

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

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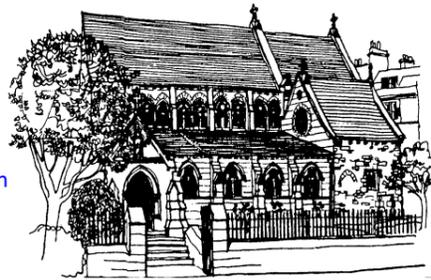
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“My soul clings to you; your right hand raises me up.” Psalm 62

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C Psalter 2

Sunday 31st July 2022

9.00am Mass [People of the parish](#)

10.30am Mass [Cilicerio D'Andrea RIP](#)

5.00pm Mass [Kathleen Lucey \(anniv.\)](#)

Monday 1st August

St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday 2nd August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday 3rd August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass [May Mattravis RIP](#)

Thursday 4th August

St John Vianney, Priest

No Mass

Friday 5th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass [Benefactors](#)

Saturday 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration

10.00am Mass [Private Intention](#) followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation

11.30am [Wedding: Hector & Querine](#)

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

Parish prayer link:

For those suffering from drought and famine

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:

St Catherine, Chipping Campden

Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold

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 first reading exhorts us to trust in God as our Jewish ancestors trusted in God.

2nd Reading: Outstanding examples of people who trusted in God are Abraham and his wife, Sarah.

Gospel: Jesus tells us: Share with those in need. Live as people always at the ready for the Lord's coming. Carry out in a spirit of service whatever task you have in life.

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.

VAN: Do you have both a van and the muscles to take two broken filing cabinets to the tip? If so, contact Fr Jeremy.

CHARITY SHOP: We have a collection of unwanted items that need to go to a charity shop. If you could take them, contact Fr Jeremy to arrange a time to pick them up. If you want the large metal **weighing scales** please arrange to take them away.

PARISH OFFICE:

Closed until 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.

Introduction to Christian Meditation

Six Weeks on Tuesdays 7.30pm to 8.45pm
Sept 6th - Oct 11th St Mary's Parish Centre. Meditation is part of universal human wisdom. In many traditions it is an ancient form of prayer, with the aim of bringing the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and to simply rest in the presence of God.

All welcome to come along and try meditation which is simple and peaceful.

Please book either online <https://IntroductiontoChristianMeditation.evenbrite.co.uk> or call Deirdre 01225 872110 to book, or if you have any questions. No charge for the course.

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 Oct 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 about the findings of the conversations and what will happen next: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

Info on Clifton Diocese conversations here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Synodal-response-booklet.pdf>

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. Application forms and all the information about the course are available from the parish website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/sacraments>

This week we remember:

Maureen Mangan, Amy d'Vaz, Giovanni Fragapane, Wadyslaw Blok, Alfonso Cannella, Kenneth Rudd 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.

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. Get in touch and we'll find the perfect role for you. You may need help yourself with affordable food. Email welcome@oasisbath.org and go to www.oasisbath.org or watch a video about the food pantries <https://vimeo.com/672319750>

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Volunteer and Supporter lunch
Wed 10th August 12-2pm

A wonderful opportunity to gather, eat a delicious lunch and hear more about CAP. Meet at Widcombe Baptist Church, Pulteney Road, Bath BA2 4JR Would you like to come along and find out more? RSVP Claire Collins clairecollins@capuk.org or 07709525578.

*Are you a referral agent or someone who comes into direct contact with individuals or families struggling with debt? CAP have capacity to take on new debt cases. Contact the Bath CAP Debt centre or, preferably, working with your client help them call CAP direct on: 08003280006. Someone lovely will be on the end of the phone to talk to them and to help. This is a FREE service!

Mass stewards: If you would like to be a Mass steward talk to Fr Jeremy or email the parish office. This is an excellent way to get to know people, particularly if you are new to St Mary's parish or Bath.

JOB: The Life Project (Bath) is seeking to recruit an inspiring individual with experience & enthusiasm to lead our growing family services in the new post of Family Support Coordinator. The Life Project is an independent, local charity rooted in Christian principles & ethos. We have been working with adults with learning disabilities for over 10 years, striving to create communities, transform society & love life. We are looking for someone to oversee a well-established Parent Support & identify & implement the priorities for our next phase of growth. INTERESTED?: <https://www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk/work-with-us/>

REGULAR EVENTS:

Sundays: Coffee after 10.30am Mass

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 name

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. Please 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

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.

CAFOD: Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? CAFOD can reach so many people because it is a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. CAFOD's local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan CAFOD is helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thanks for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Sun 21st August: Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

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.

Tuesdays 6th Sept - 11th Oct Christian Meditation course, St Mary's Parish centre 7.30pm

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/>

Bath Deanery Coach: We have booked a 53 seater coach which will leave from St Mary's Church 2.00pm on Sat 10th Sept, returning at 8.30pm. This means we will be able to take part in the Rosary (4pm), the Mass with anointing of the Sick (5pm), the Torchlight procession (6.30pm) and venerate the Relics of St Bernadette from our arrival at 3.00pm. Book your seat with Charlotte by emailing the parish office or leaving a voice message on the office answer phone. £10pp payable in advance via: the contactless terminal in the church; cash in a envelope delivered to 4 Harley Street, Bath; or using <https://donate.myдона.com/st-marys-bath> First come, first served! Please - no verbal bookings via Fr Jeremy as he has enough to remember.

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

Thurs 29th Sept Mass 7.00pm at St John's Church, South Parade, for the feast of St Michael - with confessions, adoration and healing prayer.