


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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“Each of us is an inn-keeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.” Neal A. Maxwell

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Year C Proper of the Season, Psalter 1

Sunday 28th November
9.00am Mass [Holy Souls](#)
10.30am Mass [Felix Szymczak \(anniv\)](#)
5.00pm Mass [People of the Parish](#)

Monday 29th November
Weekday of Advent
No Mass

Tuesday 30th November
St Andrew, Apostle
No Mass

Wednesday 1st December
Sts Alexander Briant, Martyr
10.00am Mass [Holy Souls](#)

Thursday 2nd December
Weekday of Advent
No Mass

Friday 3rd December
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass [May Matraviv RIP](#)

Saturday 4th December
Our Lady on Saturday
2.30pm Malayalee Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is available by request.

Parish Prayers:
For the Life Project
For those who find Christmas a difficult time of the year
For those needing parenting support
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Sacred Heart, Tisbury, with Wardour

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 Alex 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: God is constantly at work in his people and the sorrow and distress they have experienced will be turned into joy as the glory of the Lord will shine.

2nd Reading: For St. Paul, joy and fullness of life and love follow on accepting the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Jesus comes to us in time and place and John calls us to prepare for that coming so we will be able to 'see the salvation of 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.

Goodbye, good luck & welcome:
Fr Malcolm of St Alphege's parish has retired to Devon. In his place we welcome Fr Alex McAllister as the new parish priest.

CAFOD & Advent: Sign up for daily Advent reflections: These reflections have been very popular & offer an opportunity to pause & reflect, pray & take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit CAFOD's Interactive online Advent calendar for more details <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>. There are also free Advent children's liturgy resources that parish catechists may find useful. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her; now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of CAFOD'S work can be found in the World Gift catalogues or www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Coming to Mass during a pandemic:
Booking: Please book a seat before coming to Sunday Mass. Use either Eventbrite <https://stmarysadvantmass.eventbrite.co.uk> (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. Children aged 0-11 are not expected to wear them.
*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
*If you can help as a steward or a reader, talk to Fr Jeremy.

Tidings of great joy: There are envelopes at the exit each containing five "Christmas at St Mary's" posters. We would like you to take an envelope, put up one poster in your window/local shop & post the others through your neighbours' doors. Alternatively, you can download the posters from the parish website & print them off yourself <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events>

Parishioner parking permits for the car park: Reduced rate of £20 (Wow!) for Dec 2021 with 4hrs parking per week. Contact the parish office for an application form.

This week we remember:
Eileen Hunt, Raffaele Flammia, Kate & John Kelly and family, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.
Funeral Mass for Nora Tugwell RIP
10th Dec, 10.00am, St Mary's Church

“Refresh, Renew, Re-engage: Re-building our parishes after lockdown”

NEW! Hospitality group
*“Join the team” coffee morning in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass, Wed 1st Dec. Everybody welcome!
*Could you help serve mulled wine, hot apple juice & mince pies after the concert by The Jerrrome Recorders on 11th Dec?
*Could you welcome people to our Advent Retreat on 4th Dec? Could you serve coffee/tea/mince pies? Are you a dab hand with a Hoover or a broom?
If so, contact the Parish Office and we can form a team of helpers for each event.

NEW! Our popular Children's Liturgy Of the Word group has restarted at 10.30am Mass. Many thanks to Tony & Deirdre for praying this back to life. It takes place in the sacristy & is open to children up to pre-First Holy Communion stage. Its' themes run in parallel with the main Mass covering the penitential rite & the Gospel of the day. Parents are welcome to come too. Running late? You can access the group via the Sacristy door on the outside of the church, next to the car park.

NEW! Thursday morning 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 the church, welcome people into the church and stay for the hour? So far we have had three offers of help, and need more people to create a larger team. Contact the parish office or talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass.

NEW! Parish contact details slips
Please take a slip on your way into church. Fill it in & pop it in the collection box as you leave the church. These arise from an idea at the **Refresh Renew & Re-engage** meetings: how to connect with parishioners who don't use email; or have not completed a census form or have not given us any contact details. Thanks to everyone who has already returned their slips.

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 28th November
Lady Chapel: Ava

LAST CALL - 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. Some are ready to collect at the entrance to the church. 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

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. 3.00pm in St Luke's room (in the Chaplaincy Centre, down stairs to 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

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

Wed 1st Dec: “Join the Hospitality team” coffee morning in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass. Everybody welcome!

Wed 1st Dec: A St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Church at 7:30pm to elect three officers, arrange membership interviews and decide what we might start doing to become active in the Parish such as visiting / phoning lonely, housebound parishioners. People who did not attend our initial meeting are very warmly invited.

Sat 4th Dec: Advent retreat “Hospitality and welcome”, in the Parish Centre 10.00am-1.00pm, with lunch from noon. Please bring a packed lunch. Aimed at 14yrs +

Mon 6th Dec French Carol Service, St Bart's Church, Oldfield Park, 6.00pm

Fri 10th Dec: Concert by The B-Flat Barbers, 1.00pm in St Mary's church. Donations to the church. No booking required.

Sat 11th Dec: Advent concert by The Jerrrome Recorders, in St Mary's church at 2.00pm, followed by mulled wine & mince pies. No booking required. Donations to the church.


It will be essential to book if you want to go to a Christmas Mass. Please use the Eventbrite links on the Parish Website.

Christmas Eve Masses:
4.00pm Aimed at families with young children aged 0-11. Please feel free to come dressed as your favourite character from the Nativity stories. Will you be Mary or Herod?
7.00pm Mass for the whole family, with music played by the 9.00am music group
“Midnight Mass” at 10.00pm For night owls
Christmas Day Masses:
9.00am Mass for the whole family
10.30am Mass for the whole family
Boxing Day Masses:
9.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm

Live streaming: We receive many messages of praise for our live streaming service from those unable to come to Mass, or to Funerals of loved ones. There is an ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices, & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Could you help? Contact Michael Gage if you can Gift Aid your donation giftaid@stmarysbath.org.uk Use the **donate** button on the parish website or send a cheque payable to **St Mary's Catholic Church Bath** to 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF.

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.

SYNOD 2021-2023: Pope Francis invites us to participate in a world-wide Synod – every person in the Church is called to respond. So that we can respond to this invitation with confidence, Clifton Diocese are offering formation (training & education) in how to help those facilitating Synod Listening Conversations in the parishes:
Sat 27th Nov 10am-12noon: St Patrick's Church, Brockworth:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-facilitation-training-session-brockworth-tickets-209146251067>
Online Teams sessions :
Mon 29th Nov 7.00-8.30pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-29-november-tickets-209296580707>
Tues 30th Nov 7.00-8.30pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-30-november-tickets-209344845067>
Hugh, Hilary, Charlotte & Deacon Joseph have agreed to be parish delegates & assist this process at St Mary's. Charlotte & Deacon Joseph took part in a training day on Saturday, which was really helpful. With Fr Jeremy, all four delegates will be asking parishioners to create many opportunities for Synod Listening Conversations for all ages. These conversations will take place in Jan-Feb 2022 at St Mary's Church. If you would like to be part of this, please look at the resources available on the Diocesan webpage www.cliftondiocese.com or by attending one of the online or in person sessions. This is not a questionnaire or a tick-box exercise; we are asked to listen to each other & learn & appreciate from the experiences & thoughts of others.



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Congratulations to Ashley Russell who was received into the church recently.

Many thanks to our Finance team & the Counters who are back counting the collection each week & then banking it. Thank you to Richard who had been doing this on his own since July 2020.

Thank you very much to Hugh, Kate, Kirsten, Julian & Madeleine, our singer & musicians for the Bath Carol Trail entry. Thanks to Hugh for his IT skills.