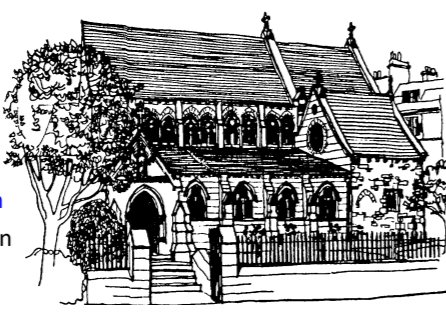


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ

Website www.stmarysbath.org.uk
Livestream www.churchservices.tv/bath
[facebook.com/stmaryscatholicchurchbath](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicchurchbath)

This Linktree connects people with Diocesan Content (events, info, opportunities) which might be of interest.
<https://linktr.ee/cliftoevangelist>

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Meditation: "Do you wish to behold him whom death has snatched from you? Lead, then, the same life as he in the path of virtue, and you will soon enjoy that blessed sight." St John Chrysostom

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year C Proper of the Season, Psalter 3

Sunday 8th May 2022
VOCATIONS SUNDAY
9.00am Mass Rachel Smith RIP
10.30am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word People of the Parish
5.00pm Mass John Briffa RIP

Monday 9th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday 10th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Wednesday 11th May
Weekday of Easter
10.00am Mass Ints. Of Maureen O'Leary

Thursday 12th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Friday 13th May
Our Lady of Fatima
10.00am Mass Ints of Liz and Roger Smith

Saturday 14th May
St Matthias, Apostle
10.00am Mass Private Intention
followed by Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Barnabas 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.

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.

Parish prayer link:
For those in property maintenance
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton, Bristol
St Joseph's, Fishponds, Bristol
St Patrick, Redfield, Bristol

Prayers for Survivors of Abuse 17 May
The Bishops have chosen Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. However, we can pray for them every day.
Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation
Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022/>

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 8th May:
Sanctuary lamp 1: Rachel Smith RIP
Sanctuary lamp 2: Eamonn Boyle RIP
Lady Chapel: John

World Youth Day 2023: Portugal
The Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from 31 July - 8 August for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese WYD 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, register your interest at <https://cliftondiocese.com/world-youth-day-2023>

Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Peter Cornwell
Those who knew Fr Peter Cornwell RIP would be very welcome at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sat 28th May, 11.00am at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows at Prior Park College, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath BA2 5AH. The Mass will be followed by a drinks reception. Please register using this link if you would like to come: <https://www.thepriorcommunity.co.uk/fr-peter-cornwell-memorial-mass>

This week we remember:
John Briffa RIP, who died this week;
Phil Frawley RIP, who died recently;
(aunt to Thomas McCarthy);
Rachel Smith RIP, who died recently;
Helen Stephens, Milena Masci,
Stephen O'Connor, John Davis, 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



Flame 2023 CYMFed Flame Congress is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. SSE Wembley Arena, London, Sat 4th March 2023: Guvna B, One Hope Project, Adenike and Robert Bilott. The theme of Flame 2023 – exactly 150 days before World Youth Day – takes the WYD Scripture ("Mary arose and went in haste") & crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!" Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith.
<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>
This year, Clifton Diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people. If you're interested in booking a ticket through and travelling with the diocese, please send an email to youth@cliftondiocese.com

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.
Next 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.

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 from St Gregory's Catholic College from June.

Diocese: We now have a Linktree <https://linktr.ee/cliftoevangelist> This Linktree connects people with all our online content and is a useful way for you to hear about future events, opportunities for formation and other items which might be of interest.

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

Good Shepherd, Batheaston: With the closure of Good Shepherd, St Mary's parish has welcomed all its former parishioners. As the original mother church, St Mary's has the task of sorting through the accumulated papers. Using parish records, we will contact all Batheaston parishioners. The furniture & religious items are being repurposed amongst churches and community groups across the diocese. Many thanks to Andrew Vickers who fitted the beautiful wooden sacristy press into the sacristy at St Mary's. It will house special vestments. You may also recognise the sound of the bell during Mass, as it has come from Good Shepherd.

COLLECTION 1ST MAY
Church offertory £509.04
Contactless giving £155.00
Direct donations to bank £236.00
Envelopes £58.00
Standing orders £1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £295.03
TOTAL £2473.19
Weekly cost of running the parish £2,350

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Tues 17th May: Christian Meditation 7.30-8.45pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to join us and are new to meditation, please call Deirdre 01225 872110 a few days beforehand.
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. **7.30pm** in the Parish centre. RSVP to the Parish Office
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 2nd July MARRIAGE MASS: Bishop Declan will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral (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.
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. We are investigating the possibility of hiring a coach to the cathedral. If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or email the parish office. Please keep Joseph in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation.
Tues 12th July Bishop Declan will celebrate Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart, Grange Court Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol. Missio is very excited for the upcoming beatification of one of its founders, Venerable Pauline Jaricot. 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 here <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/beatification-of-pauline-jaricot/>
Sat 16th July: Summer fundraising concert by The Jerrome Recorders for the Disasters Emergency Committee (Ukraine response). St Mary's church at 2.00pm, followed by tea and cake in the parish centre.