

**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
**Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SF**

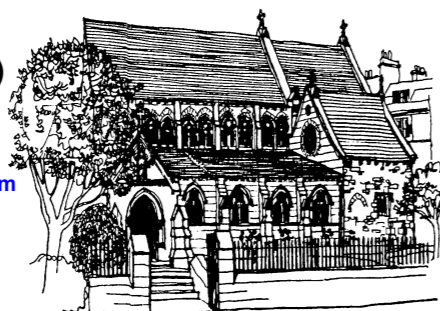


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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Parish Priest: Mgr Jeremy Rigden  
01225 311725

Deacon: Rev. Richard Hayward (Rtd)

Safeguarding: Contact Clifton Diocese  
safeguarding co-ordinator Becky Cawsey  
0117 954 0993

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

**“You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light.” Ephesians 5:8**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B Psalter 2**

**Sunday 24th October**

9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)  
10.30am Mass [Mike Nevett RIP](#)  
5.00pm Mass [Beryl Harding \(anniv.\)](#)

**Monday 25th October**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 26th October**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 27th October**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass [Private intention](#)

**Thursday 28th October**

**Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
No Mass

**Friday 29th October**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass [Pip Williams RIP](#)

**Saturday 30th October**

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
No Mass

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

**Parish Prayers:**

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**

Holy Rood, Swindon

**RUH CONTACT DETAILS:**

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto: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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** True religion centres on doing what God requires of each of us, personally. This means keeping God's law, but especially loving God from the heart.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** On our own we could never properly worship the all-holy God. But Jesus is with us as our High Priest, when we draw near to the Father.

**Gospel:** God's will for us is simple enough to understand, but hard to practise. In the end, the only thing required of us is love.

**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?**

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](mailto:synod@cliftondiocese.com) so that we can send a Teams invitation a few days before the event.

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

**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

\*No upper **age limits** on volunteers. If you can help as a steward or a reader, talk to Fr Jeremy.

**Christmas Masses at St Mary's 2021**

**Christmas Eve 4.00pm** Aimed at families with young children aged 0-11.

**Christmas Eve 7.00pm** Mass for the whole family

**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 10.00pm** to allow as many parishioners to come to Mass as possible.

**Christmas Day 9.00am** Mass for the whole family

**Christmas Day 10.30am** Mass for the whole family

**This week we remember:**

Jane Parker RIP, who died recently;  
Mike Kelly RIP (1st anniversary);  
Michael Snee, Kevin Ecclestone,  
Anthony Southern, Mike Nevett,  
Elisa Memmolo, Anne Barnsdale  
& 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?**

Now that we have had our six weeks of meetings, our next task is to act upon the suggestions, ideas, concerns & innovations that have come out of the sessions. Those acted upon already include:

\*Musical weekend 10th-11th Dec with The B-Flat Barbers and The Jerrome Recorders.

\*Training session for Readers, old and new, with Deacon Joseph. Time and date tbc

\*Welcome packs for all parishioners, old and new, so everyone knows what is available and how they can be part of the parish (pack content being finalised).

**St Vincent de Paul Initial Meeting** Wed 3rd Nov 7:30pm You are very warmly invited to the re-launch, first meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Conference in St Mary's Church! Do come to hear Lizzie Creevy from St Alphege's thriving SVP group. She will give a presentation & talk about setting up our own SVP & the steps needed to become a dynamic, practical group ready to help those in need in our Parish. If you cannot attend but wish to be a part of the SVP, helping in whatever way you can, contact John Desmond on 07553022059 or email him [jdesmond1@hotmail.com](mailto:jdesmond1@hotmail.com)

**CELEBRATE are running the fantastic Parenting for Faith course online**

Tuesday evenings 8.00-9.15pm, starting 2nd Nov. An 8 week course with an extra optional live session. Goal of the course? To help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God & to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him. Before the sessions start you can join us for worship, & during the sessions there will be opportunities to discuss the content with others. Discussion groups online will be organised in regions giving an opportunity to get to know other families in your area.

**Block one:** 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd Nov 2021

**Optional evening:** 30th Nov 2021 with Rachel Turner, Parenting for Faith Pioneer

**Block two:** 11th, 18th, 25th Jan & 1st Feb

**Where:** Zoom Book your place here: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith>

**Wed 27th October is the 54th anniversary of the Abortion Act** being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Wed 27th Oct.

For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**EVENTS (more info in Bulletin Extra)**

**Monday Lectio Divina Groups - all 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 7.30pm via Zoom to share a portion of scripture chosen by a group member. Info: Graham 07889 495419

**Sat 6th Nov:** November Mass for the Dead, Perrymead cemetery 10.00am

**Tues 16th Nov:** Requiem Mass for all who died, St John's Church 7.00pm

**Sat 20th Nov:** November Mass for the Dead, Haycombe Cemetery 10.00am

**Sun 28th Nov:** Advent Holy hours begin, 3.45pm each Sunday in Advent

**Fri 10th Dec:** Concert by The B-Flat Barbers, 1.00pm in St Mary's church. Donations to the church.

**Sat 11th Dec:** Advent concert by The Jerrome Recorders, in St Mary's church, 2.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies outside. Donations to the church.

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**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](mailto:Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com)

**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

**World Mission Sunday 24th Oct**, the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Coordinated by **Missio**, Church's official charity for overseas mission, this special day offers a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Theme: 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). Listen here for more info: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/world-mission-sunday-with-fr-gary-brassington/>

**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. Deadline to bring your box: 28th Nov. I will collect & empty them & let you know when to collect the empty box. 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](http://www.missio.org.uk) or phone 0207 821 9755

[Annemarie.Costello@parishmissio.org.uk](mailto:Annemarie.Costello@parishmissio.org.uk), Parish Missio Local Secretary

**PARISH OFFICE: CLOSED UNTIL 1ST NOV**

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.

**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 24th October**  
No intentions

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

The preparation course will take place from January 2022, starting with formation for parents. The course is for children in Y3-6; we use the "I Belong" materials. Details will be available in the bulletin, on the website and through St Mary's Primary School. Application forms available in December/January.

**Gardeners needed for St Mary's Church**

We need some new faces to join the Gardening Team, to help keep the grass cut & do the numerous other garden jobs that keep St Mary's looking loved. You don't need to have the skills of Monty Don to volunteer. One simple task would be to weed around the car park & the parish centre. We would welcome some younger people. It would also suit anyone who wants to contribute to the parish but is unhappy to come back to Mass in the church. All that is needed is an hour or two every month or so. Interested? 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>

**COLLECTION 17th OCTOBER**

Church offertory £557.00  
Eventbrite booking offertory £9.76  
Paypal button on parish website £547.81  
Direct donations to bank £108.00  
Envelopes £112.00  
Standing orders £1140  
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £313.00

**TOTAL £2787.57**

Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

World Mission Sunday