

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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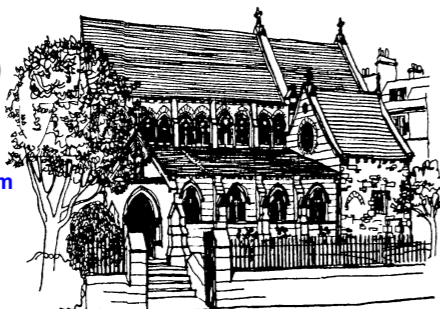
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Parish Administrator: Charlotte Boyall
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Parish Priest: Mgr Jeremy Rigden
01225 311725

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Royal United Hospital
ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net
RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331

“The greatest honour we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love.” **Julian of Norwich**

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B Psalter 1

Sunday 17th October

9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)
10.30am Mass [Frank Borkowski \(anniv.\)](#)
5pm Mass [Nora Skipper \(anniv.\)](#)

Monday 18th October

St Luke the Evangelist
No Mass

Tuesday 19th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Wednesday 20th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass [Maureen Nieland \(anniv.\)](#)

Thursday 21st October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Friday 22nd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
11.30am [Memorial Mass: Roger Cockhill RIP](#)

Saturday 23rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
1pm Wedding: Polly Netto & Sam Hodson

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession
is available by request.

Parish Prayers:

For the family of MP Sir David Amess RIP
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Holy Family, Swindon
St Joseph, Wroughton

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 Lord speaks to those who are oppressed and promises to free and comfort them.

2nd Reading: We hear about high priests in the Old Testament; we are to look to the great High Priest who came to redeem us.

Gospel: The blind man Bartimaeus comes into faith. He is healed and becomes a disciple of Jesus.

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', was 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

So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for our participation in the Synod, we are offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process.

6th Nov 10am-12noon: St John's Centre, Trowbridge
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367>

6th Nov 2.30pm-4.30pm: St Patrick, Brockworth
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brockworth-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190970737617>

13th Nov 10am-12noon: Emmaus House, Bristol
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190972171907>

13th Nov 2pm-4pm: St Joseph, Bridgwater
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgwater-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190973525957>

If you plan to attend one of the sessions around the diocese, please book via the Eventbrite link above.

Also there are two online Teams sessions on 8 & 9 Nov at 7.00pm. If you intend to participate please email synod@cliftondiocese.com so that we can send a Teams invitation a few days before the event.

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 COVID-19 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 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.

***Communion:** move as directed by 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 as a steward or a reader, talk to Fr Jeremy.

YOUTH COUNCIL: Bishop Declan wishes to form a Youth Council to support the faith life of the young people within Clifton Diocese.

More info: <https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Diocesan-Youth-Council-booklet.pdf> If you know of anyone that maybe interested then encourage them to get in touch Youth@cliftondiocese.com Are you interested? Write to us telling us why by 25th October. Youth Council selection afternoon: Sunday 7 November. Commissioning by Bishop Declan: 5 December.

This week we remember:

Elizabeth Ann Ritchie, Nora Skipper, Frances Lloyd Williams, Tim Dewey, Dorothy Skeet, Maureen Nieland & 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.

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.

Wednesday 20th Oct: Ministry of the Word

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/>

Clifton Climate Liturgy, Sat 23rd Oct 11.00am, Clifton Cathedral As Christians, we, the stewards of God's creation, have responsibility for our planet's future. We have a unique opportunity very soon to prepare spiritually for the challenges & opportunities COP26 in November offers our world. The Climate Liturgy led by Bishop Declan offers the chance to engage with issues facing our planet through prayer & worship. The Liturgy will be both a recognition of the work of organisations involved in the Climate Change Campaign in Clifton Diocese, & an ongoing call & blessing by Bishop Declan for all to continue the action to protect God's world.

To safeguard Creation & the lives of Brothers & Sisters who are already experiencing the very real cost of climate change, our UK Government needs to commit to, & see through bold targets at COP26, enabling both global & local change to be made. Representatives from the organisations involved in the Campaign will be holding stalls after the Liturgy as an opportunity for engagement, dialogue & action. Come along on October 23rd, & be part of the mobilisation. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton for any further details ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

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

Sun 17th Oct: Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

Thurs 21st Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Ministry of the Word 7.30pm

Thurs 21 Oct: Sharing the Journey 2nd session (see Bulletin Extra)

Fri 22nd Oct: Refresh. Renew, Re-engage parish meeting: Ministry of the Word 10.45am

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

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>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

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

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@parishmissio.org.uk 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 17th October

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Mark Cowan
Sanctuary Lamp 2: Sally Madden
Lady Chapel: Mum 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

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.

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

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>

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| Church offertory | £389.38 |
| Eventbrite booking offertory | £19.52 |
| Paypal button on parish website | £0 |
| Direct donations to bank | £108 |
| Envelopes | £30 |
| Standing orders | £1140 |
| Tax recovery (Gift Aid) | £292.50 |
| TOTAL | £1979.40 |
| Weekly cost of running the parish | <u>£2,350</u> |