

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
Year B Psalter 4

Sunday 12th September
EDUCATION SUNDAY
9.00am Mass May Mattravis
10.30am Mass Ted Jacques (anniversary)
5.00pm Mass People of the parish

Monday 13th September
St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
No Mass

Wednesday 15th September
Our Lady of the Sorrows
10.00am Mass Roy Norman RIP

Thursday 16th September
Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
No Mass

Friday 17th September
St Edith of Wilton
10.00am Mass Private intention

Saturday 18th September
Our Lady on Saturday
No Mass

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Confession is available by request.**

Parish Prayers:
For all parents whose child has died, especially remembering parents of stillborn babies

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
St Thomas More, Marlborough, with Pewsey

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.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:
St John's Fr Christopher 464471
St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894
Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Many of us feel resentful of the goodness of others. Instead of seeing such people as invitations to live our lives better, we test them, taunt them. In a true community, goodness inspires to greatness of heart.

2nd Reading: One of the most acute and perceptive passages ever written. James explores the roots of violence and war. He finds the causes in the human heart. To create true peace we must be open to the presence of God.

Gospel: The disciples find that they are arguing among themselves. They have become ambitious for leadership. Christ tells them that we are meant to serve each other. Our call is to service, not power.

Clifton Diocese 'Dare to Dream' We continue our journey this Autumn as we 'Dare to Dream' the future of our Diocese. Each session has a similar framework: read the accompanying resource, then follow the reflections which come with the video. Each new video & reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday. Taking time to reflect will enable us all to contribute more fully to the conversations every deanery are having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor & responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community & the wider world. <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>
Please use these documents to guide you through our Autumn series & our latest version of 'Dare to Dream' They will also explain how to approach the videos each week. <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events>

Friday 1st October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal is focusing on the poorest communities most affected by the climate crisis. Please stand alongside them and help communities who are protecting Our Common Home. Join in CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October and to give online on 3rd October. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

This week we remember:
Edward Pitt, Harry Mower, Ernest Gore
Giovanna Bellavia, Elgar Jenkins,
Ramon Cliffe, Roy Norman 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:
Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has not been reinstated yet.
Booking: Please book a seat before coming to Sunday Mass either via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-5-sept-to-21-nov-christ-the-king-registration-168853059045> or the booking phone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). If booking by phone, all bookings need to be made by noon on Saturdays.
*Please use the **NHS app** to scan the QR codes on entering the church or parish centre; or leave a name for each family member over 16 and a phone number on entering the church.
*No need to book for Wednesday or Friday Masses; scan the QR code on arrival and leave a name and phone number for Track & Trace purposes.
*Please continue to use the **hand sanitiser**
***Face coverings** are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church.
*We are expected to wear a **mask** whilst singing
*You can pick up a "Please leave a space" card on entering the church, to place on the seat immediately beside you.
***Stewards** act as welcome to the church. They will help people to sign in, go to communion and leave safely.
*At **Communion**, please move as directed by the stewards.
*Holy Communion is under one kind
*The **Sign of Peace** remains suspended
*Please leave as directed by the stewards
*There are no upper **age limits** on volunteers, so if you can help, talk to Fr Jeremy. We need more Mass stewards at all Masses.

CJM MUSIC: Listen to Sunday's psalm sung here: <https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/23rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Deacon Joseph Meigh: There will be a new resident in the presbytery from 17th Sept until June 2022. Deacon Joseph will live & work in our parish for the final year of his priesthood training. He will be completing his studies at Allen Hall seminary, London so will be away for two days each week. Please pray for him, & welcome him when he arrives. <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/joseph-meigh-ordained-to-the-diaconate/>

"Refresh, Renew, Re-engage: Re-building our parishes after lockdown"
A collaborative project with the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation of Clifton Diocese & the Pastoral Ministry Office of Northampton Diocese.
This is a new world we are moving into, full of uncertainties. We don't know what resources we will have, who will come back to church, or how things will unfold over the next year. It's looking as if a return to church will be a trickle-back rather than a flood, & we need to make the most of opportunities along the way.
We have two different needs facing us:
- to re-establish our existing communities & ministry groups;
- to reach out to those who have not yet returned & to new people.

What's happening at St Mary's?
Fr Jeremy is going to use the **Refresh, Renew, Re-engage** resource sheets provided as the structure for 6 meetings, open to all parishioners for prayer, reflection & an exchange of hopes, concerns & offers of help for the future. These will help guide the parish over the next year. Everyone is welcome!
When? Thursday evenings, 7.30-8.30pm
Where? At the back of the church.

- 16th Sept Parish ministry
- 23rd Sept Invitation
- 30th Sept Music Ministry
- 7th Oct Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 14th Oct Hospitality
- 21st Oct Ministry of the Word (Readers)

You can read or download the accompanying resource sheets from <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>
Please email the parish office if you intend to come to any or all of the sessions Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com
WEBINARS (online talks) to support these resources:
20th September (tbc) Jo Boyce will inspire us to refresh our music ministry with lots of new ideas to help us get going again.
27th September: Avril Baigent & Sarah Adams reflect on the practical steps to help re-build our communities.
To book any or all of the webinars, go to https://refresh_renew.eventbrite.co.uk

FINANCE: Thanks to all who support St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. Any size of donation is welcome. Visit St Mary's website & give via the **DONATE** button. If you are a taxpayer, consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation by 25% at no cost to you. All the info you need to donate is on <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

COLLECTION 5TH SEPTEMBER

Church offertory	£333.80
Eventbrite booking offertory	£4.88
Paypal button on parish website	£0
Direct donations to bank	£108.00
Envelopes	£30.00
Standing orders	£1140
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£292.50
TOTAL	£1909.18

Weekly cost of running the parish **£2,350**

EVENTS (more info in Bulletin Extra)

Mondays: Lectio Divina group Join a small, friendly Group via Skype 3.00pm to share the Gospel for the next Sunday. We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) to lead our reading & sharing. If you would like to chat & find out more, or to try it out from your own home, phone either Patrick 07966 366731 or Graham 07889 495419.

Mon 13th Sept: Dare to Dream: 2nd Autumn series online talk by Fr Michael Healy

Tues 14th Sept: Confirmation Classes begin.

Thurs 16th Sept: Refresh, Renew, Re-engage parish meetings begin

18-26 Sept Big Green Week events <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

Sun 19th Sept: Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

Mon 20th Sept: Refresh Renew Re-engage webinar with Jo Boyce

23rd Sept: Sharing the Journey first session

Sun 2nd Oct: Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral

Wed 6th Oct Love Christmas webinar 11am

Sat 23rd October: Clifton Climate Liturgy, Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am

During the 2021 **Season of Creation**, from 1st Sept - 4th Oct, thousands of Christians on six continents get together for a time of restoration & hope, a jubilee for our Earth, & to discover radically new ways of living with creation. Look out for events & ways to get involved <https://seasonofcreation.org/> <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Bath Deanery Confirmation preparation programme & Mass 2021:
The Bath Deanery preparation course for Y9-13 begins on Tues 14th Sept. Please meet in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm.

BULLETIN EXTRA Lots of extra info on events & current issues that Charlotte cannot squeeze onto this sheet without us needing a microscope to read it. Find it here: <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/newsletters>

Sharing the Journey: Be renewed & refreshed by taking part in a series of ten monthly on-line conversations with a variety of speakers. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis & evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment & share ideas. All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. First session:
23rd Sept: What is the Church asking of us? Fr Jan Nowotnik
(Full list of speakers in Bulletin Extra)
The conversations will take place on Microsoft Teams, 7.30-8.45pm. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a few days before each talk. To register contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

PARISH OFFICE: Email only
Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF
Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com To register as a parishioner, complete the census form on the parish website & send/email it to the parish office. <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>
Email Charlotte to receive the Sunday bulletin and Bulletin Extra by email on Fridays.

SANCTUARY LAMPS: 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes available at the entrance to the church in which you can specify the lamp & the intention. Minimum offering per candle £5.00 to cover its cost. Place the envelope with the offering in the collection box near the exit in the Lady Chapel. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private.

Week beginning Sunday 12th September
No intentions

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more **Parish Safeguarding Representative**. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please ring 311725 or email Fr Jeremy to discuss it bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com
Alternatively you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan safeguarding office Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to PRAY this Bill is defeated, WRITE to Peers & MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation & SHARE our resources & those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family & friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/
Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

School Governors: 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese educate 21,673 pupils, supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow & sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current & future generations. He has produced a new promotional video where he & current governors & Headteachers, talk about the importance & value of school governors. <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance>
Click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover some of what being a school governor is about. If you could support Catholic education by applying to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call him 07710094976 for more information.