

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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“I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it.” **Pope Francis**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Year C Proper of the Feast, Psalm 1

Sunday 9th January
9.00am Mass Kathleen Curran (anniv)
10.30am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word St John Morgan-Davies RIP
5.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Monday 10th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday 11th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Wednesday 12th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass Private Intention

Thursday 13th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Friday 14th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass Private Intention

Saturday 15th January
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Parish prayer link:
For our Mass stewards, Readers, musicians and Extraordinary ministers and their hard work over Christmas

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
St Ambrose; Diocesan Curia;
Diocesan Services

RUH CONTACT INFORMATION
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 Chris Whitehead 464471
St Alphege's Fr Alex McAllister 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: Zion symbolised the wonderful future awaiting the people of God, after their marriage with God.

2nd Reading: The Spirit has given us all varying gifts to be used for good in the service of the Lord.

Gospel: At the marriage feast, Mary turns to Jesus her Son, with confidence and belief, and Jesus turned the water into wine. This was a sign of the new life, an act of self revelation leading his disciples to belief.

Church car Park: Please be aware that the car park will be closed on Tues 11th January all day.

Thursday morning Private Prayer:
We would like to open the church from 10-11am on Thursdays. Could you volunteer as part of a team, to open up the church, welcome people into the church and stay for the hour? So far we have had five offers of help, & need more people to create a larger team. Contact the parish office or talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass.

Children's Liturgy: Our popular group has restarted at 10.30am Sunday Mass. 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? Access the group via the Sacristy door on the outside of the church, next to the car park.

Parish contact details slips
Since July 2020, nearly 1200 individuals have come to Mass at St Mary's. We would like to be able to contact as many people as possible about life in the parish and sharing our gifts both in the parish and the wider community. Please take a slip on your way into church. Fill it in & pop it in the collection box as you leave the church. Thanks to everyone who has already returned their slips.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022
Application forms will be available in January. The course is for children in Y3-6 & we use the "I Belong" materials. Forms will be available at church on the website and through St Mary's Primary School. We need to know how many want to be prepared to receive the Sacrament so we can involve all the young people in our parish despite COVID restrictions.

Coming to Mass during a pandemic:
Booking: Please book a seat before coming to Sunday Mass. Use either Eventbrite <https://bookmass-2jan-27feb.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/parish centre; or leave a name for each family member over 16 and a phone number.

*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 must be worn in church unless you are exempt.** Children aged 0-11 do not need a mask.

*You can pick up a "Please leave a space" card to place on the seat beside you.

***Stewards** act as welcomers to the church. They help people 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.

Live streaming: We receive many messages of praise for our live streaming service from those unable to come to Mass or 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 GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com 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.

This week we remember:
Patricia Ann Whittington, Michael Lepak, Joan Coombs, James Donovan, George Desmond, Doug Weakley, Kathleen Curran, Patricia Hickson, Peter Torczuk, Peter Eyles, Mary Rose Hogan, Anna Teasdale, Max Witek, Angela Lowry and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

A Call To Love: in 2021, Pope Francis told us 'A Christianity without a liturgy, I dare say, is perhaps a Christianity without Christ. Without the Total Christ. Even in the barest of rites, such as the one some Christians have celebrated and continue to celebrate in places of incarceration, or in the hiddenness of a house in times of persecution, Christ is truly present and gives himself to his faithful... Christ is present, and in the liturgy you pray with Christ who is beside you'. (General audience, 2 February 2021)

Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has produced a series of videos, entitled **A Call to Love** to remind and encourage us of the importance of the Mass in our lives as Catholic Christians. Throughout this series we will hear from a number of people from our diocese; different aspects of the Mass are explored, including the many ways in which we encounter Christ and how that affects our lives. You can watch the videos here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/liturgy-office/a-call-to-love/>

Gardening group: Many thanks to our gardeners who have tamed the rather wild and overgrown bank in between the church car park and Burlington Street. It cannot have been easy work, which makes our thanks greater,

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FR JEREMY
Many thanks to those who gave so generously to Fr Jeremy, either in the Christmas offertory collections, or with cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated.

Mass stewards: We get such wonderful feedback on our stewards, for the warm welcome that they provide. There are few silver linings to the pandemic, but they are surely one of them. If you would like to be a Mass steward at any of the Sunday or weekday Masses, please talk to Fr Jeremy or email the parish office. The more Mass stewards we have, the fewer times you will be asked to help.

Richard Rohr OFM: If you liked his tapes in the 1980s, heard him speak in the 1990s or read his books, then watch his recent conversation on "Christianity and the Re-Emergence of the Non-Dual Mind" on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ybc6>

Calling young people age 7+ who would like to become an altar server.
Uniform and training provided.
Talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass for more info.

SANCTUARY LAMPS: 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes can be found 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. Please give the envelope to Fr Jeremy or one of the stewards, who will put it in the sacristy. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private. There are 3 lamps to buy.
Week beginning Sunday 9th January
Sanctuary lamp 1: Intentions of Gail Hoare
Sanctuary lamp 2: Bernard Hoare RIP

EVENTS:
Monday Lectio Divina 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

Wed 12th Jan: Synod Facilitation training session for those who will help guide the conversations, 7.00-8.30pm Wed 12th Jan: Online Teams session
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-12-january-tickets-220642426437>

Thurs 13th Jan: Catechist sharing sessions: Another opportunity for experienced and inexperienced catechists to share ideas and receive formation. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese.
13th Jan, 7-8pm: Bath, Trowbridge, Salisbury deaneries
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221297555947>

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18- 25 January: This week of prayer offers us the opportunity to pray for a greater unity among Christians. The Choir from Bath Abbey will be celebrate Evensong at St John's Church, South Parade, on **Thurs 20th Jan** at 5.30pm.

Wed 19th Jan: Synod Listening conversations begin at St Mary's Church, 7.30-8.45pm with an overview of the Synodal Process, ground rules, followed by reflection in small groups: If a Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together":
*How is this "journeying together" happening today in our parish?
*How is the Holy Spirit inviting our parish community to grow in journeying together"? After the group sharing;
*Where in the experiences do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit?
Each session begins and ends with prayer.
Repeated on **Friday 21st Jan** 11.00am - 12.15pm. All are welcome. Invite your friends especially if they no longer feel part of the Church.

Wed 26th Jan: 2nd Synod Listening conversation at St Mary's, 7.30pm on "Listening", "Speaking out" followed by "Sharing responsibility for our common mission & sharing authority & participation". Repeated on **Friday 28th Jan** at 11.00am at St Mary's.

Wed 2nd Feb: 3rd Synod Listening conversation at St Mary's, 7.30pm on "Discerning and deciding", followed by "Celebration" and "The Holy Spirit". Repeated on **Friday 4th Feb** at 11.00am at St Mary's.

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.
*There are paper copies of the parish census form at the back of the church as you arrive.
Email Charlotte to receive the Sunday bulletin by email, or join the parishioner email list: Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

SYNOD 2021-2023: Pope Francis invites us all to participate in a world-wide Synod where all are listened to & their thoughts sent to Rome. We invite everyone to speak & to listen in a respectful atmosphere. Participant ground rules are laid out by the Diocese:
"The Synod is a participative and inclusive process of listening and discerning that offers everyone the opportunity to contribute to how the People of God can better "journey together". Our synodal conversation depends on courage both in speaking and listening. It is not about debate, but about discerning what the Spirit of God may be saying. We believe that God is always present and active in the details of our lives and and that he will reveal his plans and purposes to us if we make the effort to be attentive. It begins with listening."
Our listening session facilitators will guide our conversations:
*While each person is speaking, the others listen.
*No one may interrupt the speaker or jump in to speak until invited by the facilitator.
Some one will take notes, and these will be anonymous. The notes from all the listening sessions will be summarised into one feedback report. This is to be sent to the Diocesan Synod Team by 28th Feb, who will summarise all the notes and then send them to Rome. Could you volunteer to be a note taker at one of the sessions? Please talk to Fr Jeremy.

If you would like to be part of this and want to know more, look at the resources available on the Diocesan webpage www.cliftondiocese.com or collect an information pack as you enter the church.



Synod 2021 2023
For a synodal Church
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Hospitality group
Would you like to be part of the team? Could you help welcome people to some of the the Synod Listening Conversations from 19th January - 4th February? Could you serve refreshments? If so, contact the Parish Office. You don't have to help at every session, but the more people on the team means we can offer a warmer welcome.