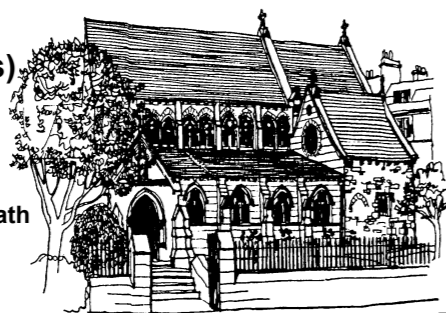


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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**“Cry out to the Lord, ‘Oh, what a day!’ Joel 1:13-15**

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

**Sunday 4th October**  
 9.00am Mass Hughie McKenna RIP  
 10.30am Mass Mike Nevett RIP  
 5.00pm Mass Dr David & Simon Lloyd RIP

**Monday 5th October**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 No service in church

**Tuesday 6th October**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 No service in church

**Wednesday 7th October**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
 10.00am Mass People of the Parish

**Thursday 8th October**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 No service in church

**Friday 9th October**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 10am Mass Private Intention

**Saturday 10th October**  
**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.

**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.

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:** God will host a rich banquet for all peoples, at which tears will be wiped away and mourning and death destroyed forever.  
**2nd Reading:** Paul expresses his faith in the risen Lord as One whose help sustains him in any and every situation.  
**Gospel:** When the Lord invites, some refuse to respond and among those who do respond there are some who fail to live accordingly.

**Parish Prayers:**  
 For all human rights organisations, and those whom they support.

For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour  
 For all those with life threatening illnesses

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**  
 Sacred Heart, Tisbury with Wardour

Masks are mandatory in all churches. Please make sure your mask covers both your nose and mouth throughout the whole Mass.

**Handmade cloth masks, in a variety of sizes** are available to purchase before Mass at the entrance to the church. £5 each, please bring exact money. All money goes towards church funds. Thank you Somui, Helen & Penny.

October is one of the months devoted to Mary. Find our handy "How to say the Rosary" leaflet [here](#) under "30th September's updates and resources".

**PARISH OFFICE: EMAIL ONLY**  
 Charlotte will remain working from home, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. All postal items to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)  
 Email her if you would like to receive the bulletin by email each Friday or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates & ideas. Previous weekday emails are on the parish website "[News, Events & Pandemic Resources](#)"

**This week we remember:**  
 Margaret Laird RIP, who died recently;  
 Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky,  
 Ann (Lynda) Hardy, Thomas Horan,  
 Sue Willson 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.  
**Track and Trace: Please scan the QR code on entry to the church. You need to have an iPhone and downloaded the NHS app.** 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. **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 4th October & 28th November: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-4th-october-to-27th-november-registration-123111827791>

**Eventbrite** is our preferred method as it reduces the work for the Parish Office & our volunteers.  
 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 the previous 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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
 Over the past few weeks, we have heard a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls us to work for His Kingdom & rewards us beyond what any of us deserves, or can imagine. Today, we hear about the vineyard that has been given to each of us. God excludes no one. Work, families, our community, the environment; are all elements of our vineyard. Our job is to look after our vineyard and in doing so to produce good fruits. In this 'Season of Creation' we have been reminded of the need for us to care for our world, our immediate environment, our brothers and sisters. We are also in the middle of a pandemic – how well are we using our gifts to do this? In the parable we are God's tenants. God gives us total freedom to run the vineyard as we wish but we should never forget that it is God's vineyard. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

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

**You Can Help Your Marriage** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.  
 For confidential info about Retrouvaille, or to register for a Virtual weekend 12th -15th Nov: Visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)  
 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443  
 Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

**MASS STEWARDS**  
 Thank you so much to all our 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. **THANK YOU** to new volunteers: Gillian, Mairéad, Fiona and Kirsten.

**RETREAT with St Beuno's:** An online individually guided retreat offers you the time & opportunity to pay attention to God & be more aware of God's work in your life. It also gives the space to pray & to reflect on your life, to consider the decisions you have to make, & priorities you want to set. Each person has their own retreat guide or 'spiritual director' with whom you meet each day via Zoom, & who will help you to reflect on your experience & discern. The online retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises & the Ignatian tradition. For more info: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/online-individually-guided-retreats-st-beunos>

**JOB:** Parishioner requires cleaner for 2 hrs, fortnightly. Contact Fr Jeremy 01225 311715 for more info.

**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."

**FINANCE:** The Covid-19 situation has severely disrupted our means of receiving finance to the parish. We thank everyone who supports St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. We recognise the difficulties in dealing with cash currently.

We are fortunate to have a foundation of regular givers. Even so, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly income (largely from the collection plate donations). This is income essential to sustain the parish & its outreach responsibilities. We know that many are facing greater financial hardship. However, if you are still able to make a regular or occasional contribution, we would be extremely grateful.

Please visit St Mary's website and give via the **DONATE** button. Any size of donation is welcome, no matter how small. Only the donations secretary sees this confidential info. <http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/>  
 If you are a taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation's value by 25% at no cost to you. There are details of how to do this on: <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

**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, Fri 12th November 2021.

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** We have 2 weekday car park permits for sale (£250 each), valid 1st Oct-31st Dec '20, Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm. Permits are renewed in January & June. They 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.

**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)

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 9th October:**  
 This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give). You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 (Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. More info please see our Privacy Policy: [www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice) )  
 Link to Coronavirus Appeal video: Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/453718072/66db9d386d> and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/5GagOhIBb8Y>

**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](mailto:bill.mcintee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**St Gregory's Catholic College:**  
**VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS - Sixth Form**  
 Tues 6th October & Saint Gregory's 2021 Y7 entry Tues 13th October. New online Virtual Open Events, providing you with a flavour of what you can expect as a student at Saint Gregory's and the many exciting experiences ahead of you. Register your interest or book a place at our live, online Q&A forums in the Autumn term. [www.stgregorys.org.uk](http://www.stgregorys.org.uk)

**New Readers:** Please pray for Madeleine, Charlotte, Nixy, Francesca, Merin and Kate who have become readers at St Mary's. (Coincidentally, all ex pupils of St Mary's)  
**New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Please pray for Jan, Binumon, Stania, Clare, Julian and Soumya who have all been commissioned recently.