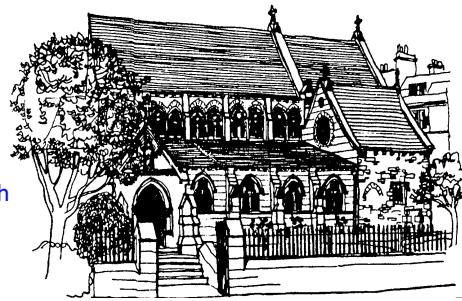


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
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This Linktree connects people with Diocesan Content (events, info, opportunities)
<https://linktr.ee/cliftonevangelist>

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Meditation: "O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you" Psalm 26:7

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C Proper of the Season, Psalter 3

Sunday 29th May 2022

Day of prayer for the right use of the media

9.00am Mass [Irene Pettit \(anniv.\)](#)
10.30am Mass [People of the parish](#)
5.00pm Mass [Private intention](#)

Monday 30th May
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday 31st May
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Wednesday 1st June
St Justin, Martyr
10.00am Mass [Ints Deacon Richard](#)

Thursday 2nd June
Weekday of Easter
No Mass

Friday 3rd June
St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)

Saturday 4th June
Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am Mass [Tom Rigden \(anniv.\)](#)
followed by Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Parish prayer link:

For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
For the persecuted Uyghur people in China
For those killed in the Texas school shooting.
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston
St Bernard, Shirehampton, 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: On the Jewish feast of Pentecost the disciples of Jesus were gathered together in fear. Suddenly they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading: The Spirit is manifest to each person in the body of Christ for the common good. All members are part of the same Spirit and display a variety of gifts, ministries and works.

Gospel: While the disciples were gathered behind locked doors because of fear of the Jews, Jesus came to them. He breathed on them saying, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

Deacon Richard Hayward will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination at the end of May. Everyone is welcome to come & celebrate together in the Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 29th May. We are very grateful for all his years of service in our parish. Please pray for him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Please pray for Johanna, Margaret, Eduardo, Alexander, Rose, Archie and Elizabeth who will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am Mass.

Next First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 11th June, 3.00pm in St Mary's Church.

Corpus Christi celebration 10.30am Mass 19th June All the children are invited to come together to receive their certificates and celebrate with cake in the Parish centre afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join them.

CATECHIST FORMATION

The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering a faith formation course 'Seeds of Faith' for experienced & inexperienced catechists, & anyone interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. In ten Saturday afternoon sessions, we will journey together, share ideas and grow in this special ministry. 3.00-5.00pm, with refreshments from 2.30pm. This is an in-person, live event. Begins Sat 18 June, St. George's Church, Billet Street, Taunton, TA1 3NN. Course dates: 18 June, 25 June, 9 July, 16 July, 3 Sept, 17 Sept, 24 Sept, 8 Oct, 15 Oct & 22 Oct. Course fee £40 (or £5 per session) For more information, a booking form and/or to register your interest, please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Three 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes are 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. The Intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private.

Week beginning Sunday 29th May:

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.

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact the RUH Chaplaincy ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call 01225 428331 on arrival.

John Power sent greetings from Australia and best wishes for our patronal feast day last week

SVP Concert 30th April

We were delightfully entertained by four singers with an accompanist from the Smithy Singers, two of whom are Helen & Terry Bletso from St Mary's Choir. They sang various popular, light-hearted pieces from shows, musicals, folk songs and operetta. Our sincere thanks go to Helen & Terry, Philippa Neaverson, John Ditcham & Sue Tewson. The concert itself made £206.30 plus £25.77 from the cakes on sale at Coffee after 10.30 Mass. This was a great start to our fundraising to enable St Mary's SVP to provide a little financial assistance.

This week we remember:

Marjorie Lovett, Patricia Lee, Kerry Simons, Teresa Arnold, Georgio Stassi, Bob Moore, Assunta Gibilaro, Grant McNalty and 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 John Briffa RIP
Thurs 9th June, 10.00am St Mary's Church



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 for the Mass & reception; then leave the cathedral at 1.30pm. Please book your seat by emailing the parish office: Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com Charlotte will confirm whether you have a seat. £10 per person, payable using the contactless terminal or by cash & post it in an envelope to Parish Office, 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF *If you want to go to the ordination & stay for the reception afterwards but not travel with the parish, please email Mary.Manners@cliftondiocese.com at the cathedral so she can cater sufficiently.

Marriage Catechists: A formation course for married couples & widowers interested in becoming a marriage catechist. 9th, 23rd, & 30th June at English Martyr's, Tuffley. Role: to accompany, support & help prepare the couple for the sacrament of marriage showing the engaged couple that being married is an ongoing action that happens daily. Why not think about becoming a marriage catechist & share your experiences of this remarkable vocation. Coffee from 7.00pm; session starts at 7.15pm. Register via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marriage-catechists-series-of-three-sessions-tickets-329642659067> For more info and/or to register your interest please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Calling young people age 7+ who would like to become an altar server. Uniform & training provided. If your child is interested, talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass. Those who have yet to make their First Holy Communion can serve.

CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP APPEAL:

We are requesting volunteer leaders for our very popular & long-running Children's Liturgy Group. In recent times the number of volunteer leaders has dwindled. Since the return following the pandemic there are 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. More Info: Please read the flyer at the back of the church or on the church website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events>

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 & 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 She also arranges hire of the parish centre: discount rates for parishioners & charities.

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 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. All welcome to support this 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

Fridays: Youth Night at St Matt's Widcombe from 7pm - 9pm. Open to 11-18yr olds. Fill in the consent form [here](#).

CRICKET TEAM The St John's Church cricket team are in full swing with their matches for the new season. We have five matches in June starting on 8th June with a match against Buro Happold. We would love to encourage players of all ages & abilities to get involved and play for us. For more details please contact David Parker on dwparker2018@virginmedia.com

COLLECTION 22ND MAY

Church offertory	£810.36
Contactless giving	£158.00
Direct donations to bank	£0
Envelopes	£62.50
Standing orders	£1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£295.03
TOTAL	£2546.01
Weekly cost of running the parish	£2425.00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

26th May - 5th June 24/7 Prayer 24/7 is an international, interdenominational movement of prayer, mission and justice; a non-stop prayer meeting that has continued for every minute of this century so far, in over half the countries on Earth. In Bath we have our very own Prayer room open from 26th May to 5th June in the Chapel at the rear of Bath Abbey next to Kingston Buildings. Sign up to take part <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/031bd9> Watch <https://vimeo.com/713761513>

Fri 10th June Parish Quiz Night 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 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, RSVP to the parish office 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.

Thurs 16th June: Sharing the Journey "Being a Catechist" David Wells. Online conversations for catechists with a variety of speakers. Register by email and you will be sent a link to the meeting adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Fri 17th - Sun 19th June Living Theology Summer School "The Power of the Word: Theology, Spirituality and Literature in Conversation", Ammerdown retreat and conference centre. David Lonsdale and Michael Kirwan SJ, will be speaking on the topic. Full details and a booking form, see: www.jesuit.org.uk/events/living-theology-ammerdown-2022

Sun 19th June: Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

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. Register here if you intend to go to the cathedral <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 so that personal invitations can be sent to you from the bishop. Alternatively, email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com