

**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**

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**Meditation: The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone...we must be compassionate! St Josephine Bakhita**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year C Psalter 2**

**Sunday 3rd July 2022**

9.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)

10.30am Mass [Private Intention](#)

5.00pm Mass [People of the parish](#)

**Monday 4th July**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday 5th July**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Wednesday 6th July**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#)

**Thursday 7th July**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Friday 8th July**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Mass [Fr Conrad Lowry \(anniv.\)](#)

**Saturday 9th July**

**Our Lady on Saturday**

No Mass or sacrament of Reconciliation due to Joseph's ordination in Bristol

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

**Parish prayer link:**

For the victims of the shooting in Oslo

For the migrants who dies in Texas

For all victims of the war in Ukraine

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**

Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury

St Michael, Shepton Mallet

Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar

St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells

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:** This reading is one of the most consoling and joyful ever written. It says simply that God is as close to us as our breath and heartbeat, that God is our life, that our lives reveal God.

**2nd Reading:** In a few charged lines Paul creates the whole secret history of the world, from creation, through the cross to the final perfection of all things, through Christ, in God.

**Gospel:** There is a great danger in a story that is well known, such that of the Good Samaritan. It has become part of our heritage. The story today ends with the words: 'Go and do the same yourselves.' The story is part of our heritage, but we can only give it to the future by doing it ourselves.

**Farewell!** 10.30am Mass Extraordinary Ministers Binumon and Stania Thomas, and the rest of their lovely family, are leaving us for the USA at the end of the school term. This includes super Reader Nixy Thomas. Please pray for them as they embark on an exciting new chapter in their lives.

**Coming to Mass:**

\*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.

**HOSPITAL:** If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, contact the RUH Chaplaincy [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) or call 01225 428331 on arrival.

**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) You can now hire the parish centre again: discount rates for parishioners, regular bookings & charities.

**CAFOD: The paradox of abundance**

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tons of food & we only need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working, but as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people & the planet." CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

**CONFIRMATION** Mgr Liam Slattery will be coming to Bath on 11th November to confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon our young people. The preparation course begins on Tuesday 13th Sept. Application forms and all the information about the course are available from the parish website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/sacraments>

**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 3rd July**

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Ints. Lyn Hillman

Sanctuary Lamp 2: Special Intention

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

Please pray for Trinity, Annemaria, Devin, Anna, Abel, Rosette & Flavia who will make their First Holy Communion during the summer holidays.

**This week we remember:**

Joseph McGrath RIP, who died recently (brother-in-law of Michael Gage); David McDonagh, Kenneth West Nicholas Luckman and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**



**BE PART OF THE PARISH**

Calling young people aged 7+ who would like to become an altar server. Uniform and training provided. If your child is interested, talk to Fr Jeremy after Mass. Those who have yet to make their First Holy Communion can still be an altar server. Young people who have just made their First Holy Communion or were confirmed last November would be very welcome.

**Mass stewards:** If you would like to be a Mass steward talk to Fr Jeremy or email the parish office. The role is one of welcoming people to our parish at Sunday or weekday Masses, or at funerals during the week. This is an excellent way to get to know people, particularly if you are new to St Mary's or Bath.

**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. 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](mailto:dwparker2018@virginmedia.com)

**CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP APPEAL:** Could you be a volunteer leader for our very popular & long-running Children's Liturgy Group? In recent times the number of volunteer leaders has dwindled. 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. Please read the flyer at the back of the church or on the church website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events>

**FINANCE**

**Collection 26th June**

Church offertory £420.98

Contactless giving £125.00

Direct donations to bank £0

Envelopes £83.50

Standing orders £1220.12

Tax recovery (Gift Aid) £295.03

**TOTAL £2144.63**

Weekly cost of running the parish £2425.00

**Live streaming:** Our live streaming service is much appreciated by those unable to come to Mass. 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) 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.

**Now Accepting Contactless Donations**

You can find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal at the back of the church. 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. **Whilst the contactless terminal is wonderful and convenient, it does not tell us WHO has paid/donated. Therefore, please email the parish office if you have used it to pay for something eg coach to Joseph's ordination.**

**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

**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, contact [janetmahto@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).

**Sat 9th July Priestly Ordination of Joseph**

**Meigh** Deacon Joseph's ordination as a priest will take place at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am. The Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral, available on the parish website. **Coach:** A coach will leave St Mary's at 9.30am & travel to the cathedral for the Mass & reception; then leave the cathedral at 1.30pm. **The coach is now full.** If you have booked your seat & are yet to pay, use the contactless terminal or put cash in an envelope through 4 Harley Street, Bath \*If you want to go to the ordination & stay for the reception afterwards **but are not travelling with the parish**, please email [Mary.Manners@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Mary.Manners@cliftondiocese.com) at the cathedral so she can cater sufficiently.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

Many thanks to all the parishioners who volunteered to help at the fete, and to those who took part in all the fun of the fayre.

**SYNOD SYNTHESIS**

"The Catholic Church in England and Wales has been following the Synodal Process called by Pope Francis, reflecting on the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, mission" & has now reached an important moment. Since October 2021, the dioceses, national organisations & religious communities have been engaged in listening conversations on the central themes, exploring the way the Church embraces more fully her missionary mandate in the world of today." Read more about the findings of the conversations and what will happen next:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synodal-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

You can read about the Clifton Diocese conversations here:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Synodal-response-booklet.pdf>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sun 10th July Glastonbury Pilgrimage**

Following a two year absence due to COVID, the Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place again this year. Theme: Mary, Queen of Peace'.

On the parish website you can find:

- A Pilgrimage poster
- An Information Sheet for pilgrims
- A travel map & car parking details for the assistance of parishioners.
- An invitation to Altar Servers

If you need paper copies of these forms, talk to Fr Jeremy or leave a message on the parish office answer phone. The annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage is the only public act of witness in the diocesan calendar, making it a very special occasion.

**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 & cake in the parish centre. In order to raise as much money as possible for the DEC, we would like parishioners to make cakes to serve to those attending the concert. We also need people to be part of the hospitality team: serve tea and coffee, and wash up afterwards. If you can help in any way, ring or email the parish office.

**June - Aug EXHIBITION ON THE EUCHARIST**

St John's Church is hosting an exhibition curated by & flowing from the prayerful initiative of Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young Italian man with a love for the Blessed Sacrament. During June-August there will be a narrative of saints & places touched by the Eucharist. This pilgrimage around the Church enables us to deepen our understanding of the Real Presence of the Lord. There is a simple & beautiful guide to the exhibition. You don't have to complete the exhibition all at once. Use the trail so it ends in the Sacred Heart Chapel for a time of prayer.

**Sat 10th/ Sun 11th Sept**

In September & October, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland & Wales for the very first time. This once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages & backgrounds to experience the special gifts & charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The Relics will be at Clifton Cathedral from 2.00pm Sat 10th Sept to 11.00am Sunday 11th Sept <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022> and more info about the visit to Clifton here <https://cliftondiocese.com/bernadette/>

**Coach:** We are considering booking a coach to take parishioners to the cathedral on Sat 10th Sept. Times and details tbc. If you would be interested in booking a seat, please email or call the Parish Office so that we can gauge the level of interest.