

**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
**Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SF**



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

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“We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.” Richard Rohr

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year A Psalter 1**

**Sunday 15th November**

9.00am Mass Ints Elizabeth and Phil  
(Live-streamed)

**Monday 16th November**

**St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**  
No public service in church

**Tuesday 17th November**

**St Hugh of Lincoln**  
No public service in church

**Wednesday 18th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass People of the parish  
(Live streamed)

**Thursday 19th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No public service in church

**Friday 20th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass Deceased Members of the  
Zambrzycki and Skarpetowski families  
(Live-streamed)

**Saturday 21st November**

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
No public service in church

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

Once we open again for Masses in December,  
Fr Jeremy will be offering the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation after 10.00am Mass on  
Wednesdays and Fridays.

**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  
<https://www.stpeterpaulbath.org.uk/#>

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st Reading:** God will take over the care of  
his people who have been betrayed by their  
earthly leaders. As a true shepherd, he will  
judge individuals on their response to his law.

**2nd Reading:** The resurrection of Christ  
guarantees our own resurrection from the  
dead. At the end of time, he will triumph over  
all the evil powers, then hand the government  
of the universe back to his father.

**Gospel:** The parable of the sheep & the goats  
describes to us the criterion of judgement on  
the Last Day. Have we shown our love of  
Christ the King through concrete works of  
mercy towards the needy with whom he  
identifies himself?

**Parish Prayers:**

For all victims of abuse, mental and physical.  
For an end to the unrest in Ethiopia  
For all those with life threatening illnesses.  
For all unborn children with disabilities; for  
protection for them & their mothers from the  
pressures of society to have an abortion; that  
they would instead experience overwhelming  
support by all around them.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**

Alexander House; Diocesan Departments;  
St Ambrose

**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 Mon-  
Fri 9am until 5pm.

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

**This week we remember:**

Pamela Rixon, Anthony Togher,  
Isaac Cambedda Leobon,  
Maria Borkowski, 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:**

\*Sundays 9.00am

\*Wednesdays & Fridays 10.00am

Watch via [www.churchservices.tv/bath](http://www.churchservices.tv/bath) or  
on the home page of the parish website.

Thank you to Mark and Fr Jeremy for  
continuing to fine tune what we can offer.  
Thank you to everyone who made a donation  
so we could afford to make this available to  
everyone. Pass on the good news!

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 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, found [here](#) under "30th  
September's updates & 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 after the lockdown has finished.  
All the Christmas Masses will be live streamed.

**33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

A story is told that on one warm summer's  
morning a hiker was walking along a road  
when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back  
in the middle of the road. Slightly concerned he  
bent down to the little creature & asked: "Why  
are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the  
sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied.  
The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think  
your spindly little legs are going to hold up the  
big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied  
simply, "One does what one can."

'One does what one can' is the message that  
Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable.  
All of us have talents; it is for us to decide how  
we will use them. Talents are often associated  
with successful people. When we hear someone  
referred to as being 'so talented' it is unlikely  
that we are referring to someone who spends  
every night, awake, caring for a sick child or  
parent. It is unlikely that we are referring to the  
young person who works in a soup kitchen or  
talks to the homeless. Yet what these people do  
stems from a desire to use what God has given  
them: the capacity for compassion, for  
gentleness, for concern, for generosity of heart,  
for their commitment to over-coming injustice  
& oppression in the lives of others, for not  
giving into the pain of personal disability. It  
takes skill to bring healing & hope to others &  
this can be just as rewarding as the adulation  
that comes from being a successful superstar  
performing to the best of their ability.

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

**November - month of the faithful departed**

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. There is still time to 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.

**St Mary's Car Park - parishioner permits**

Permits for 2021 are now available. Any  
parishioner can buy a permit, allowing 4 hours  
of parking per week. Email the parish office for  
an application form, then either:

\*Complete the application form; send it plus a  
cheque for £60.00 payable to St Mary's Catholic  
Church Bath & a stamped addressed envelope to  
Parish Office, 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF

\*Complete the application form; email it to the  
parish office, & transfer £61.00 to the church  
bank account (Sort 521003 Account: 66286670  
Name: Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Mary,  
Bath) The extra pound covers the cost of the  
stamp & envelope used to send out your permit.

**Job:** St Gregory's Catholic College is looking  
for Learning Support Assistants to start immediately.  
They have a number of flexible posts to  
fill & welcome applications from candidates  
looking to join a forward-thinking, innovative  
team for their next career move. <https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/2020/11/learning-support-assistants-4/>

**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@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.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>

**First Holy Communion 2021:**

If you have a child in Y3 who is ready to prepare  
for this sacrament, please register your interest by  
emailing the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICE: EMAIL ONLY**

All postal items to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath,  
BA1 2SF, and Fr Jeremy passes them to  
Charlotte, our parish administrator. Bulletin  
items must arrive by noon on Weds:  
[bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.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, which can  
be found 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 &  
please do not use it for church issues. Email  
her at [bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.com) or ring  
Fr Jeremy.

**YOUTH:** A focus on Youth Ministry in a  
time of pandemic. A series of conversations  
for anyone interested in any aspect of sup-  
porting the young people of our Diocese.  
The Adult Education department are running  
this series on Microsoft Teams with a num-  
ber of national speakers taking the lead:  
17 November:Lizzie Wakeling  
Youth Adviser for Arundel & Brighton  
Talks: 7.30pm-8.45pm. Register by emailing  
[youth@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@clifftondiocese.com) to express your  
interest. A Teams invitation will be sent to  
you before each talk.

**MISSIO/Red Box collection 2020:** Sadly we are  
having to rethink the method of collection this  
autumn due to COVID-19. Missio relies on the  
generosity of Red Box holders so we need to  
recognise the loss of income if we delay the  
collection until autumn 2021. So, we suggest you:  
•Leave the money in your Red Box, which can go  
towards next year's collection

•Make a separate donation to Missio now  
•The safest & preferred way to donate is to use  
the MISSIO website [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) Our  
unique Parish Reference is CLF004  
•Alternatively, you can donate directly to Missio  
over the phone 020 7821 9755.

•Or you may send a cheque made payable to  
MISSIO/Diocese of Clifton APF. Post it to: St  
Mary's Parish Office, 'MISSIO', 4 Harley Street,  
Bath, BA1 2SF. The cheques will be banked by  
22nd December.

•The few boxes that have already be brought to  
Church will be counted & banked as usual.  
We will review the collection of boxes again in the  
spring. Many thanks, Annemarie Costello

**A light in the darkness:** Headteacher of St  
Mary's Primary School, Andrew Tarrant,  
would like to hold the usual Christingle  
service at the end of the Christmas term.  
However, COVID-19 restrictions mean  
children are not allowed to bring in anything  
from home. Therefore, the school needs to  
provide oranges, ribbons, candles, sweets &  
dried fruits for all 190+ children to make a  
Christingle at school. Finances are tight at the  
best of times so we promised to ask parishion-  
ers to fund this Christingle service. Could  
you help by donating money to pay for the  
items required? Please pop a donation, how-  
ever large or small, into an envelope marked  
"Parish Office: Christingle", & send it to 4  
Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Cheques can be  
made out to St Mary's Catholic Church Bath.  
Never heard of christingles? Look here  
<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/christingles.shtml>

**Christian Climate Action:** Sat 21st Nov  
11.00am–noon The Emmaus Story: walking  
with Jesus in the disappointment with Rachie  
Ross. One of a series of online weekly talks &  
discussions to help inform climate activism  
arranged by CCA. Click here to register:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8127777777>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8127777777>  
After registering, you will receive a  
confirmation email containing info about  
joining the meetings.