

**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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**“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” St Teresa of Avila**

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C Psalter 2**

**Sunday 16th January**  
9.00am Mass People of the parish  
10.30am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word Private Intention  
5.00pm Mass Private Intention

**Monday 17th January**  
**St Anthony, Abbot**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 18th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 19th January**  
**St Wulstan, Bishop**  
10.00am Mass Ints Samantha Clarke and Dyer family

**Thursday 20th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Friday 21st January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Mass Joe Lucey (anniv)

**Saturday 22nd January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Parish prayer link:**  
For our friends at Christ Church  
**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**  
University, school and college chaplaincies

**RUH CONTACT INFORMATION**  
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 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** The Law of God is solemnly proclaimed to the people by Ezra. They listen, understand and believe, celebrating with joy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Paul uses the body as an analogy of the Christian community, though one, all its parts are differing and have appropriate functions.

**Gospel:** Luke tells us why he is writing his gospel. Jesus announces his mission: to free the oppressed and the poor.

**Kairos Forum:** SPACE for Prayer & Reflection provide online resources for and with individuals with intellectual disabilities & their families. These encourage prayer, sharing stories & accompaniment across the world. Resources include bible stories, small films with music, small prayer films, singing prayers & shared worship. They use Makaton, Widgit and Multimodal communication sharing collaborative films, discussions and activities  
<http://www.kairosforum.org/space/>

**Catechist formation catch-up:** A retreat day for catechists was held in September 2021. It was an opportunity for catechists to be nurtured in their own spiritual life in a relaxed and prayerful environment. You can watch the keynote talks from David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. These videos are accompanied by their slide show in PDF format  
<https://cliftondiocese.com/catechists-formation/>

**Marriage Encounter Experience**  
Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Next Marriage Encounter weekend 4th-6th March in Swindon. Find out more at [www.wme.org.uk](http://www.wme.org.uk) or call 0845 260 2016

**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 & leave safely. **1140**

\***Communion:** move as directed by steward **300**

\*Holy Communion is under one kind **2356.66**

\*The **Sign of Peace** remains suspended

\*Please leave as directed by the stewards

**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.

**This week we remember:**

Patricia Marriott-Dodington RIP, who died recently; 

Derek Riggs RIP, who died recently (husband of Margaret);

Joseph McMahon, Molly Rigden, Paul Kern, Michael McMillan, Margaret Wilkin, James Hedge, Marie Willis, Richard Kemp & 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 Derek Riggs RIP:** Tues 1st February, St Mary's Church 11.00am

**Funeral Mass for Pat Marriott-Dodington RIP:** Wed 2nd February, St Mary's Church at noon.

**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/>**

**Treasurer:** Richard Marke is stepping down as treasurer after many years in the role. As a parish, we thank him for all his hard work and dedication to keeping St Mary's financially buoyant.

**COLLECTION 9TH JANUARY**

Church offertory	£320.93
Eventbrite booking offertory	£48.80
Paypal button on parish website	£396.93
Direct donations to bank	£90.00
Envelopes	£60.00
Standing orders	£1140
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2356.66</b>
Weekly cost of running the parish	<b>£2,350</b>

**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 our Mass stewards 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.

**Volunteers:** If you were a Reader or Extraordinary Minister before the pandemic struck, and would like to volunteer again, please contact the Parish office and we can add you to the rota. If you are going to a different Mass than before, that is not a problem.

**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 16th January**  
No intentions

**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

**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, both in person and online:**  
St Mary's Church 7.30-8.45pm 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?  
\*Where in the experiences do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit?  
Each session begins and ends with prayer.

**Online group:** Wed 19th Jan 7.30-8.45pm If you want to join, email the parish office by noon on Wed 19th and we will send you the link. Please also download and print the participant's booklet. If you have problems with printing one, email the parish office by Mon 17th Jan and we can send one to you.  
<https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Synodal-Conversations-Participants-Materials.pdf>

Repeated on **Friday 21st Jan** 11.00am - 12.15pm at St Mary's Church. All are welcome. Invite your friends especially if they no longer feel part of the Church or are resting in their faith.

**Wed 26th Jan:** 2nd Synod Listening conversations both at St Mary's, 7.30pm on "Listening", "Speaking out" followed by "Responsibility for our common mission & authority & participation".  
**Online group:** 7.30-8.45pm  
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".  
**Online group:** 7.30-8.45pm  
Repeated on **Friday 4th Feb** at 11.00am at St Mary's.

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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.

**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](mailto: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. Please join Fr. Jeremy for our parish listening sessions. We want to hear from you on how our parish community can better support you. Please consider joining us! Invite family, friends, neighbours - we want everyone to participate in these listening sessions. We invite everyone to speak & to listen in a respectful atmosphere.

**Our parish's Synod listening sessions are:**  
**Topic 1:** Wed 19th January 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, plus a separate online group at 7.30pm.  
Also Friday 21st January 11.00am in St Mary's Church.  
**Topic 2:** Wed 26th January 7.30pm in St Mary's Church; plus a separate online group at 7.30pm.  
Also Friday 28th January 11.00am in St Mary's Church.  
**Topic 3:** Wed 2nd February 7.30pm in St Mary's Church; plus a separate online group at 7.30pm.  
Also Friday 4th February 11.00am in St Mary's Church.



The listening conversations will take place in groups of 3 people. Summaries of what has been shared will be anonymised and put 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.

Find out more by reading the resources available on the Diocesan webpage [www.cliftondiocese.com/synod](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/synod)

**Hospitality group**  
Could you help welcome people to some of the the Synod Listening Conversations from 19th Jan - 4th Feb? Could you serve refreshments? If so, contact the Parish Office. You don't have to help at every session. The more people on the team means we can offer a warmer welcome.