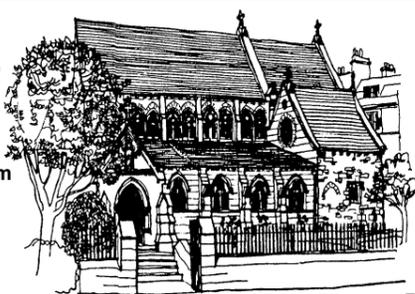


**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
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“Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.” **Micah 7:8**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**Year A Proper of the Solemnity**

**Sunday 22nd November**  
9.00am Mass Teresa Humpston RIP  
(Live-streamed, and then broadcast again at 10.30am and 5.00pm)  
3.45pm Holy Hour as part of the day of prayer for Christ the King (live-streamed)

**Monday 23rd November**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No public service in church

**Tuesday 24th November**  
**St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions; Martyrs**  
No public service in church

**Wednesday 25th November**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass Michael Tabb RIP  
(Live streamed)

**Thursday 26th November**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No public service in church

**Friday 27th November**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass (Live-streamed)  
Ints. Peter & Janina Szymczak

**Saturday 28th November**  
**Our Lady on Saturday**  
No public service in church

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confession is 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 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  
Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**1st Reading:** The prophet gives a vivid picture of the way the power of sin can imprison and deprave. Only God, like a potter, can mould us into what he would have us to be.  
**2nd Reading:** Too often we think of Advent solely as a time of waiting for the Child of Bethlehem. Our reading here makes it clear that what we await is nothing less than the final working out of God's plan for the world.  
**Gospel:** 'Be prepared' is the message of Jesus: prepared for this world, & also for the eternity that can be ours when he returns in glory.

**Parish Prayers:**  
For refugees and asylum seekers  
For all those with life threatening illnesses, including Michaela L.  
**Diocesan Prayer Link:**  
All University, College and School chaplaincies in the Diocese.  
**First Holy Communion 2021:**  
If you have a child in Year 3 who is ready to prepare for this sacrament, please register your interest by emailing the parish office.

**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:**  
Michael Tabb RIP, who died recently; Patricia Roberts, Teresa Humpston, Margaret Lawless, Joan Williams, Marie Marsh, Sienna Barton, Eileen Hunt, George Atchison, Raffaele Flammia 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 can 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 monthly 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.

**Current lockdown restrictions**  
All public Masses have been suspended until Friday 4th December. Masses will be said privately by Fr Jeremy, & are 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".

**JOBS:** St Gregory's Catholic College has a variety of vacancies, ranging from Sixth Form Administrator, teachers, Learning Support Assistants & school meals supervisors. <https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2IwIB1G>

**Feast of Christ the King of the Universe**  
In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French Catholic community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. It makes them miserable & the villagers are often cruel, unkind, critical & judgmental of each other. When a woman arrives in the town & opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy & happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches:  
"I'm not sure what the theme of my homily should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord's transformation? No, not really, no I don't want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here's what I think. We can't go round measuring our goodness by what we don't do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist & who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create & who we include."

Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic & many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. Yet this we know: Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion & love & mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.  
Sarah Adams, Director for the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation

**2020-21 Parish Census:** We took a census in 2016, so it is time to ask for everyone's details again as circumstances and phone numbers change. Find the form by clicking on "I am new to the parish. Help!" on <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life> Fill it in online and send it back to [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) or print it off, fill it in & 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. Of the 370+ people who have come to Mass since July, we have contact details for only 80.

**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@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)  
**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. These include links to online pilgrimages, prayers, conferences & talks. These are archived on the parish website "News, Events & Pandemic Resources" Charlotte remains 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@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) or ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311725.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**  
As a parish, we are preparing for this special time in the belief that lockdown will finish on Wed 2nd Dec, but also with a mind to what we will do if we are not allowed to have public Masses and services in the church. We will not be putting up an Eventbrite link nor taking phone bookings until we have confirmation that churches may open for services.  
**Advent Reconciliation at St Mary's**  
Fr Jeremy will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10.00am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays from Fri 4th Dec. Children at St Mary's Primary School have the opportunity to receive the sacrament in school with Fr Jeremy and Fr Chris.  
**Advent Holy Hours at St Mary's**  
There will be the opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of Advent. All Holy Hours will be live-streamed, starting on Sun 29th Nov at 3.45pm. The Holy Hours on 6th, 13th & 20th Dec will, we hope, be open to the public.

**Send a Cow's Christmas Celebration**  
Thurs 10th Dec 6.55pm Join in & celebrate their work supporting farmers to combat the effects of climate change. It will include:  
•Carols from Noctis Choir, at St Michael's Without, Bath  
•A reflection from Pamela Ebanyat, Ugandan Country Director (live Q&A afterwards)  
•Prayers for their work from Rev Stephen Girling, Bath Abbey  
To reserve your free online seat <https://sendacow.org/events/online-christmas-celebration/>  
**Christmas Masses at St Mary's**  
Christmas Eve: 6.00pm, 9.00pm & Midnight  
Christmas Day: 9.00am and 10.30am  
All the Christmas Masses will be live streamed, even if we are allowed to have public Masses. Seating will be limited & we do not anticipate being allowed to sing. The obligation to come to Mass is still suspended and you may wish to take part in the Christmas Masses via live-stream. Please volunteer as a steward to help manage seating

**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 parishioners to fund this Christingle service. Could you help by donating money to pay for the items required? Please pop a donation, however large or small, into an envelope marked "Parish Office: Christingle", & send it to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Cheques to be made out to St Mary's Catholic Church Bath. Never heard of christingles? <https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/christingles.shtml>

**MASS STEWARDS** We need many more stewards, particularly for the Christmas Masses. We need at least two at every 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.

**MISSIO/Red Box collection 2020:** Sadly we have had 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

**FINANCE:** Lockdowns have severely disrupted our means of receiving finance to the parish. 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. Thanks to everyone who supports St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. 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>

**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 £1 covers the cost of the stamp & envelope to send your permit.