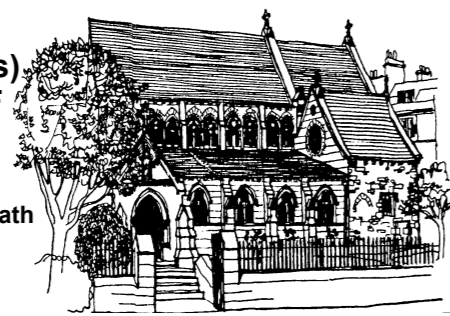


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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01225 311725

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ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net
RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331

The word of God is something alive and active: it can judge secret emotions and thoughts. *Hebrews 4:12*

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
Year A Psalter 4

Sunday 11th October

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & families

9.00am Mass People of the Parish

10.30am Mass Ints Bishop Stephen Wright

5.00pm Mass Brian Strong RIP

Monday 12th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No service in church

Tuesday 13th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No service in church

Wednesday 14th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am Mass Ints. Nigel Dyer

Thursday 15th October

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

No service in church

Friday 16th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am Mass Ray Rodgers RIP

Saturday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

No Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Confession will be 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 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.stpeterpaulbath.org.uk/#>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: The sovereign God can even
use the pagan Cyrus for his own saving
purposes.

2nd Reading: Paul gives thanks for the
Thessalonians' generous response to his
preaching of the gospel.

Gospel: The God, before whom Cyrus is but
a servant, is also sovereign over Caesar.

Parish Prayers:

For good governance, both local and national.

For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour.

For all those with life threatening illnesses.

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St John the Baptist, Trowbridge with Westbury

Masks are mandatory in all churches(unless you
have an exemption card and are under 11years
old). 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 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

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:

Ray Rodgers RIP (husband to Philomena
father to Raymond) who died recently; +
Barbara Beaton, Guiseppe Merrolla,
Florence Noad, Franciszek Borkowski,
Dermot McCarthy, Elizabeth Ann Ritchie,
Charles Muller 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 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

In his first exhortation, 'The Joy of the Gospel',
Pope Francis reminds us of the key message
which lies at the heart of Christianity: "Jesus
Christ loves you, he gave his life for you, and
now he is living at your side every day to
enlighten, strengthen & free you." This is the
first proclamation, the Kerygma which we as
Christians are called to proclaim. It is the Good
News, the really good news of an invitation to
a banquet – not just any banquet but the great
banquet of the Lord. Everyone is invited but
either through a lack of awareness or complete
indifference not everyone accepts the
invitation. There are also those who will
ridicule or attack us when we try to offer the
invitation. We cannot give up – we are sent to
the four corners of the earth, to anyone who
will listen so that all can hear & respond, as
they choose. It is not just about saying yes to
the invitation, it is about saying yes in all its
fullness to following Jesus, whatever the cost.

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

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? –

Is your marriage heading for divorce? Do
you know how to save that marriage? Do
you feel helpless? RETROUVAILLE is
designed to help troubled marriages regain
their health. It helps spouses uncover or
re-awaken the love, trust & commitment
that originally brought them together.
There is no group therapy or group work.
For confidential info about Retrouvaille, or
to register for the next programme (a
Virtual weekend 12th -15th Nov), call or text
0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email
retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit
www.retrovaille.org.uk

During October, (World Mission Month), **Missio** wish
to promote Children's Activity sheets. These help
children to follow the Gospel & show how missionar-
ies they help overseas are doing what Jesus asks of
us. In addition, they wish to encourage families to
understand how they belong to the Universal
Church, God's worldwide family, where everyone
has a part to play – no matter how young or small
they are. The sheets for the next three Sundays are
accessible via a link
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/home-and-parish-resources/>

Christmas Masses at St Mary's:

Christmas Eve 6.00pm, 9.00pm, Midnight

Christmas Day: 9.00am and 10.30am

Details of how and when to book seats will appear
in November.

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

Prisoners' week 11-17 Oct: This Sunday is the
annual day of prayer for Prisoners & their families.
There is a lot of information about Prisoners' Week
on this website <https://prisonersweek.org/> focusing on
prayer for all affected by imprisonment: of them-
selves or someone they love, & those who work in
prisons. This year, there is an additional focus on
those who feel imprisoned, in body or mind, by the
lockdown.

Spiritual Communion The Bishops have
provided an online sheet to help us under-
stand [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. More info :
<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

The 2020 Deanery Confirmation preparation
programme has been deferred 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**.

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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:

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 & most vulnerable people in the world
survive, rebuild & heal. Please pray for all those
affected & donate online at
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 & you'll
be opting in to hear more about our work & fundraising via
telephone & SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish
to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOIN-
FO to 70085. 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> &

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/5GagOhlBb8Y>

National online events:

Sun 11th Oct 10am Children's liturgy live Harvest
special. Come together in prayer, praise & song
with other families & a special guest from Sierra
Leone. Register to join us
[https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Children-s-
liturgy-Sunday-11-October](https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Children-s-liturgy-Sunday-11-October)

Sun 11th Oct 7-8pm Healing the World:

Join us for an hour of prayer & reflection with Rt
Rev John Arnold Bishop of Salford & Chair of
CAFOD's Board of Trustees. Bishop John will
reflect on the lessons of Pope Francis' new
catechesis, Healing the World, & consider the
significance of the new encyclical, Fratelli Tutti,
for our global family. Register to join us.
<https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Prayer>

St Gregory's Catholic College:

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT Saint Gregory's
2021 Y7 entry Tues 13th October. A new
online Virtual Open Event, 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

**YOUTH: A Field Hospital for Young Peo-
ple: Ministry Through a Pastoral Lens**

Wed 14th October, 2pm (1hr long)

<https://youtu.be/5sxwRjAP-DA>

When we encounter young people experienc-
ing traumas, anxieties, & uncertainties in
difficult times, God truly speaks through our
words & actions. First & foremost, before
any programming we may envision for the
young, the Church is called to accompany
youth & young adults with a pastoral
approach, to be a "field hospital" responding
to & tending the wounds of young people
who are often overwhelmed & struggling in
life today. How do we practically do this?
This session will explore some simple, yet
effective, ways that all leaders in the Church
can truly take the pastoral approach in
ministering with young people.

Paul is Assistant Director, Youth & Young
Adult Ministries at the United States
Conference of Bishops. Sarah is the
Coordinator for College Campus & Young
Adult Ministries, Archdiocese of Baltimore.