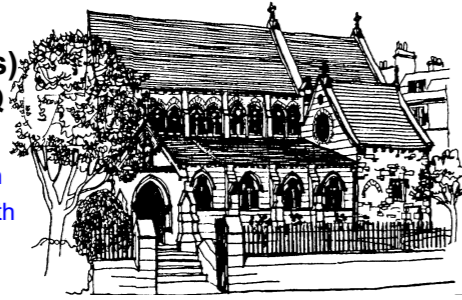


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ



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The Clifton Evangelist
<https://cliftondiocese.com/faith-and-formation/>

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Parish Priest: Mgr Jeremy Rigden 01225 311725

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Meditation: "We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone." Pope Francis

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year C Proper of the Season, Psalter 3
Sunday 1st May

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 2nd May
St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday 3rd May
St Philip and St James, Apostles
No Mass

Wednesday 4th May
Feast of the English Martyrs
10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)

Thursday 5th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Friday 6th May
Weekday of Easter
10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)

Saturday 7th May
Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)
followed by Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00pm Malayalam Mass

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

EASTER GIFTS TO FR JEREMY

The collections at the Easter Sunday Masses were our gift to our priest. Thank you very much to everyone who gave with such generosity and kindness.

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: Spurned by the Jews, Paul and Barnabus now preach the gospel to the Gentiles who welcome them.

2nd Reading: The assembly of those who belong to Christ and share in his victory over death includes a great number of Gentiles.

Gospel: No one can take Jesus' sheep away from him because they are the Father's gift to him and no one is greater than the Father.

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.

MARRIAGE MASS: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Sat 2nd July** (12 noon) & invites all married couples to join him. If you are engaged or celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversaries during 2022, & would like an invitation, email or ring the parish office with your names, date of marriage & home address so that personal invitations can be sent to you from the bishop.

Mary's Meals "Throughout May we invite individuals, churches & faith groups to pray with us, that our work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children throughout the world will see their lives transformed by receiving a daily meal in a place of education. While we recognise the important place of prayer in our work, Mary's Meals consists of, respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none. You can let us know if you are taking part in Pray In May by emailing us on info@marysmeals.org or tagging us on social media using #PrayForMarysMeals."

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 Please use the contactless giving terminal or send a cheque payable to **St Mary's Catholic Church Bath** to 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF.

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 1st May:
Sanctuary lamp 1: David
Sanctuary lamp 2: Helen
Lady Chapel: Stephen

JOB: Safer Recruitment Officer
Full-time – 35 hours per week. There is a new vacancy in the Safeguarding team to support safer recruitment activities throughout the Diocese. Based in the Curia Offices in Pennywell Rd, Bristol, the Safer Recruitment Officer role provides support to parishes regarding the safer recruitment of people working and volunteering within the Church. The provision of Disclosure and Barring (DBS) administration is also a key element of the role. More info can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Parish prayer link:
For people suffering from the famine in the Horn of Africa, and those trying to help them. For all struggling with the cost of living crisis. For all those working towards a just solution in Ukraine
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend, Bristol
Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, Kingswood
St Lawrence, Chippping Sodbury, with St Paul's, Yate, Bristol

This week we remember:

John O'Dwyer RIP, who died recently; (uncle to Catherine McCarthy);
Patricia MacArthur RIP, who died recently (mother to Sarah & Marion);
Michaela Larbaletier, Margaret Zon, Charlie I'Ason, John Bradshaw, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral of Patricia MacArthur RIP
Monday 9th May, 10am, St Alphege's Church



SAVE THE DATE! Quiz night Friday 10th June in the Parish Centre. Deacon Joseph will be hosting a Catholic themed Quiz Night. Details to follow soon. If you would like to help Deacon Joseph, 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 meditation 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.

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.
Nest Sunday preparation session: 8th May, after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre
First Holy Communion Rehearsals: 14th May, 21st May and 11th June, 3.00pm in St Mary's Church. Come to the rehearsal the day before your child's Holy Communion.
First Holy Communion Masses: 10.30am Mass on Sundays 15th May, 22nd May and 12th June.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jessica who was received into the Catholic church at Mass last Sunday. Please keep her in your prayers.

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.



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

REGULAR 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: 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

Save the Date! Monsignor Liam Slattery will be coming to Bath on 11th November to confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon our young people. Application forms will be available from the parish website and St Gregory's Catholic College from June.

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.

COLLECTION 24TH APRIL

Church offertory £707.27
Contactless giving £115.00
DONA button on parish website £0
Direct donations to bank £0
Envelopes £23.00
Standing orders £1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £295.03
TOTAL £2355.42
Weekly cost of running the parish **£2,350**
Easter Sunday collection: £2,355.45

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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 Sunday readings are chosen, & how they fit together in the overall story of the Scriptures. Also at some of the more practical aspects of how we can carry out our reading ministries most effectively. **7.30pm** in the Parish centre. RSVP to the Parish Office

3rd-4th June Big Church Day Out, Wiston Estate, Sussex. Worship together with some of the best Christian music artists, plus Mass with musician Matt Maher. Book through CELEBRATE by May 30th for a discount. <https://www.celebratetrust.org/big-church-day-out-2022>

Wed 22nd June Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral at 7pm when he will also present Clifton's Synod report. It is hoped that at least two people from each parish will be present to receive the report. Register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897>

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

Tues 12th July Missio is very excited for the upcoming beatification of one of its founders, Venerable Pauline Jaricot (22 May). It will be a day of prayer & celebration for the global Missio family, & the whole Church. Bishop Declan will celebrate Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart, Grange Court Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol. All welcome to join this celebration of the legacy of Pauline Jaricot & the work of Missio in the diocese. Register here redbox@missio.org.uk More info <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/beatification-of-pauline-jaricot/>