


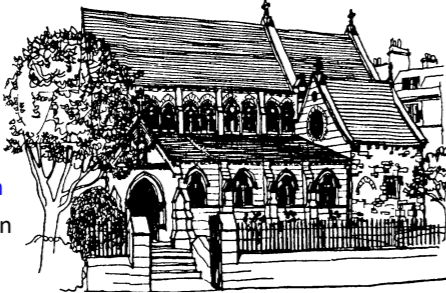
**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
**Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ**



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**Parish Priest:** Mgr Jeremy Rigden 01225 311725  
**Deacons:** Rev. Richard Hayward (Rtd) and Rev. Joseph Meigh  
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**Christian Meditation group**  
A small group meets regularly at St Mary's: next meeting 17th May at 7.30pm in the parish centre. It is an ecumenical group with members from other local churches and none, part of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). <https://wccm.org/meditation-resources/the-practice/> If you would like to join us and are new to meditation, please call Deirdre 01225 872110. There will be a 6-week course from 6th Sept - 11th Oct on Tuesdays 7.30pm for those who would like to know more; no commitment to join the group afterwards.

**Sat 9th July Priestly Ordination of Joseph Meigh** Deacon Joseph'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. Please keep Joseph in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

**Coach:** A 36 seater coach will leave St Mary's at 9.30am & travel to the cathedral; then leave the cathedral at 1.30pm. Please book your seat by emailing the parish office. £10 per person, payable using the contactless terminal once your place is confirmed. You can also pay by cash & post it in an envelope to Parish Office, 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF  
\*If you want to go to the ordination and stay for the reception afterwards but not travel with the parish, please email [Mary.Manners@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Mary.Manners@cliftondiocese.com) at the cathedral so she can cater sufficiently.

**CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP APPEAL:**  
We are requesting volunteer leaders for our very popular and long-running Children's Liturgy Group. In recent times the number of volunteer leaders has dwindled and, since the return following the pandemic there are currently only 3 active leaders available to run the CLG group. Therefore, we are appealing to all in the congregation, whether parents of children who attend CLG or not, to consider volunteering to bolster the group's number of leaders & helpers. It often provides the leader with additional insight into the Gospel and it is good to know that you have contributed to ensuring that the children have a positive feeling about their church experience and in particular helped to deliver the message of the Gospel to our young people so that they grow in their relationship with Christ.  
Please read the flyer at the back of the church for the full information. It is also available on the church website

**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](mailto: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, 11am-12.15pm in the Adoration Chapel.  
**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: The Cedar Tree community café** at Christ Church, Julian Road, Fridays 11am-1:30pm. If you live or work in the area, drop in for a chat, a cup of coffee, homemade cake or a light snack, to support this important outreach to the local community. If you can help on a Friday or make a cake we can sell, contact Janet Mahto [janetmahto@gmail.com](mailto:janetmahto@gmail.com)  
**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)

**BAPTISM**  
Congratulations to the families of Elliott Da Silva and Xavier Wright who were bpth baptised at St Mary's recently.

**COLLECTION 8TH MAY**

Church offertory	£528.15
Contactless giving	£188.00
Direct donations to bank	£500.00
Envelopes	£23.00
Standing orders	£1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£295.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2754.30</b>
Weekly cost of running the parish	£2,350

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
**Mon 16th May Spring Beacons** St Alphege's Church, Oldfield Park, BA2 3NR 2-4pm. Free tea, coffee plus homemade cakes. If you know of a friend/neighbour who may enjoy some company, please bring them too. Quiz with excellent prizes; all donations going to the **Ben Saunders Foundation**.

**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

**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. Register [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**Sun 22nd May:** Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE [inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:inclusionforall@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

**Fri 10th June Parish Quiz Night** 6.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre. Starts with a meal at 6.30pm: please bring your own food, or share a picnic with your team. Drinks will be available to buy. After supper, Deacon Joseph will host a Catholic-themed quiz, with rounds based on popular TV shows like Millionaire? & Pointless but with questions on all things Catholic, from Scripture to Saints, & Dogma to Culture. To book a place, please RSVP to the parish office [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) or speak to Dcn Joseph, indicating whether you have already arranged a team (up to 6 people), or would like to be assigned to one.

**Wed 22nd June SYNOD** Bishop Declan invites every parish to a liturgy at the Cathedral 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 if you intend to go to the cathedral <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897> Read about the next part of the Synod process <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-synthesis-team-begins-its-work-for-synod-submission-to-rome>

**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.



**Meditation: "May your first communion not be your last." Fr John Foster, priest at St Mary's**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Year C Proper of the Season, Psalter 1**  
**Sunday 15th May 2022**  
9.00am Mass Michael & Betty Clements RIP  
10.30am First Holy Communion Mass  
First Holy Communion children  
5.00pm Mass People of the parish  
**Monday 16th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
No Mass  
**Tuesday 17th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**  
No Mass  
**Wednesday 18th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
10.00am Mass Private Intention  
**Thursday 19th May**  
**St Dunstan, Bishop**  
No Mass  
**Friday 20th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
10.00am Mass Private Intention  
**Saturday 21st May**  
**Our Lady on Saturday**  
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.**

**Parish prayer link:**  
For all victims and survivors of abuse  
For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**  
St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton  
St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, 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 letter explains how the the obligations of a Christian differ from the prescriptions of the Jewish Law.  
**2nd Reading:** The image of New Jerusalem describes God's presence among the people founded on the teaching of the Apostles.  
**Gospel:** Before he departs from his disciples, Jesus promises to send them the Holy Spirit. Jesus & his Father will make their dwelling with the disciples if they remain true to all that Jesus taught them.  
**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.

Deacon Richard will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination at the end of May. Please pray for him.

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.

**Prayers for Survivors of Abuse 17th 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.  
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 15th May:**  
Sanctuary lamp 1: Minnie  
Sanctuary lamp 2: Ava  
Lady Chapel: Private intention  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**  
Please pray for Lola, Tom, Emily, Nicolas, Timothy, Max, Kasper, Evelyn, Theo, Stefan, Johannes and Dorothy. They will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday.  
**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.

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**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:**  
Joan Cloughton, Bozena Asmar, Dave Courtney, Maria Rigg, Violet Coombs and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

