not open the church. **We need many more stewards to keep opening the church for Mass. We have to have at least two at each Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help?** If you are aged 18-70 & not in a vulnerable group, please email the parish office. The more stewards we have, the fewer times you will be asked to volunteer.

**DOWNSIDE SCHOOL wish to recruit a Clerk to the Governing Body**

The role includes organising & taking minutes at Governors' meetings, maintaining records, & ensuring that procedures & protocols promote good governance.  
**Info:** <https://www.downside.co.uk/working-with-us/> or contact Michelle Heywood, Human Resources Advisor at [hr@downside.co.uk](mailto:hr@downside.co.uk). Closing date: Tues 22nd Sept (Midnight). Interviews: Mon 5th Oct

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:**

Lockdown prevented many things from taking place, including our 2020 cohort from making their First Holy Communion. Due to the continuing restrictions on the celebration of Mass, Fr Jeremy and the catechists have decided that the 2020 and 2021 cohorts will receive Holy Communion for the first time next summer. We intend to start the programme as usual in January for the 2021 children, and for the 2020 cohort to join them later to finish their own programme. The nature of the pandemic makes it very difficult to set anything in stone.

**Church car park:** We have four weekday car park permits for sale at a cost of £344 each. They are valid for 1st Sept-31st Dec '20, Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm. The permits are renewed in January and June each year. These permits are designed for people who work in Bath throughout the week (approx £4.50 per day). You do not have to be a parishioner to purchase one. Email the parish office for more information or an application form.

**Spiritual Communion** The Bishops have provided an online sheet to help us understand [how to make a spiritual communion](#). [This includes the prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori:](#)

"My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen."  
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**SERMONS** You can listen to Fr Jeremy's sermons each Sunday. Go to <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/sermons> & scroll to the end of the typed sermon. Click on the arrow shaped play button.  
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**Christian Responses to the Climate Emergency**

Six sessions on Zoom. Mondays: 7.30pm-9.00pm, starting on 3rd Aug with social time afterwards for those who wish. Each session will open up a theme relating to the Climate Emergency.  
 31 Aug: Taking Non-Violent Direct Action  
 7 Sept: Sustainable living  
<https://faithjustice.org.uk/climate-emergency>  
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**School admission: STARTING SCHOOL?**

If you have a child born between 1 Sept 2016 & 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from Sept 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Bath & North East Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised & you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.  
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**Oasis Church Bath**

are launching a Community Pantry on Thurs 10th Sept. If you live or work within 15 mins of the church, & would benefit from weekly access to high quality, low cost food, then please visit the Pantry page on [www.oasisbath.org/projects](http://www.oasisbath.org/projects)  
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**B&NES Compassionate Community Hub**

If you need support with buying food or medicines, send an email entitled "Support" to [compassion@3sg.org.uk](mailto:compassion@3sg.org.uk) & the team will pick up your query within 24 hours. Alternatively, phone the hotline **0300 247 0050**  
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**Season of Creation: What is it?**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/season-of-creation/season-of-creation-background/>

**RUH CONTACT DETAILS:**

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) or call the RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331 on arrival.

**SAFEGUARDING** Fr Jeremy would like to recruit two new **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**. The P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young and the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please email Fr Jeremy to discuss it [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**MODERN SLAVERY:**

Would you be interested in volunteering for a new local project by Hidden Voices Somerset, supporting victims of Modern Slavery and exploitation? HVS are looking for a range of volunteers to help victims of modern slavery and exploitation in Somerset. If you are interested in volunteering HVS would like to invite you to a Zoom volunteer info session. Registration essential: Sep 3, 7:00 PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/902123456789>  
 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you are interested in these roles or other work by HVS but are unable to make any of the above dates please email: [allie.white@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:allie.white@bathwells.anglican.org) or call 01749 670777

**THANK YOU** to Tony McAteer for taking the lovely photos which now adorn our Eventbrite booking page. They show parishioners in the new socially distanced layout of the church.

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to Rebecca and Steve Costello-Sharp, who were married at St Mary's in early August.

Congratulations to Charlie and Anna Gage, who were married at St Mary's last week.

**CAFOD prayer: Season of Creation**

Creator God, who made our beautiful world, appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need, forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the times our way of life affects our neighbours. Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities; to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people, so that all your creation may flourish. Amen.

**Season of Creation:** Ahead of September's celebration of Creation, here are some links to Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation & reflections upon it. "The beloved Amazon region stands before the world in all its splendour, its drama & its mystery. God granted us the grace of focusing on that region during the Synod held in Rome from 6-27 October, which concluded by issuing [The Amazon: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology](#)." <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/querida-amazonia/>