


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


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**Divine Mercy**

*Fr Jeremy writes:* A favourite prayer of mine is the Prayer of Absolution which the priest says as part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It begins, "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death & resurrection of his son..." Jesus Himself reveals God as the merciful Father in his preaching (especially in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk15:11-32), in the many occasions when he bestows God's forgiveness on people he meets (for instance, the woman caught in adultery (Jn8:1-11), & above all, when he prays for forgiveness for those who are putting him to death (Lk23:34)). Throughout the centuries God has raised up saints who have reminded us of the mercy, compassion & forgiveness of God our Father. In recent times, this task has fallen to St. Faustina, canonised by Pope St John Paul II. The Pope also designated the Sunday within the Octave of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. We are encouraged, not only to recognise the truth of God's mercy towards each one of us, but to seek to put it into practice in our daily lives. Pope Francis called us, in the Year of Mercy, to be "merciful, like the Father."

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/mercysunday/ewtn>  
<https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2022/4/24/divine-mercy-sunday>

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.

**GENESIS CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

- Skydive for Genesis! Join us at 10,000 feet on Sat 25 Jun for an experience of a lifetime!  
<https://genesistrust.org.uk/challenge-events-genesis-trust/>
- Bike Bath is on 26 June and offers three routes of 25, 50 and 75 miles all starting and ending at the Bath Recreation Ground. The 25 mile route is perfect for families. E-bikes can be used! We have places available to ride for Genesis Trust. Email [olivia.sladden@genesistrust.org.uk](mailto:olivia.sladden@genesistrust.org.uk)
- We have 5 spaces in the Great Bristol Run half marathon on 25 Sep. Please join Team Genesis.  
<https://genesistrust.org.uk/fundraising/challenge-events-2/>
- Prayer Walk - Sat 21st May. Save the date!

**EVENTS:**

**Sundays:** Coffee after 10.30am Mass in the parish centre. All welcome!

**Mondays: Lectio Divina Groups** use Divine Reading to lead our reading & sharing of the Gospel for the next Sunday.  
**St Mary's:** Meet fortnightly 7.30pm via Zoom to share a portion of scripture chosen by a group member. Info: Graham 07889 495419  
**St John's Church:** Wed 27th April 11am-12.15pm in the Adoration Chapel. Then Wednesdays 11th & 25th May, and 8th June.

**Tuesdays: St Mary's Art Club** All welcome to take part in the workshop format. £2.00 1.30-3.30pm St Mary's Parish Centre. Info: Joe Evans 07853 810041

**Fridays: Youth Night** at St Matt's Widcombe from 7pm - 9pm. Open to 11-18yr olds.  
[https://www.bathcitychurch.org.uk/Articles/616050/Life\\_Church\\_Bath/Church\\_Life/Youth/Information\\_and\\_Consent.aspx](https://www.bathcitychurch.org.uk/Articles/616050/Life_Church_Bath/Church_Life/Youth/Information_and_Consent.aspx)

**Sun 24th April:** Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE  
[inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com)

**Thurs 19th May:** Sharing the Journey "Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties" with Cristina Gangemi. Online conversations for catechists with a variety of speakers from around the country. Register by emailing [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**Sat 30th April: St Vincent de Paul Society Fundraising Concert** 2.30pm St Mary's church followed by tea and cake in the Parish Centre. The light hearted concert is provided by members of the Smith Singers, including Helen and Terry Bletso. No cost to come to the concert but we would ask for donations to provide funds for the new SVP group.

**Wed 25th May Repeated: Formation evening for Readers & would-be Readers** at St Mary's led by Deacon Joseph. We will look more deeply at the rôle of the 'Lector', the way the readings for each Sunday are chosen, & how they fit together in the overall story of the Scriptures. We will look at some of the more practical aspects of how we can carry out our reading ministries most effectively. Starts **7.30pm** in the Parish centre. RSVP to the Parish Office if you would like to take part.

**PARISH OFFICE: Email Mon-Fri**  
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 also 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 and/or join the parishioner email list: [Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**Priestly Ordination of Joseph Meigh**  
Bishop Declan has confirmed that Deacon Joseph Meigh's ordination as a priest will take place during Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 9th July, 11.00am. Joseph has been with us at weekends during this final year of his formation, and now extends a heartfelt invitation to anybody who would like to come to the ordination. Please keep him in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Parish Quiz night Friday 10th June in the Parish Centre.  
If you would like to help Deacon Joseph organise the Quiz Night, please talk to him after Mass.

**Christian Meditation group**  
A small Christian Meditation group meets regularly at St Mary's. It is part of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). You can find out more about what meditation is at <https://wccm.org/meditation-resources/the-practice/> We next meet at St Mary's on the Tues 3rd and 17th May at 7.30pm in the parish centre. We meet for about an hour and 15 mins. It is an ecumenical group with members from other local churches and none. If you would like to join us and are new to meditation, please call Deirdre 01225 872110 a few days beforehand. There will be a 6-week course from 6th Sept - 11th October again on Tuesdays at 7.30pm for about an hour. This is for those who would like to know more and there is no commitment to join the group afterwards. There are several WCCM groups based in Bath, if Tuesdays are not good for you. Contact Deirdre for more info.

**HELP!** If you know Jessica Lee, please ask her to contact Fr Jeremy 01225 311725 as she did not leave any contact details.

**COLLECTION 10TH APRIL**

Church offertory	£696.87
Contactless giving	£70.00
Paypal button on parish website	£0
Direct donations to bank	£450.00
Envelopes	£83.00
Standing orders	£1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£295.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2815.02</b>

Weekly cost of running the parish **£2,350**  
**If you make a donation via Paypal**, please send an email to the parish office to say how much & for what purpose (offertory, mass intention, candle, etc).

**Meditation: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Year C Proper of the Season**

**Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April**  
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 25th April**  
**St Mark, Evangelist**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 26th April**  
**St George, Martyr, Patron of England**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 27th April**  
**Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**  
No Mass

**Thursday 28th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
No Mass

**Friday 29th April**  
**St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe**  
No Mass

**Saturday 30th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
10.00am Mass Rosemary Barrance RIP followed by Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is normally available 10.30am - 11.00am on Saturday and by request.**

**Parish prayer link:**  
For our flower arrangers & church cleaners For those affected by the floods in South Africa For all those working towards a just solution in Ukraine

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**  
St-Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol with St James Priory, Bristol

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 & the parish centre.\*\*\*

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st Reading:** The apostles must preach the gospel out of obedience to God and be glad to suffer for Jesus' sake.

**Second Reading:** In the heavenly liturgy, all creation worships God and Jesus who through his resurrection, participates in God's glory.

**Gospel:** The risen Jesus comes to his disciples, renewing his familiarity with them in a meal and commissioning Peter to serve the Church in love.

**Goodwill Children's Homes:** Supporting & educating children in South India. The Bath Card-making Group need cards to remake. Please place used greetings cards in the box in the porch. Whole card please. [www.goodwillhomes.org.uk](http://www.goodwillhomes.org.uk)

**BSL:** Are you fluent in British Sign Language? Would you be able to sign at a Sunday Mass? Please email the parish office.

**Message from Mr Tarrant, Executive Head of St Mary's Primary School:** "On 23-24 March, the school was visited by two inspectors from Clifton Diocese or a Section 48 Inspection. I am extremely pleased to share that the overall judgement was 'outstanding', which is an amazing achievement and I am delighted to attach a copy of our report. This report celebrates our wonderful children and I am very proud of each and every one of them and they definitely deserve this accolade. I am grateful to Mrs Pecchia, our RE Leader, who has worked hard in further developing the school's prayer life and religious education provision for pupils alongside a very committed team of teaching and support staff. Special thanks must also go to our governors, past and present, who work closely with us in monitoring our Catholic identity as well as offering support and challenge. We are especially grateful to our fabulous parish priest and chaplain, Fr Jeremy, whose pastoral and spiritual care is exemplary."

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**  
Please pray for Dorothy, Johannes, Rosette, Agnes, Orla, Olivia, Annmaria, Trinity, Tom, Archie, Manuel, Devin, Lea, Emily, Maia, Rose, Siena, Eduardo, Casius, Nicolas, Lola, Aleksander, Timothy, Max, Kasper, Emily, Evelyn, Theo, Lucia, Anwen, Devin, Alex, Darcy, Elizabeth, Flavia, Anna, Abel, Stefan, as well as their families and catechists.

**First Holy Communion Masses:**  
10.30am Mass on Sundays 15th May, 22nd May and 12th June.

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:** Three 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 Mass stewards. The Intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private.

**Week beginning Sunday 24th April**  
No intentions

**Coming to Mass during a pandemic:**  
\*Please use the **hand sanitiser**.  
\***Face coverings:** It is advisable to wear one, but it is not mandatory.  
\***Stewards** act as welcomers to the church.  
\***Communion:** move as directed by stewards.  
\*Holy Communion is under one kind  
\*The Sign of Peace is spoken only  
\*Please use the "leave a space" signs if you do not want to sit directly next to someone else.

**Live streaming:** Our live streaming service is much appreciated by those unable to come to Mass or to Funerals of loved ones. Could you help with the ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Contact Michael Gage to Gift Aid your donation [GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) Use the contactless giving terminal or send a cheque payable to **St Mary's Catholic Church Bath** to 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF.

**Pastoral Ministry Information sessions**  
Clifton Diocese offers two in-depth courses in pastoral ministry: [The Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry](#) and [The Clifton Ministry Skills Programme](#). Join one of two online info sessions on **26th and 28th April** at 7.00pm (Microsoft Teams). Register here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/pastoral-ministry-information-evenings/>

**This week we remember:**  
Robert (Bob) Baker, Bridie Duff, Phyllis Hodges, Marion Diplock, Canon Mattie Hayes, Sheila Parkinson, Marjorie Cunningham and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Now Accepting Contactless Donations**  
You can find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal at the back of the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.  
You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1.00 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure & convenient.

