
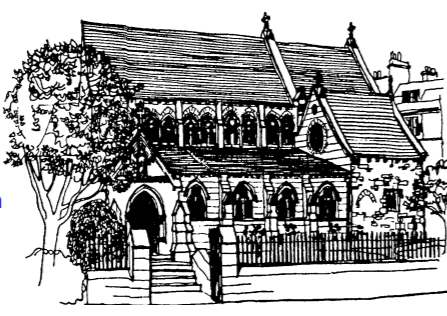


ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ



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Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. St Teresa of Calcutta

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
Year C Psalter 1
Sunday 24th July 2022

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)
10.30am Mass [Canon Brian McEvoy RIP](#)
5.00pm Mass [Private intention](#)

Monday 25th July
St James, Apostle
No Mass

Tuesday 26th July
Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Wednesday 27th July
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Thursday 28th July
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Friday 29th July
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
No Mass

Saturday 30 July
Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am Mass [Fr Leo Porter \(anniv.\)](#)
followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00pm Renewal of vows:
Steven and Rebecca Costello-Sharp

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

Parish prayer link:
For all working to avert climate disaster
For people affected by the recent wild fires
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Sacred Heart, Chew Magna
St Pius X, Withywood

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: These verses capture the sense of futility about human endeavour that threads through the entire book. Life is meaningless without God.

2nd Reading: This extract urges the Colossians to remember the reason why they must live exemplary moral lives: they are already united to the risen Lord.

Gospel: Jesus follows his advice to the man in the crowd with a parable that spells out dramatically the need for detachment from worldly goods.

Coming to Mass:
*Please use the **hand sanitiser.**
***Face coverings:** It is advisable to wear one, but it is not mandatory.
***Stewards** act as welcome 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.

THANK YOU Many thanks to the Jerrome Recorders who put on another marvellous concert in St Mary's. £215 was raised for the DEC Ukraine Appeal. Thank you to all who brought cakes for the afternoon tea, to Charlotte for preparing & serving it, and to Michael & Barbara for washing up & clearing away.

PARISH OFFICE: Email Mon-Thurs
The parish office will be closed 29th July - 15th August.
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
Parish Centre: It is available for hire from £7.00 per hour. Discount rates for parishioners, regular bookings & charities. For individual hire (such as a child's birthday party, baptism party, wedding reception, funeral wake, family celebration) you no longer need to obtain public liability insurance. No costs for any parish prayer or justice & peace groups.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Last year Pope Francis instituted a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He declared it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 24th July, with the theme; **"In old age they will still bear fruit"** (Psalm 92:15). There are many ways we can celebrate this special day, in our homes and parishes. Grandparents and the Elderly can be a great witness into living out their vocation and what God's call is for them, but also advise our younger people discerning theirs.
It's also important to think of & pray in thanksgiving to those who have inspired us in our lives, who may not be us anymore. To find resources head to: <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>
There are downloadable prayer cards which you can use to help the family, friends and parish pray.

From Fr Joseph Meigh:
Just to say a huge thank you with all my heart to everybody who came from Bath to be with me at my ordination, and all those who were so generous with cards, messages, support, and prayers - it means so much. Please keep me in your prayers as I start my posting in Salisbury in September. Thank you, and hope to see you again very soon!

Goodwill Children's Homes: Supporting & educating children in South India. The Bath Card-making Group need cards to remake. Please place used greetings cards in the box in the porch. Whole card please. www.goodwillhomes.org.uk

VAN: Does anyone have both a van and the muscles to take two broken filing cabinets to the tip? If so, contact the parish office.

CHARITY SHOP: We have a collection of unwanted items that need to go to a charity shop. If you could take them, contact the parish office to arrange a time to pick them up.

This week we remember:
Canon Brian McEvoy, Ria McGauley, Angela Burton, Vincent Whitaker, Annette Clarke, Margaret Stott, Mike Nash, Kathleen Lucey 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 you are/ 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.
*Altar serving is one of the volunteering activities recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

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.

Skills Needed – Musical Do you have skills related to music & singing? We are keen to encourage parishioners to come forward to sing or play in groups and/or lead the music at our Sunday Masses or support those who provide music. You would be given assistance by Fr Jeremy in choosing liturgically appropriate music, & opportunities to practice in the church. Contact Fr Jeremy 01225 311725 or bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

Teenagers needed! Reading well at Mass is a skill that is not confined to adults. We have excellent teenage Readers at St Mary's and are keen to recruit more. If you/your teenager would like to get involved, talk to Fr Jeremy or email/call the parish office.

OASIS PANTRIES: There are a variety of opportunities at Oasis Hub Bath to use your skills to benefit others and get to know new people. Even a couple of hours every few weeks could make a real difference to someone in need, so get in touch and we'll find the perfect role for you. You may also need help yourself with affordable food. Email welcometo@oasisbath.org and go to www.oasisbath.org or watch a video about the food pantries <https://vimeo.com/672319750>

Clifton Diocesan Trustees: The Diocese is looking for individuals to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board in specific areas. WHO? Suitable applicants should have in-depth knowledge experience of either corporate law, property law, or a HR environment. To support the full activities of the Board, experience in charity or corporate governance would also be beneficial. WHAT? One 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol; at least one sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. INTERESTED? Send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 5th Aug.

Job: Church administrator for St Luke's Church, Bath All the details are available on our parish website under "News".

REGULAR EVENTS:

Sundays: Coffee after 10.30am Mass
Our volunteers are having a well-earned break over the summer. Coffee will resume on 4th Sept. If you would like to join the team, please call or email the parish office and we can pass on your message.

Mondays: Lectio Divina Group We use Divine Reading to lead our reading & sharing of the Gospel for the next Sunday. Meet fortnightly 7.30pm via Zoom to share a portion of scripture chosen by a group member. Info: Graham 07889 495419

Mondays: "Open Hub" at Weston Hub (opposite St Mary's Primary School) 12.00pm-2.00pm Find help with cost of living problems with Clean Slate and the Citizens Advice Bureau, plus Weston Food Club, free 3 course meal, and free clothes and toiletries.

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

HOSPITAL: If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, contact the RUH Chaplaincy ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call 01225 428331 on arrival. The RUH website has lots of information about the Spiritual Care Centre https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/advice_and_support/chaplaincy/index.asp

BATH DEANERY CONFIRMATION COURSE Mgr Liam Slattery will be coming to Bath on 11th November to confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon our young people (Y9-13). The preparation course begins on Tues 13th Sept. So far, we have 10 candidates. Application forms and all the information about the course are available from the parish website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/sacraments>

FINANCE

Collection 17th July

Church offertory	£438.48
Contactless giving	£380.00
Direct donations to bank	£85.00
Envelopes	£45.00
Standing orders	£1220.12
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£295.03
TOTAL	£2508.63
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 Church-Services & 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat 26th July Christian meditation, St Mary's Parish Centre 7.30-8.45pm

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. 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.

Thurs 1st Sept "God of the Oppressed: The Revolutionary Theology of James H. Cone"
Speaker: Anthony Reddie 2pm - 5pm, £10, Ammerdown retreat Centre, Radstock. James Hal Cone was the 'Grand Patriarch' of Black Liberation theology. This workshop will explore the central ideas of James Cone's work & legacy.

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. 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> Read about the visit to Clifton Cathedral here <https://cliftondiocese.com/bernadette/>
Coach: We are considering booking a coach to take parishioners to the cathedral on Sat 10th Sept. If you are interested in booking a seat, please email or call the Parish Office so that we can gauge the level of interest.

Tues 13th Sept Confirmation preparation begins, St Mary's Church, 7.00pm

Sat 16th Sept The first of four talks on St Matthew's Gospel: "St Matthew's Infancy Narrative" by Fr Alex McAllister SDS at St Alphege's Parish Hall, 7.00pm

Mon 26th Sept - Mon 3rd Oct: The Turin Shroud Exhibition will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, 2 Wingfield Road Trowbridge BA14 9EA. This exhibition tells the story of the Shroud of Turin. With life-size replicas of the shroud, & many other items, the display will draw visitors into reflection & prayer concerning the shroud, which many millions throughout the world believe to be the actual burial shroud of Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI called the shroud "An Icon of Holy Saturday". All welcome! Video presentations will be shared. Workshops/Worksheets available for children & young people, helping them to learn about the life, death & resurrection of Christ. No need to book, but it would be useful to know who & how many will be visiting. Contact Becky at St. Johns Parish Centre Trowbridge enquiries@sjpc.org.uk or 01225 767215 Open 9am-9pm each day (Except Mon 26th 3pm-9pm & Mon 3rd Oct 9am-12noon). <https://shroud.com/>