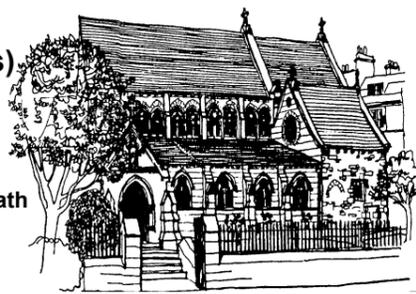


ST MARY'S
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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

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01225 311725

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Safeguarding: Clifton Diocese
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ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Bud Welch, an American whose daughter was killed in the Oklahoma bombing, describes how he was eaten up with hate & a desire for revenge. When he realised that this hate inside was killing him, he started to think about his daughter & what she would have wanted. Being able to move forward when we have suffered comes when we are released from our pain. We need healing, we need to be able to forgive & we need to be forgiven. It is difficult because it can feel like a betrayal of the past. How can we let go & forgive? Forgiving another does not come easily to us. Harder still is the struggle we have seeking forgiveness for wrongs that we have committed. Yet the capacity to forgive & be forgiven is necessary if cycles of violence are to be broken. We do not have to do this alone. The love which God has for us also brings forgiveness & the chance to renew our relationships & begin again. It is a chance for us to have a different future one that is not dictated to by what has happened in the past. For Bud Welch it was his faith & his desire for healing that led him to forgive the killer. His act of forgiving, he says, 'freed him' more than it freed the killer. He found peace & freedom & the chance to once again think of his daughter with joy.

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

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.

ORDINATION: On Sunday 20th September the ordination of Reverend Benedict Skipper (formerly of St Mary's parish) to the priesthood will take place in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, at 3.00pm. Although the Masses will be closed to all but family and friends, his ordination, and that of Rev Sean Gough, can be watched via the Cathedral's live stream. <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: First Holy Communion 2020 and 2021
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.

Confirmation 2021
Fr Jeremy has decided to defer the 2020 Deanery Confirmation preparation programme until the 14-18yr olds can meet in person, safely. Therefore, Bishop Declan will confirm our young people at St Mary's Church at 7.00pm, Friday 12th November 2021.

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.

VOCATIONS: On Tuesday 18th August, there was a televised programme featuring the life and ministry of Canon Gregory Grant of St Patrick's Parish, Redfield. You can now watch this again by clicking here <https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/my-principal-word-as-a-priest-is-yes-canon-gregory-grant>

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.

FORMATION: JOURNEYING TOGETHER
CYMFed is hosting monthly online talks for the youth ministry community. We have a line-up of inspiring speakers from across the world, all with significant experience in youth ministry & the 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith & Vocational Discernment. We hope to feed, encourage & provide some practical tools as we journey on in our ministry to young people.
WED 16th SEPT 11.00am
Removing Obstacles for Mission: Safeguarding, Governance & Risk Management - Malcolm Hart & James Camden
<https://cymfed.org.uk/journeying-together/>
The stream can be accessed directly from CYMFed's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/cymfed>
Questions Ask domfinn@cymfed.org.uk

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: www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk

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.mcintee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information - he would be delighted to hear from you.

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/>
*Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB was filmed talking about different aspects of the Bible. Here he answers: why do we have two accounts of creation in Genesis?
<https://cliftondiocese.com/the-god-who-speaks/>

***Webinars:** Links to all of them are found on <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A Psalter 4

Sunday 13th September

9.00am Mass [Carla Waters RIP](#)
10.30am Mass [Mary Cowan RIP](#)
5.00pm Mass [People of the Parish](#)

Monday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
No service in church

Tuesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows
No service in church

Wednesday 16th September

St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs
10.00am Mass [Roy Norman \(anniversary\)](#)

Thursday 17th September

St Edith of Wilton
No service in church

Friday 18th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass [Rupert Murray RIP & Georgina Ferrier RIP and families](#)

Saturday 19th 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 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
For news on Fr Bill, please go to <http://www.stspeterpaulbath.org.uk/#>

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 type or foreshadowing of Christ's crucifixion.

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.

Parish Prayers:

For those suffering from anxiety
For Rev. Benedict Skipper, ahead of his ordination to the priesthood
For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour
For all those with life threatening illnesses
Diocesan Prayer Link:
St Peter, Swindon
Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett

Handmade cloth facemasks, in a variety of sizes 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:

Edward Pitt, Harry Mower, Ernest Gore, 
Giovanna Bellavia, Elgar Jenkins,
Roy Norman, Helen Scahill,
David Floyd, Doris "Dee" Tan 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 destroyed. Please do not move the chairs.

Please allow families and couples to sit on the chairs arranged in sets of 2, 3, 4 or 5.

COMING TO CHURCH SAFELY

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.

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:

Sun 9.00 am Mass - Sat at 8.00 pm
Sun 10.30 am Mass - Sat at 9.30 pm
Sun 5.00 pm Mass - Sun at 4.00 am
Wed 10.00 am Mass - Tues at 9.00pm
Fri 10.00 am Mass - Thurs at 9.00pm

Via answerphone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). Phone booking for the following week's Masses (Sun to Fri) OPENS Noon every Wed, CLOSES Noon on Sat. Please text or leave messages within these hours only. 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