

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331

“God never tires of forgiving us; it is we who tire of seeking his mercy.” Pope Francis

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B Psalter 1

Sunday 19th September

9.00am Mass Maria Borkowski RIP
10.30am Mass Tom Simpson RIP
5.00pm Mass People of the parish

Monday 20th September

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, Martyrs
No Mass

Tuesday 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
No Mass

Wednesday 22nd September

Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Thursday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
10am Funeral Mass: Maureen Mangan RIP

Friday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham
10.00am Mass Ints of Algernon, Octavia and Phoebe

Saturday 25th September

Our Lady on Saturday
No Mass

Parish Prayers:

For people going through divorce or separation, and those who are supporting them

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:

Salisbury Parishes

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

Please be aware that we have CCTV cameras in the church, the car park and the parish centre.

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 & 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 argue amongst 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>

Goodwill Children's Homes: Supporting & educating children in South India. The Bath Card-making Group have continued to raise money throughout the pandemic (about £2,000 last year). We are now short of cards to remake (particularly need Children's birthday cards). Please place used greetings cards in the box in the porch. Whole card please, and only your most beautiful Christmas cards. www.goodwillhomes.org.uk

This week we remember:

Christine Boyall RIP, who died recently; Helen Scahill, David Floyd, Doris "Dee" Tin, Mary Esposito 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 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.

*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 welcomers 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.

PARISH PANDEMIC PHOTO PROJECT

Next session: Sunday 19th Sept

Tony McAteer is taking photographs of parishioners wearing masks after 10.30am Masses as a record of the Pandemic at St Mary's. Download the Consent Form here <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events>

Welcome to Deacon Joseph Meigh: There is a new resident in the presbytery. 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. Please pray for him, & welcome him into the parish. <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.

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 using the **Refresh, Renew, Re-engage** resource sheets provided as the structure for 6 meetings starting 16th Sept, 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.:

23rd Sept: Invitation How can we inspire and encourage people to come to church?

30th Sept: Music Ministry Review, renew, encourage participation by all

7th Oct: Children's Liturgy of the Word Purpose, preparation, catechists, resources and scripture

14th Oct: Hospitality Communication, information, welcome, encouraging people to return

21st Oct: Ministry of the Word Formation and preparation

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

****UPDATE:**** Due to popular demand, we will be running five parallel meetings on weekdays at 10.45-11.45am at the back of the church, after morning Mass. These will start NEXT Friday 24th Sept for anyone who cannot get to the Thursday meetings.

Fri 24th Sept: Parish ministry and Invitation

Fri 1st Oct: Music Ministry

Fri 8th Oct: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Fri 15th Oct: Hospitality

Wednesday 20th Oct: Ministry of the Word Formation and preparation

WEBINARS to support these resources:

6th Sept: Recording of the talk on Hospitality in Luke's Gospel by Fr Nick King <https://youtu.be/q1tmlqvMS18>

Mon 20th Sept Jo Boyce will inspire us to refresh our music ministry with lots of new ideas to help us get going again.

Mon 27th Sept: 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

Church Garden - Help needed!

Do you enjoy gardening and have a little time to spare? Could you help maintain the church gardens? No expertise needed but an advantage if available.

Contact 07828 720517 / 01225 447347

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.

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

Thurs 23rd Sept: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Invitation

Fri 24th Sept: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage meeting: Parish Ministry & Invitation

23rd Sept: Sharing the Journey first session

1st Oct: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

2nd Oct: Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral

Wed 6th Oct Love Christmas webinar 11am

Fri 15th Oct: Memorial Mass for sacristan Mark Cowan RIP, 7.00pm

During the **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>

Good Shepherd Church, Batheaston:

Sadly, Bishop Declan has made the decision to not reopen the church, which is a Mass Centre in St Mary's parish. This is in part due to reduced numbers of active priests in the diocese, and the frail state of Canon Tony Harding. Please welcome all those parishioners who will now come to St Mary's for Mass and help them become part of our community.

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. <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/newsletters>

Sharing the Journey: Be renewed & refreshed by taking part in a series of ten monthly on-line conversations on Microsoft Teams 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.

1st session: 23rd Sept 7.30-8.45pm. : What is the Church asking of us? Fr Jan Nowotnik (Full list of speakers in Bulletin Extra) 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
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.

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 in the Lady Chapel. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private. There are 3 lamps to buy.

Week beginning Sunday 19th September
SL1: Ints. Barbara Boyall

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more **Parish Safeguarding Representative**. If you are interested in learning more about the role, ring 311725 or email Fr Jeremy to discuss it bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com or you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan safeguarding office 0117 9540993 Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is available by request.

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 urge you to PRAY this Bill is defeated. WRITE to Peers & MPs expressing concern & SHARE our resources & those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family & friends, especially via social media. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/> Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/

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 donating via PayPal for a specific cause (Mary's Meals, lamps, Mass intentions), email the parish office to let us know. 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 12TH SEPTEMBER
Church offertory £394.00
Eventbrite booking offertory £39.04
Paypal button on parish website £342.70
Direct donations to bank £108.00
Envelopes £33.00
Standing orders £1140
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £293.25
TOTAL £2349.99
Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350