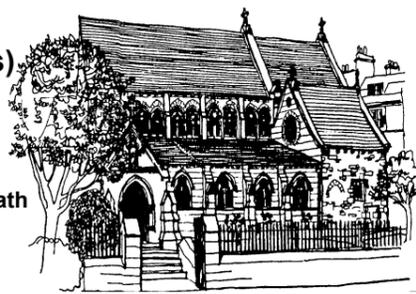


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” St. Augustine

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME
 Year A Psalter 3**

Sunday 6th September

9.00am Mass [Kathleen Curran RIP](#)
 10.30am Mass [People of the Parish](#)
 5.00pm Mass [Rita Dolan \(anniversary\)](#)

Monday 7th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 No service in church

Wednesday 9th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Mass [Marlyn Hayward RIP](#)

Thursday 10th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Friday 11th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 10am Mass [Special intention](#)

Saturday 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary
 No Mass

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

Parish Prayers:

For the people of Belarus
 For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour
 For all those with life threatening illnesses
Diocesan Prayer Link:
 St Mary's, Swindon

Links to local masses and services being
 streamed live, such as those celebrated daily
 by Fr Christopher at St John's
[\(https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/\)](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.

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: The story of the bronze serpent is an illustration of God's power, for he alone could heal a deadly bite by using means that were wholly inadequate for the purpose. In John's Gospel, the serpent is a foreshadowing of Christ's crucifixion (salvation comes through raising up on a cross).

2nd Reading: A hymn to the love of Christ who empties himself of his divinity, in order to share and redeem our human life.

Gospel: Jesus is raised up on the Cross and raised up to heaven. Then crucifixion is the first stage of Jesus' return to the Father.

STEWARDS Thank you so much to all our brilliant volunteers. **We need many more stewards. 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.

Handmade cloth facemasks are available to purchase before Mass at the entrance to the church. £5 each, please bring exact money. Limited stock, so bring your own in case they sell out.

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 to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Items for the bulletin must arrive by noon on Wed: 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 & ideas for life during the pandemic. Previous emails are on the parish website [“News, Events & Pandemic Resources”](#)

This week we remember:

Fr John Mauret RIP, whose funeral takes place on 8th Sept (livestreamed Mass via <https://www.churchservices.tv/taunton> David Floyd, Paul Parker, Mary Naumanis, Tom Horan, Mildred Jones 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. We have to do everything we can to resolve the problem. Perhaps 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

School Governors: The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:
 First Holy Communion 2020 and 2021**

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 preparation 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.

Confirmation 2021

Fr Jeremy has decided to defer the Deanery Confirmation preparation programme until the 14-18yr olds can meet in person, safely. Therefore, Bishop Declan will be coming to confirm our young people at St Mary's Church at 7.00pm on Friday 12th November 2021.

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.”

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.

Christian Responses to the Climate Emergency Last of 6 sessions on Zoom. Mondays: 7.30pm-9.00pm, with social time afterwards for those who wish. Each session will open up a theme relating to the Climate Emergency.
 7 Sept: Sustainable living
<https://faithjustice.org.uk/climate-emergency>

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.

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

B&NES Compassionate Community Hub If you need support with buying food or medicines, send an email entitled "Support" to compassion@3sg.org.uk & the team will pick up your query within 24 hours. Alternatively, phone the hotline **0300 247 0050**

BAPTISM

Congratulations to baby Maximilian Colbert and his family. He was baptised last Sunday at St Mary's.

RUH CONTACT DETAILS:

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact 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

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. Closing date: Tues 22nd Sept (Midnight). Interviews: Mon 5th Oct

The Life Project, a Christian based charity in Bath, is looking for new volunteers. If you share our passion for supporting those with learning disabilities & their families and you can contribute to our work by using your skills and experience, please check out the info on our Website. We need:

- Treasurer and trustees
 - Minibus drivers
 - Support workers for those attending weekly activity days
 - Admin support for our central office team
- Info: email info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk
 See what we do at:

SEASON OF CREATION

During the Season of Creation, the world's 2.2 billion Christians will come together to pray and take action for our common home. From 1 Sept to 4 Oct, the global Christian family are asked to find time to pause & pray.

*What is it? Why is it important?
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/season-of-creation/season-of-creation-background/>
 *Suggestions for prayers
<https://seasonofcreation.org/2020/08/13/uniting-for-prayer-during-the-season-of-creation/>

*Links to Pope Francis' post- synodal exhortation & reflections upon the Synod held in Rome from 6-27 Oct, concluding 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/>

*Watch and pray with the global online prayer service <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

***Webinars:** Links to all of them are found on <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
 -Refuelling Africa through ethical investment
 Sep 10th 4:00 - 5:30 pm
 -Laudato Si: An introductory immersion retreat Sep 12th 9am-1.00pm