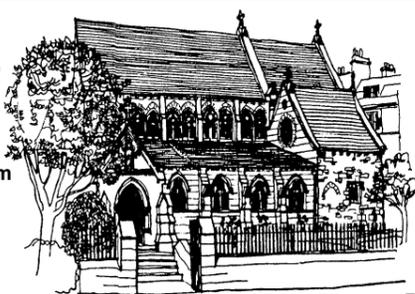


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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“I know that his commands mean eternal life.” John 12:44-50

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year B Proper of the Season, Psalter 1

Sunday 2nd May
9.00am Mass David, Helen and Stephen
RIP
10.30am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 3rd May
Feast day of Sts Philip & James, Apostles
No Mass

Tuesday 4th May
Feast of the English Martyrs
No Mass

Wednesday 5th May
Weekday of Easter
10.00am Mass Private Intention
(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

Thursday 6th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Friday 7th May
Weekday of Easter
10.00am Mass Private intention
(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

Saturday 8th May
Our Lady on Saturday
No Mass

The 10.00am Masses on Wednesdays & Fridays are not open to the public, but are live-streamed on the parish website & www.churchservices.tv/bath. The church will remain open for 9.00am & 10.30am Mass on Sundays, both of which are live-streamed. There is no 5.00pm Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is available by request.

We need at least two stewards at every Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help? If you are aged **18-60, live in BANES** and are not clinically vulnerable, please email the parish office to offer your services.

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: Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place among the apostles.
2nd reading: God is seen in our love for one another.
Gospel: We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. Jesus prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one.

Parish Prayers:
For all those with chronic or life threatening illnesses, including Michaela L
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
English Martyrs, Chard, with Crewkerne and Ilminster

CAFOD: Thank you so much for your strong support of CAFOD. It enables CAFOD to continue working with the poorest and the most destitute in disasters and emergency work. Every little bit helps as these are extremely difficult times brought on by the pandemic. The recent Lent Fast Day Collection.
•Total donations - £1,000,000
•Individual Giving - £300,000
•Big Walk for Water Challenge - £750,000
More info on the campaign to drop the debt of very poor countries as the UK plays host to the G7 summit can be found on the CAFOD website.

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 entrance to of the church in which you can specify the lamp you wish, & the intention. Alternatively, call Fr Jeremy. 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. 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 2nd May
SL1 Ints. Colin Hunt
SL2
LC

Coming to Mass during a pandemic:
Churches are open for public worship, but there are strict non-socialising rules we have to ensure are observed.
Booking: Everyone needs to book a seat before they come to Mass, via Eventbrite <https://bookmass-11april-30may.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.

COVID restrictions: If you have had your vaccinations, that is wonderful! Sadly, this does not make you invincible. Many other people in the congregation will not have been vaccinated yet. Please keep to the rules about 1m+ distancing & do not sit beside those outside your bubble. We are urged to encourage anyone who is clinically vulnerable to protect themselves by staying at home, and experience the Mass through live-stream and spiritual communion www.churchservices.tv/bath

VOCATIONS: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS
All Highest and Glorious God,
Cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Grant me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may always and everywhere seek to know and do what is truly your holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Liturgy: Redemptorist provide a weekly Children's Liturgy with a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection & a final prayer. Fun, engaging & practical worksheets/resources provided to help children continue to practice their faith during this difficult time. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith>

This week we remember:
John Bradshaw, Charlie T'Ason and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**




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: 25 May James Trewby, Justice and Peace Education worker for Columban Ministries
Each talk begins at 7.30pm and will finish around 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 to express your interest. They will then send out a Teams invitation to you.

Retrovaille: Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.
So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **1st -4th July 2021** Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrovaille.org.uk

Have you been afflicted by the need to whistle or sing "Bring flowers of the rarest" or "Holy Virgin, by God's decree" over the past days? The symptoms usually last throughout May.

FINANCE:The pandemic continues to disrupt our means of receiving money. Whilst we have a foundation of regular givers, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly 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/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. Only the donations secretary sees confidential info. If you are a taxpayer, consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation by 25% : <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

Mondays - Lectio Divina group:
Come & join us! A small, friendly Group who meet by Skype at 3.00pm on Mondays to read & share the Gospel for the next Sunday. We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) as a way to follow our reading & sharing. If you would like to chat & find out more before joining us, or to try it out from your own home, phone either Patrick 07966 366731 or Graham 07889 495419.

VOCATIONS:100 DAYS OF PRAYER
As we began this year, the National Office for Vocation decided to dedicate the first 100 days to prayer, celebrating our Church. This had a special focus on the saints of England and Wales, recognising and celebrating how their mission here on earth led to the ultimate call to Holiness. These prayers can be found here: http://www.ukvocation.org/?page_id=5106

LGBT+ Masses: The monthly Masses at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol, for the LGBT+ community, family, friends & allies have 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 live-stream can be accessed via a link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

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 01225 428331 on arrival.

Could you be a Governor at St Mary's Primary School? If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm & commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of our parish primary school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills & experience, for the benefit of the children in our school. You can email the clerk to the governors via admin@st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk & find out more about the school here: <https://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk/bathnes/primary/st-marys>

CJM MUSIC:
Listen to Sunday's psalm sung here: <https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-b/>

Marriage Encounter: New dates for marriage preparation (Engaged Encounter) and Marriage Encounter opportunities are now available. Information and dates: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk> & Home - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales www.wwme.org.uk
Marriage Encounter Experiences:
15/16 May online video conference experience.
10/11 July - non-residential weekend Savio House, Macclesfield. (Covid permitting).
Engaged Encounter (marriage preparation) on 19 and 26 June - online video conference experience.

PARISH OFFICE: Email only
Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF
Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com
Email Charlotte to receive the Sunday bulletin by email on Fridays. 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 do not pass it on nor use it for church issues. Email bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com to contact her or ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311725. **The Mon-Thurs resources in a pandemic emails are paused for the time being.

Live streaming from St Mary's:
*Sunday Mass 9.00am, 10.30am
*Wednesdays & Fridays Mass 10.00am
Access the livestream via the parish website or through www.ChurchServices.tv/bath This resource will continue to be useful for parishioners who cannot attend Mass; also for streaming services such as funerals, baptisms, weddings, plus Christmas & Lent services. There is an ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices, & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Happily, parishioners have been most generous in funding installation costs of £4950. We have received, in 2021, over half the ongoing costs for this year. Please contact Michael Gage if you want to Gift Aid your donation via 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.

Tues 4th May is a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse: A Prayer for Healing & Reconciliation
Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese: Dare to dream - Easter reflections
Bishop Declan invites each one of us to continue to take time to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we are encouraged to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. Fr Jeremy will taking part in this on Pentecost Sunday <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>