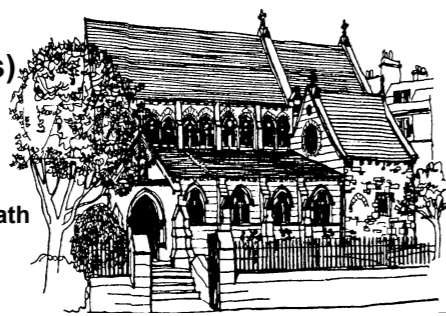


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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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 1**

Sunday 18th October

9.00am Mass [Ints Tony & Christine Rigden](#)
 10.30am Mass [Nora Skipper \(anniv.\)](#)
 5.00pm Mass [Beryl Harding \(anniv.\)](#)

Monday 19th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Tuesday 20th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Wednesday 21st October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Mass [Maureen Nieland RIP](#)

Thursday 22nd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Friday 23rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 10am Mass [Thomas Clinton RIP](#)

Saturday 24th 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 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: The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

2nd Reading: Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel: The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Parish Prayers:

For those suffering from job insecurity
 For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour.
 For all those with life threatening illnesses.
 For Ellie F, who is due to have an operation.

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St George, Westbury

Masks are mandatory in all churches(unless you have an exemption card & are under 11 yrs old). Please make sure your mask covers both your nose & mouth throughout the whole Mass. **Handmade cloth masks, in a variety of sizes** are available to purchase at the entrance to the church. £5 each, please bring exact money. All money goes to church funds.

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
Of the 361 people who have come back to Mass since July, we have contact details for only 80. We would love everyone to fill in a census form and return it to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Find the form online by clicking on "I am new to the parish. Help!" on the parish website. <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

Email Charlotte if you would like to receive the Sunday 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:

Eileen Curtis RIP who died recently;
 Nora Skipper, Frances Lloyd Williams,
 Maureen Nieland, Dorothy Skeet 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: **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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Jesus is very clear that we are called to serve God and be a good citizen at the same time. God works in and through every stratum of society to build community. We are instruments of God's love and desire for unity. Rarely, except in situations of social justice, do we find ourselves in conflict with what the law asks of us and what our conscience is telling us. When we do, we must speak out, but with compassion, with love and with respect. God needs each one of us to serve the wider community, to build relationships wherever we are. Witnessing to God's presence by my own life gives dignity and worth to those around me.

[Sarah Adams, Director for the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation](#)

Healing Mass with Confessions, 7.00pm,
Next Mass 30th Oct, St Alphege's Church, Bath
Last Friday of the month

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".

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 Virtual weekend 12th -15th Nov), call/text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

NOVEMBER: It has been our custom in the past to celebrate Mass in Perrymead & Haycombe Cemeteries on the Saturdays of November. As we will be unable to do so this year, on those days Fr Jeremy will offer a Requiem Mass (privately) in St Mary's instead.

World Mission Sunday 18th October:

This is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers & sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence & oppression. More info: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/world-mission-sunday-2020/> This includes this [FAQ sheet](#) which gives you lots of info including why we should give money & ways to pray for the work of the missionaries.

During World Mission Month, **Missio** wishes to promote Children's Activity sheets. These help children to follow the Gospel & show how missionaries they help overseas are doing what Jesus asks of us. Missio wish 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](#).

LGBT+ Masses: We are pleased to announce that the monthly Mass at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol for the LGBT+ community, family, friends & allies has now resumed. As previously, they are held at 3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. These Masses are also now being livestreamed & then made available as recordings, for the benefit of those unable to join us in person. The livestream can be accessed via a link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

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.

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>

Healing Mass, 2.00pm,
Next Mass 7th Nov, Downside Abbey
1st Sat of the month

Open events at St Mary's Primary School:

Due to the ongoing challenges & restrictions created by the Coronavirus pandemic, the usual school open events for prospective parents/ carers need to be managed in a slightly different way. The school are holding a series of COVID-secure sessions where all participants will be asked to wear a face covering & clean their hands using sanitiser. Groups are restricted to a maximum of 6 people & tickets will need to be ordered via EventBrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-event-max-6-people-tickets-125007644229>

If you have any queries about this, please contact the school on 01225 429030. Please note that this tour will be taking place outside of the school building & participants are advised to dress appropriately for the weather. **Dates:** Oct 19th & 21st; Nov 2nd, 5th & 9th 4.30-5.00pm

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.
 All Christmas Masses will be live streamed.

Live streaming of Masses from St Mary's: As the battle with Covid 19 is going to go on much longer than we anticipated, we have decided that we must start streaming our Sunday Masses. This way, parishioners who are shielding or prefer not to come back to church yet will be able to join virtually together with those actually attending. We have contracted with ChurchservicesTV who will install a camera during October. Our Masses will appear on their website & on our parish website, & will be available to anyone with access to the web. <https://www.churchservices.tv/> This company has installed streaming throughout the UK & Ireland & has huge experience (including Clifton Cathedral) <https://www.churchservices.tv/cliftoncathedral>

In addition to Sunday Masses, we will also be able to stream weekday Masses, baptisms, funerals & weddings. We hope to start streaming our Masses towards the end of October, & will keep you posted about the start date. We anticipate the installation costs to be about £5,000 of which the camera is the most expensive part. We have received some very generous donations towards the costs & hope that we might receive more.

MASS STEWARDS Thank you 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.

Monday 2nd November is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day.

We remember all those who die in God's friendship. They are assured of their eternal salvation, but still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven. We who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help them by our prayers, & especially the Holy Mass. On this day, & throughout November, we especially remember our own deceased relatives & friends. Normally we have a Book of Remembrance in which to write the names of loved ones. They are remembered at each Mass celebrated in St. Mary's during November, but in the current situation we cannot have a book or pen that multiple people will touch. So we will provide November Lists for you to take home & complete. They should be returned in the envelope provided to the basket that will be placed next to the collection box in the Lady Chapel as you exit the church. Please return them as soon as you can as they will need to be left for 72 hours before we can open them. They will be placed on the Altar & all names remembered at each Mass during November, even those said privately by Fr Jeremy. Lists can be obtained from the steward as you leave the Church. If you are shielding & not attending Church, then just email the parish office with a list of names & these can be printed & placed on the Altar too. Make sure to put "November List" in the subject bar.