

**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
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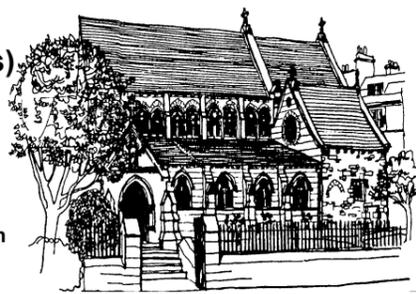
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**“Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.” St Augustine of Hippo**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year A Psalter 4**

**Sunday 8th November**

**Remembrance Sunday**

9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)  
(Live-streamed)

**Monday 9th November**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

No public service in church

**Tuesday 10th November**

**St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

No public service in church

**Wednesday 11th November**

**St Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Mass: [Joan Wilson RIP](#)

(Live streamed)

**Thursday 12th November**

**St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**

No public service in church

**Friday 13th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Noon Funeral Mass: [Mike Kelly RIP](#)

(Live-streamed)

**Saturday 14th November**

**Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese**

No public service in church

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

**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:** This ends with a picture of a woman of strong character, great wisdom, many skills, a wonderful companion, & of great compassion. Her strength & dignity do not come from her amazing achievements. They are a result of her reverence & love of God.

**2nd Reading:** However great may be the trials & persecutions experienced in receiving the gospel, or the sufferings in consequence of having embraced it, there is a joy in religion that makes it the richest of all blessings.

**Gospel:** Everything we have comes from God & belongs to Him. We have the most valuable resource of all: the Word of God.

**Parish Prayers:**

For those feeling overwhelmed by the lockdown restrictions

For all those with life threatening illnesses.

For all going through difficult pregnancies: for an overwhelming sense of hope & joy to fill their lives, & for increased support to be given by their family, friends & local communities.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**

All religious communities in the diocese

**Lockdown:** The Community Wellbeing Hub, formerly the Compassionate Community Hub, stands ready to support vulnerable people across Bath and North East Somerset. Residents can contact the Hub or organisations can refer someone who is in need of help by: Calling: 0300 247 0050

Emailing: [BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk)

Texting: 07870 868368

Visit Website: [www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk](http://www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk)

Follow on social media: Twitter - @CWHBANES

The Community Wellbeing Hub is open from Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm.

<https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/community-support-hub-ready-help-vulnerable-during-lockdown>

**This week we remember:**

Mike Kelly RIP, who died recently (funeral Mass Fri 13th Nov at noon; brother to Eddie and Pat);

Little Eloise (Ella) who died at half term; Sheila Fry, Eileen Kendall, Susan Willson, Celia Bowler, Elphege Millard, Sr Jackie Smith, Arthur Coombs, Graham Dunn, Geraldine Hewlett, Peter Duff and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Live streaming of Masses from St Mary's:**

We might be under lockdown restrictions but it's been all go online and behind the scenes at St Mary's this week. The camera to allow us to live-stream services on [www.Churchservices.tv/bath](http://www.Churchservices.tv/bath) was installed on Thursday. Alleluia! It works, and Fr Jeremy had a run through on Friday morning. We should be ready to live-stream the 9.00am Mass on Remembrance Sunday - just click on the link.

Thank you to Mark, Richard and Graham for setting it up. Thank you to everyone who made a donation so we could afford to make this available to everyone. Pass on the good news and the link!

We have received some very generous donations towards the costs & hope that we might receive more to cover the ongoing costs. Please contact Michael Gage if you want to Gift Aid your donation via [msg.gage@gmail.com](mailto:msg.gage@gmail.com) You can donate via the [donate](#) button on the parish website or send a cheque made payable to "St Mary's Catholic Church Bath" to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF.

**New lockdown restrictions**

All public Masses have been suspended until Friday 4th December. Any Masses advertised in the bulletin will be said privately by Fr Jeremy, & may be available via live-stream. Funeral Masses can take place in the church, but weddings & baptisms may not. You can read all the info about how the new restrictions affect places of worship here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/four-week-lockdown-england-covid-19-guidance/>

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said "We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6.00pm, & observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic"

There are suggestions for prayers to use on our parish Facebook page & on the "News, Events & Pandemic Resources" page on the parish website. Another option is the pray the Rosary each evening: you can use the "How to say the Rosary" leaflet [here](#) under "30th September's updates & resources".

**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

'Stay Awake' - for those who suffer from any form of sleeping disorder these words are cold comfort. Being awake all night or indeed the fear of not being able to sleep can torment and cause great anxiety. Of course, Jesus is not expecting us to literally refrain from sleeping. What he is referring to is the lack of alertness we can have to what might be happening around us, the way we drift from one thing to another, and worse, the way we can drift into negative behaviour, or simply into apathy and disregard for the things that matter. It is easy to drift. It can happen almost unconsciously, without us being aware of what is happening. This is what happens to people who find themselves addicted to drink, drugs, gambling - one day the one or two pints of beer that they had enjoyed to relax become several pints, followed by several whiskies and before they know it the evening drink has extended into a thirst which can only be satiated by one first thing in the morning. Life becomes a painful escape from reality and truth. Jesus does not want this for us. Instead he wants us to live life to the full, to experience everything in all its glory for we never know when the opportunity to do so will come to an end. When it does, we will want to be fully conscious that we have lived our lives in readiness for meeting God.

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

**November - month of the faithful departed**

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 remember our 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.

Please email the parish office with a list of names & these can be printed & placed on the Altar. Please put "November List" in the subject bar. They will be printed and placed on the Altar & all names remembered at each Mass during November, said privately by Fr Jeremy.

**Cemetery Masses:** It has been our custom in the past to celebrate Mass in Perrymead and 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.

**Grief - Light a candle:** It can be difficult for those whose loved ones have died, but they cannot then come to church to pray due to the COVID restrictions. Even those who can come to church, may not use the votive candles. Aid to the Church in Need have set up a "Light a Candle" page where you can light a virtual candle as a memorial. There is no charge. <https://acnuk.org/light-a-prayer-candle/>

**Lockdown activity:** Wondering how to fill the time now we are back in lockdown? I have the perfect solution - fill in a census form! We last took a census in 2016, so it is time to ask for everyone's details again as people's circumstances and phone numbers change. Find the form online by clicking on "I am new to the parish. Help!" on <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life> You can either fill it in online and send it back to me at [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) as a pdf document, or print it off, fill it in and send it back to: Parish Administrator, 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF. We would welcome everyone to fill in a form, even if you have done so in the past.

**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>

**The Chosen** is a multi-season series based on the stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Watch for FREE at [www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app) You can also find it on Youtube.

**PARISH OFFICE: EMAIL ONLY**

All postal items to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF, and Fr Jeremy passes them to Charlotte. Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) Of the **370+** people who have come back to Mass since July, we have contact details for **only 80**. Please fill in a census form. Find the census form online by clicking on "I am new to the parish. Help!" on <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 of how to cope in a pandemic. Previous weekday emails are on the parish website "News, Events & Pandemic Resources"

Charlotte will remain working from home, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. If you have her home phone number, please keep it to yourself and do not use it for church related issues. Email her at [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) or ring Fr Jeremy instead. He will be pleased to help you.

**YOUTH:** A focus on Youth Ministry in a time of pandemic. This is a series of conversations for anyone interested in any aspect of supporting the young people of our Diocese. The Adult Education department are running this series of evening talks on Microsoft Teams with a number of national speakers taking the lead:

17 November: Lizzie Wakeling  
Youth Adviser for Arundel & Brighton  
Talks: 7.30pm-8.45pm. We start on 17th Nov with Lizzie Wakeling, Youth Advisor for the Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Prior to this she spent many years working for the NHS whilst doing voluntary youth work & theological studies. If you are interested in joining the conversation or simply to listen to what is being said, please get in touch with us at [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com) to express your interest. We will then send out a Teams invitation to you a few days before each talk.

**Mental health:** If the darker days and colder weather is getting you down, and the added excitements of COVID, Brexit and the US election are not helping, then please consider making contact with:

- Age UK <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/loneliness/>
- Young Somerset <https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/Pages/Category/covid-19-support>
- NHS advice lines <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>
- The Samaritans <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/if-youre-having-difficult-time/signs-you-may-be>

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Gabriel Bravo Paunil and his family.

He was baptised last week at St Mary's. Congratulations also to Eloise Weeks and her family.

She was baptised last week at St Mary's.

**The God Who Speaks:** In November, we explore how the Scriptures can help us sustain our mental health. Ben Bano, Director of 'Welcome Me as I Am' that promotes mental health and dementia awareness in parish communities, reflects this month on what the Scriptures teach us about sustaining our mental health. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/the-bible-and-mental-health/the-god-who-speaks-to-us-and-sustains-our-mental-health/>

**Job:** St Gregory's Catholic College are recruiting for School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSAs) to join our team supervising students during the lunchtime period and helping to ensure the smooth running of our catering facilities during this busy period of the school day. For all the info, go to <https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/2020/11/school-meals-supervisory-assistant-smsa-2/>