

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

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The highest form of prayer is to stand in awe before God. *St Isaac the Syrian*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B Psalter 2

Sunday 3rd October

9.00am Mass [Benefactors](#)
10.30am Mass [People of the parish](#)
5pm Mass [Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky \(anniv.\)](#)

Monday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi
No Mass

Tuesday 5th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Wednesday 6th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO Mass

Thursday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary
No Mass

Friday 8th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass [Ray Rodgers RIP](#)

Saturday 9th October

St John Henry Newman, Priest
No Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession
is available by request.

Parish Prayers:

For those who are lonely
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
St Joseph, Stonehouse
The Annunciation, Woodhouse

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: Great riches and priceless stones are not likely to be temptations dividing most of us from God. We all know, though, those temptations that actually do stand between us and God.

2nd Reading: Like a surgeon's scalpel, the word of God can get very close to the bone - but only if we listen.

Gospel: Possessions can be a prison - or a prize to share with others.

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. <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

Wed 6th Oct CLIMATE CHANGE WITH MP WERA HOBHOUSE St John's Church has secured an opportunity to enter into conversation with our MP Wera Hobhouse, around the issue of Climate Change and the care of our common home. She is coming to St John's Church, South Parade, Bath from 7.30pm - 8.30pm and it will be good for her to have a good catholic audience to welcome here and lend our voice to the conversation. There is no need to register for the evening; just turn up.

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

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more PSR (**Parish Safeguarding Representative**). A P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young & the vulnerable. For info about the role, ring Fr Jeremy on 01225 311725 or you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan Safeguarding office 0117 9540993 Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com

This week we remember:

Monica Magdisch, Ann (Lynda) Hardy, Ray Rodgers, Fr Kevin Knox Lecky 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:

Booking: Please book a seat before coming to Sunday Mass. Use either Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-5-sept-to-21-nov-christ-the-king-registration-168853059045> (by 5.00pm on Saturdays) or the booking phone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). If booking by phone, book 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 weekday Masses; scan the QR code on arrival and leave a name and phone number for Track & Trace purposes.

*Please 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.

CAFOD: Catholic social teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, & influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. Read more about some of the CST principles which inspire our work: Dignity; Solidarity; The common good; The option for the poor; Peace; Care for creation; The dignity of work & participation <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>

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, & the frail state of Canon Tony Harding. Please welcome all those parishioners who will now come to St Mary's for Mass, & help them become part of our community.

"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 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.

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 and recruitment!

You can read or download the accompanying resource sheets for all 6 meetings 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 are running five parallel meetings on weekdays at 10.45-11.45am at the back of the church, after morning Mass.

Fri 8th Oct: Children's Liturgy of the Word
Fri 15th Oct: Hospitality

Wednesday 20th Oct: Ministry of the Word

WEBINARS to support these resources:
Recording of "Hospitality in Luke's Gospel by Fr Nick King" <https://youtu.be/q1tmlqvMS18>
Recording of "Jo Boyce: how to refresh our music ministry" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5XbB1n92Fk>

Recording of Avril Baigent & Sarah Adams reflecting on practical steps to help re-build our communities <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB2Gej7tbuc>

CATECHISTS! Experienced & inexperienced, meet on-line to share ideas & receive formation at the same time. These meetings will ensure a cross over of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese. If you are unable to attend the meeting related to Bath deanery you are free to join another. **Start dates, all 7.30-8.30pm:**

*Taunton, Weston & Glastonbury Oct 5th
*Bristol including Cathedral Oct 6th
*Bath Trowbridge & Salisbury October 7th
*Stroud & Swindon October 12th
*Gloucester & Cheltenham October 14th

Register at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com & include the meeting you wish to attend, so that you can receive an invitation for the correct date. Meetings will be via Microsoft Teams & A Teams invitation to the session will be emailed a few days beforehand.

EVENTS (more info in Bulletin Extra)

Monday's Lectio Divina Groups - all are welcome to either group.

St John's Church: We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) to lead our reading & sharing. We meet weekly at 3.00pm in St Luke's room (in the Chaplaincy Centre, down the stairs to the car park). We share the Gospel for next Sunday. Phone Patrick 07966 366731 with queries.

St Mary's: We meet fortnightly at 7.30pm via Zoom. We share a portion of scripture chosen by a group member. Phone Graham 07889 495419 with queries.

Wed 6th Oct Love Christmas webinar 11am

Wed 6th Oct: Climate Change discussion with MP Wera Hobhouse, St John's, 7.30pm

Thurs 7th Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Children's Liturgy of the Word 7.30pm

Fri 8th Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Children's Liturgy of the Word 10.45am

Fri 15th Oct: Memorial Mass for sacristan Mark Cowan RIP, 7pm. Everybody is welcome.

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, and some translations in Malayalee. <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/newsletters>

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 Sept 2017 & 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form, available from BANES school admissions team, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th Jan 2022.

Love Christmas webinar Wed 6th Oct 11am-12pm: Looking for a way to spread love, hope and kindness in our community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. Join the **Love Christmas webinar** to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Register: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266> and watch the **YOUTUBE ADVERT - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IK1oYuuUts&t=12s**

Red Box/Missio: If you have a red box waiting to be emptied, please bring it to Church & hand it to a steward to be put in the safe. I will collect & empty them & let you know when to collect the empty box. Deadline to bring your box: 28th Nov. If you are unable to bring the box yourself, please get in touch with the Parish Office so that I can organise a different plan. Thanks so much for your continued support of MISSIO. If you wish to donate by direct debit or standing order go to www.missio.org.uk or phone 0207 821 9755
Annemarie Costello, Parish Missio Local Secretary

PARISH OFFICE: Email only

Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF
To register as a parishioner, complete the census form on the website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life/> & send/email it to the parish office.
Email Charlotte to receive the Sunday bulletin by email. Paper versions will be available soon.

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 3rd October
SL1: Mark Cowan RIP

NEW! Thursday Private Prayer: We would like to open the church from 10-11am on Thursdays. Could you volunteer as part of a team of stewards, to open up, welcome people to the church and stay for the hour? Contact the parish office or talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass.

Parishioner parking permits for the car park: Reduced rate of £50 for Oct-Dec 2021, allowing 4hrs parking per week. Contact the parish office for an application form.

Sunday 3rd Oct: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection Our local experts help people all over the world to adapt to climate change & protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through their website www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis & help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Sign the online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, www.cafod.org.uk/climate Thanks for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters & brothers in crisis in Afghanistan & Haiti. Read about CAFOD's response at www.cafod.org.uk/emergencies

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 donate 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 26TH SEPTEMBER
Church offertory £340.88
Eventbrite booking offertory £9.76
Paypal button on parish website £0
Direct donations to bank £108.00
Envelopes £35.00
Standing orders £1140
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £293.75
TOTAL £1927.39
Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350