

**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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Fr Jeremy would like to say a very big THANK YOU for all the Christmas cards, warm wishes, gifts and monetary offerings made over the Christmas season. He is both extremely pleased and grateful. Please continue to pray for him over the coming year.

**JOB:** An exciting opportunity that has arisen for a committed & active Christian to join The Life Project in what is a significant leadership position. Full details of the Chief Executive job & how to apply can be found on our website. Deadline for applications: 18th Jan <https://www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk/vacancy-chief-executive>

The Life Project was founded by a group of Christian families who wished to provide support, fellowship, meaningful activities & potential accommodation for their young adults with learning disabilities in Bath & the surrounding area. They run a variety of projects for those with learning disabilities & their families & carers.

**Could you be a School Governor?**

Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more info and to complete an online nomination form or contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

**Pilgrimage – The God Who Speaks:**

A real pilgrimage! Complete with real people & somewhere to visit! “Whether you’re a beginner or veteran of the pilgrim trail there’s something for you to discover over two days of pilgrimage in Winchester. Experience the Word of God in live readings of the Gospel of Matthew, music & drama performances by children from schools across Hampshire. Celebrate our heritage with choral evensong, see specially commissioned art, or create your own in the Seeing the Word workshop.” <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/winchester>

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

\*Sundays 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm  
\*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 all who have donated so we can afford to make this available to all. More donations would help 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 also 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.

God is love.

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**Year B Proper of the Feast**

**Sunday 10th January**

9.00am No Mass  
10.30am No Mass  
5.00pm No Mass

**Monday 11th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday 12th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Wednesday 13th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Thursday 14th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

No public service in church

**Friday 15th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

10.00am Mass

**Saturday 16th January**  
**Weekday of Ordinary Time**

No public service in church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confession is available by request.

**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. We cannot start the course for 2021, nor finish the 2020 course as we hoped, due to the latest lockdown. When we know how & when the course will run, information will appear in the bulletin.

**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  
Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st Reading:** God calls young Samuel during the night. At first he does not realise it is the Lord who is calling him by name. Once Samuel understands, he willingly responds to God.

**2nd Reading:** Jesus gave his Spirit to all believers when he handed over his life for their sake. In doing so, Jesus made each follower a temple of the Spirit.

**Gospel:** John the Baptist tells two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They leave John’s company and begin to follow Jesus. Soon these two seek out Peter and tell him they have found the Messiah.

**Parish Prayers:**

For Bishop Declan Lang, on the anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination

For all those with life threatening illnesses, including Michaela L.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**

St Gerard Majella, Knowle  
Christ the King, Knowle West, Bristol

**No Masses Sun 10th-Wed 13th Jan**

Unfortunately, there will be no Masses at St Mary’s from Sun 10th – Wed 13th Jan. This is because Fr Jeremy has to self-isolate ahead of a medical procedure, and may not leave his house. This means the next Mass will be on Friday 15th Jan at 10.00am. You can use [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) to find other churches which will be live-streaming Masses.

**MASS STEWARDS** We need more volunteers, including one for Wednesday mornings. 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 & are not in a vulnerable group, please email the parish office by email or ring Fr Jeremy.

**This week we remember:**

James Donovan, George Desmond, Doug Weakley, Kathleen Curran, Bridget Woods, Peter Eyles, Peter Torczuk, Mary Rose Hogan, Anna Teasdale, Max Witek, Angela Lowry, Joseph McMahon, Molly Rigden, Michael McMillan and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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



**Coming to Mass during a pandemic:**

The whole country is now in strict Lockdown so we have to act with extreme caution, caring for each other, for the most vulnerable & for all key workers. Churches are open for public worship, but there are strict non-socialising rules we have to ensure are observed. You can read the statement from Cardinal Vincent Nichols here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/open-churches-vital-for-resilience-during-lockdown-says-cardinal/>

**Booking:** Everyone needs to book a seat before they come to Mass. Bookings can be made via Eventbrite <https://bookmass-27dec20-19feb21.eventbrite.co.uk> or the booking phone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). If booking by phone, all bookings for the following week need to be made **by noon on Saturdays**. You can make a donation via Eventbrite plus make your Christmas offering to Fr Jeremy if you have not yet managed to do so. <https://christmasofferingforclergy.eventbrite.co.uk>

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:**

The restored Sanctuary Lamps are back in place, & the brass lamp at the Lady Chapel has also been rehung. As you know we have had no votive candles in the church since the beginning of the pandemic, but these 7 day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes are available at the back of the church in which you can specify the lamp you wish, & the intention. Minimum offering per candle £5.00 to cover its cost. Please place the envelope with the offering in the collection box near the exit in the Lady Chapel, or hand it into the sacristy. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private. Unfortunately, with only three candles available each week, it will not be possible to ask for specific dates, & intentions will be allocated on a first come basis for each lamp. If there are no intentions for a particular week then a sanctuary lamp is still required to be lit, but it will be the only one.

**Week beginning Sunday 10th Jan**

S1 Colin Hunt’s Intentions  
S2 Private Intention  
LC Patrick Glynn

**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 will be running this series of evening talks on Microsoft Teams with a number of national speakers taking the lead.  
28th January: David Wells  
National & International speaker  
Each talk 7.30-8.45pm. 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. You will receive a Teams invitation a few days before each talk.

**Jesuits in Britain on Zoom:**

\*Alternate Wednesdays 8.00pm IMAGINE - inspired by meditative practices that engage with story, image, scripture, imagination, desire, affect, body and silence, these sessions involve a variety of guided meditations with some opportunity for sharing. <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/imagine-new-weekly-meditation-sessions-zoom>

\*Fridays - Breaking the Word: Lectio Divina for Young Adults (18 - 35). This weekly event is run by Jesuit Young Adult Ministries and can be viewed on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jesuityam>

\*Fridays 'Unveiled': Fortnightly Fridays.

An hour of scripture, teaching, praise, worship & adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Broadcast live between 7.30pm - 8.30pm from St Wilfrid’s Church in Preston via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MetanoiaProject>

**SAFEGUARDING** Fr Jeremy would like to recruit two new **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**. The P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young and the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please email Fr Jeremy to discuss it [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**Ways to help the charity Genesis in 2021**  
\*Friday Quick Quiz Every Friday at 8pm. Just 20 minutes, it’s fully automated & multiple choice with a different topic per round & plenty of general knowledge! Please look <https://www.virtualquizevents.com/quiz/> for details & to register to play.  
\*Bath Marches Sat 24 Apr 21st. Stride out to support Genesis on a 9 or 15 mile route starting & ending at the Bath Rec.  
\*Bath Half 5th Sep The Bath Half has been moved to later in the year so more time to train over the summer months! If you would like to run for Genesis or know someone who is interested please register with us.  
\*Virtual Bath Half, 5K & 10K - 14 Mar 21. The Virtual Series of runs on 13 -14 March. <http://genesistrust.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/challenge-events/>

**PARISH OFFICE: closed until 11th Jan**

Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF, Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)  
**Email Charlotte** to receive the Sunday bulletin by email on Fridays or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates & ideas of how to cope in a pandemic. These are archived on the parish website “[News, Events & Pandemic Resources](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/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.

**FINANCE:** The pandemic has severely disrupted our means of receiving money. We are fortunate to have a foundation of regular givers. Even so, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly income (mostly collection plate donations). This is income essential to sustain the parish & its outreach responsibilities. We know many are facing greater financial hardship. However, if you are able to make a regular or occasional contribution, we would be grateful. Thanks to all who support St Mary’s financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. Please visit St Mary’s website & give via the **DONATE** button. Any size of donation is welcome, no matter how small. Only the donations secretary sees confidential info. If you are a taxpayer, consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation’s value by 25% at no cost to you. : <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

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

Permits for 2021 are 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, c/o 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.

**2020-21 Parish Census:** We took a census in 2016, so it is time to ask for everyone’s details again. 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.