

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

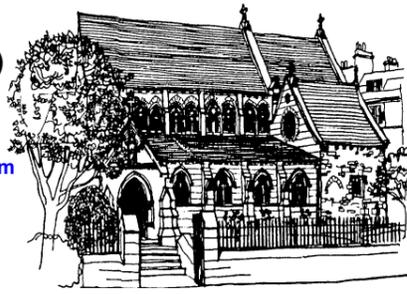


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” *St Oscar Romero*

**32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**Year B Psalter 4**

**Sunday 7th November**

9.00am Mass People of the parish  
10.30am Mass Deceased Brothers of the Catenian Association  
5.00pm Mass Private Intention

**Monday 8th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 9th November**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 10th November**

**St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**  
10.00am Mass Joe & Kathleen Lucey RIP

**Thursday 11th November**

**St Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
No Mass

**Friday 12th November**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
11am Funeral Mass: Hilary Cockhill RIP

**Saturday 13th November**

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
Wedding: Ed Storer/Julia Root-Gutteridge

**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:**

St Peter, Swindon  
Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett

**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**

**1st Reading:** The prophet Daniel receives a revelation from the angel Michael concerning the persecution of Israel. Thus, belief in the resurrection & life everlasting are introduced into the Hebrew religious tradition.

**2nd Reading:** Jesus the Great High Priest offered his own self as a sin offering to win definitive forgiveness of sins for all who seek it. In heaven Jesus continues to intercede for his followers & also his enemies.

**Gospel:** Cosmic signs will herald the coming of the Son of Man to earth. The elect will be gathered together by angels. Vigilance is required because the exact time is unknown to everyone but God.

**Advent Holy Hours at St Mary's**

There will be the opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of Advent at 3.45pm. All Holy Hours will be live-streamed, starting on Sun 28th Nov.

**Bath Churches Christmas Carol Trail:** St Mary's will be taking part again this year so look out for the display in the window of the parish centre from Wed 24th November.

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

**NEW: 'For a Synodal Church'**

We are in the first phase of listening and discerning in Local Churches, in preparation for the 2023 Synod on Synodality 'For a Synodal Church',

**How are we involved?**

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

**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.

**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.

**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/>

**This week we remember:**

Hilary Cockhill RIP, who died recently, (Funeral Mass Fri 12th Nov 11am);  
Arthur Coombs, Sr Jackie Smith,  
Marion Pierce, Elphege Millard,  
Sheila Fry, Eileen Kendall, Susan Willson,  
Celia Bowler, Merv Haines, Graham Dunn  
& 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"**

**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 (packs almost ready to go out!).

**5th World Day of the Poor Sunday 14th Nov**

Caritas Social Action Network has prepared a Novena, nine prayers to be said over nine days 5-13 Nov. Each of the first eight days focuses on the cry of a particular group, with the final day praying for the building up of God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The daily prayers include an opening antiphon, a reading from Scripture, a period of silent reflection, a prayer for the day's focus, and a closing prayer. You can find the prayers on the parish website here

<https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events> By this Novena, we make time to focus on God's will as we approach the World Day of the Poor.

Message from Pope Francis:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri->

**Red Box/Missio:** Please bring your box to Church & hand it to a steward to be put in the safe. Deadline: 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, Parish Missio Local Secretary

**Many thanks to our hardworking gardening team** If you have noticed the increasingly tidy aspect of the gardens, paths, tarmacked areas and car park, it is all down to the them. To help them keep up this good work, we need some more gardeners!

**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 unable 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

**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

**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

**Mon 6th Dec** French Carol Service, St Bart's Church Oldfield Park, 6pm

**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 at 2.00pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies outside. Donations to the church.

**Christmas Eve Masses:**

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

**7.00pm** Mass for the whole family

**"Midnight Mass" at 10.00pm** to allow as many parishioners to come to church as possible.

**Christmas Day Masses:**

**9.00am** Mass for the whole family

**10.30am** Mass for the whole family

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**Webinar - Dementia Friendly Church: Meaningful Worship and Dementia**

Tues 16th Nov 10:30am - 12:00pm  
The Webinar, led by Adam Biddlestone, will be framed around four questions:  
What makes worship inclusive?  
How can worship be structured to enable people living with dementia to be included and engaged?  
What challenges and opportunities do the top 10 tips for dementia inclusive worship present to congregations?  
Should people living with dementia receive Communion?

Book your ticket via Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-church-meaningful-worship-and-dementia-tickets-170024366457> or email BDAA at [office@bdaa.org.uk](mailto:office@bdaa.org.uk)

**NEW! Thursday Private Prayer:** We would like to open the church from 10-11am on Thursdays, but have had only one offer of help so far. Could you volunteer to form 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.

**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.

**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 7th November**  
No intentions  
**CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) Please pray for the success of the UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, 31st Oct-12th Nov. There are prayer cards at the exit of the church; please take one & pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. [www.cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://www.cafod.org.uk/COP26)

**Parishioner parking permits for the car park:** Reduced rate of £40 for Nov-Dec 2021 - 4hrs parking per week. Contact the parish office for an application form.

**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.

**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 31st October:**  
Church offertory £387.86  
Eventbrite booking offertory £4.88  
Paypal button on parish website £0  
Direct donations to bank £98.00  
Envelopes £35.00  
Standing orders £1140  
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £293.75  
**TOTAL £1959.49**  
Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350