

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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“The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely.” Hebrews 4:12

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
Year B Psalter 3

Sunday 10th October
9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)
10.30am Mass [Ints. Michael & Mary Kenny](#)
5pm Mass [Private intention](#)

Monday 11th October
St Francis of Assisi
No Mass

Tuesday 12th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Wednesday 13th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass Senora Gracia del Campo RIP

Thursday 14th October
Our Lady of the Rosary
No Mass

Friday 15th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass [Private intention](#)
7.00pm Memorial Mass: Mark Cowan RIP

Saturday 16th October
St John Henry Newman, Priest
Memorial Mass for Michael Tabb RIP

Parish Prayers:
For those without enough to eat.
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Immaculate Conception, Stroud, with Brownhill, Painswick, and More Hall

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: The prophet tells of a servant of God who will bear the sufferings of others.

2nd Reading: Jesus Christ is near us when we are in trouble. Be confident that, in approaching him, we shall find the help we need.

Gospel: Even the disciples closest to Jesus from time to time needed to be reminded that, like Christ, the Christian is one who lives more for others and less for self.

NEW: 'For a Synodal Church'
Synod = listening and journeying together. The first phase of listening and discerning in Local Churches, in preparation for the 2023 Synod on Synodality 'For a Synodal Church', will be launched by Pope Francis on Oct 10th.

How are we involved?
On Sun 17th Oct, Bishop Declan will launch the Synod in our diocese when he celebrates Mass at the Cathedral. He will also speak about the Synod in that Sunday's 'Dare to Dream'. Every parish is invited to celebrate the opening of the Synod in their own Church on the same day. **From then we will pray the Synod Prayer at every Mass*

**Over the following seven days we are asked to pray daily for the Synod's success:*

Sun: For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, & as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

Mon: For listening ears. That our hearts & minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.

Tues: For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months be based on listening together to the Word of God & the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.

Wed: For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission entrusted to us.

Thurs: For true dialogue in the Church & in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, & mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons & peoples.

Fri: For the exercise of authority & participation in the People of God. That the Synodal roots of the Church will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.

Sat: For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned though a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit

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.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is available by request.

Good Shepherd Church, Bath-easton:
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.

This week we remember:
Thomas Horan, Sue Willson,
Barbara Beaton, Guiseppe Merrolla,
Florence Noad, Charles Muller,
Franciszek Borkowski, Dermot McCarthy,
& all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

"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.
14th Oct: Hospitality Communication, information, welcome, encouraging people to return
21st Oct: Ministry of the Word Formation and preparation and recruitment! All Readers and those who would like to be a Reader are invited.
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 15th Oct: Hospitality
Wednesday 20th Oct: Ministry of the Word

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 good practice can be shared across the diocese. If you were unable to attend the Bath deanery meeting on Oct 7th, you can join another. **Start dates, all 7.30-8.30pm:**
**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 via Microsoft Teams; a Teams invitation will be emailed days beforehand.

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/>

Memorial Mass for sacristan Mark Cowan RIP, 7.00pm, Friday 15th Oct. Everybody is welcome to come and celebrate the life of a treasured member of St Mary's Parish. Please bring anecdotes about him to share with his family, many of whom are coming from Scotland for the Mass.

EVENTS (more info in Bulletin Extra)
Monday's Lectio Divina Groups - all are welcome to either or both groups.
St John's Church: We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) to lead our reading & sharing of the Gospel for the next Sunday. Meet weekly at 3.00pm in St Luke's room (in the Chaplaincy Centre, down the stairs to the car park). Info: Patrick 07966 366731
St Mary's: Meet fortnightly at 7.30pm via Zoom to share a portion of scripture chosen by a group member. Info: Graham 07889 495419
Thurs 14th Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Hospitality 7.30pm
Fri 15th Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Hospitality 10.45am
Fri 15th Oct: Memorial Mass for sacristan Mark Cowan RIP, 7.00pm.
Thurs 21 Oct: Sharing the Journey 2nd session
6th Nov: Perrymead Mass, 10am
16th Nov: Requiem Mass for all who died of Covid, St John's Church 7.00pm
20th Nov: Haycombe Mass, 10am

CONFIRMATION: We have so many young people who want to be confirmed that we have moved the Confirmation Mass to St John's Church (Fri 12th Nov). Please pray for our catechists Matt & Clare, & all the candidates.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
The preparation course for this sacrament will take place from January 2022, starting with formation for the parents. The course is suitable for children in Y3-6, and we use the "I Belong" materials. You can register your interest with the parish office now but the details will be available in the bulletin, on the website and through St Mary's Primary School. Application forms will be available in December/January.
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
Church Garden - Help needed! Do you enjoy gardening & 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
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 & I can organise a different plan. Thank you 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](mailto:Annemarie.Costello@parishmissio.localsecretary)

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 10th October
SL1: Ints. Barbara Boyall

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

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.

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.

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>

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 3RD OCTOBER

Church offertory	£435.06
Eventbrite booking offertory	£0
Paypal button on parish website	£0
Direct donations to bank	£108
Envelopes	£15
Standing orders	£1140
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£288.75
TOTAL	£1986.81
Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350	