



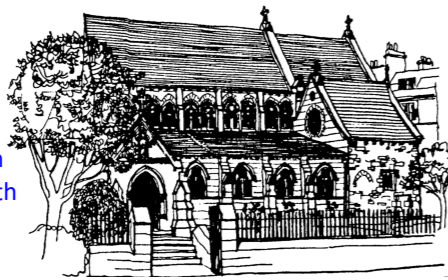
ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)

Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ

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<https://linktr.ee/cliftonevangelist>

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SYNOD 2024 As invited by Pope Francis, we continue to explore the synodal approach at St Mary's, as follows:

NEW LISTENING GROUP

Wednesdays, beginning 7th Feb 7.15 for 7.30 – 9.00pm then fortnightly. Faithsharing using the Contemplative Synodal approach. Come and help choose a topic or text which we will share till Easter.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Ash Wednesday 14th Feb, marks the start of Lent. CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK challenges us to walk 200km (approx. 125 miles) over the 40 days of Lent, raising sponsorship money for World Poverty. A group of us will take on this challenge: to walk 200km (120 miles) in 40 days – to help fight global poverty. JOIN US and SPONSOR US, please. Any questions, or to join in, email: stephen-paradox@outlook.com

DIocese: SYNODAL CHURCH

The Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation offer parishioners a chance to develop the skills of **small group facilitation** in the context of parish groups. These sessions help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart & sharing with generosity. Provides participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer & discernment & tools necessary for effective facilitation
Info & dates. <https://cliftondiocese.com/news>

LENT: RETREAT Clifton Diocese & 'Light of Truth' online Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of 6 persons, through scripture & artworks. 7.30pm Tues 20 & 27 Feb and 5, 12, 19 & 26 March. Sign up here [Meeting Registration](https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join) or use the [diocesan website](https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join). Suggested donation £5 per person per session for any of the 'Light of Truth' courses. Info <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Three 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes at the entrance to the church in which you can specify the lamp & the intention. Minimum offering per candle £5 to cover its cost. Please give the envelope to Fr Jeremy/one of the stewards.

Week beginning Sunday 28th January

Sanctuary lamp 1: Mark Cowan RIP

LIVE STREAMING: This service is much appreciated by those unable to come to Mass. Could you help with ongoing costs of nearly £2,500 per year (support from ChurchServices.tv & costs such as the broadcasting licence fees)? Please use the DONA machines in the church or send a cheque payable to **St Mary's Catholic Church Bath** to 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF. Contact Barbara Summerfield to Gift Aid your donations GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

This week we remember:

Mark Cowan, Canon Tony Harding, Giuseppe Cannella, John Sidmouth, Michael Clements, Patricia Morgan, Paul Marriott-Dodgington, Sylvia Musgrave, Maria Szabo and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun 28th Jan Racial Justice Sunday. Theme is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion & action on our theme & encourage us to carry this through in the weeks & months after Racial Justice Sunday.

Sun 28th Jan Enrolment Mass for all children preparing for First Holy Communion

Wed 31st Jan CAFE BANES meeting: Speaker Mary Colwell - conservationist and broadcaster "Believing in a better world: faith and conservation". 7.30pm, St John's Church, Bath. Christian Action for the Environment in Bath & North East Somerset <https://cafebanes.org/>

Thurs 1st Feb Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton 7:30-8:45pm.

www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee

Sun 4th Feb "Hello neighbour" Sunday

Sun 4th Feb Open Table LGBT+ ecumenical service 5.00pm, Cotham Parish Church, Cotham Road, Bristol BS6 6DR. Tea and cake at 4.30pm

Wed 7th Feb SVP tea and chat, Parish Centre 10.30am (after 10.00am Mass)

7-14 Feb National Marriage Week

LENT BEGINS Wed 14th Feb Ash Wednesday

Mass with ashes at 10.00am and 6.30pm

Wed 14-24 Feb Lent Vigil for Climate justice

Sun 18th Feb Lent Holy hours begin - adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Lent 3.45-4.45pm

Tues 20th Feb "Lord, teach us to pray" 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade.

"The prayer of Jesus" (Fr Dermot Power)

Sat 24th Feb Lucis choir a local Bath charity, in collaboration with **The Life Project** supporting adults with learning disabilities are holding a Mexican fiesta: delicious food & barn dancing to a professional fiddler. Auction of promises too. 6:30pm St Philips Church Hall, 35 Frome Road, Odd Down, Bath BA2 2QF Tickets £20 (£12 Members of Springs & Makers attending Life Project Day Services) Book tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CZCM> or email Kay Labate info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk

Tues 27th Feb First Holy Communion:

2nd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

Sun 3rd March "Hello neighbour" Sunday

Mon 4th March CAFE BANES 7.30pm Speaker Martin Palmer, theologian and conservationist Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, Keynsham BS31 2NN.

Sat 9th March Sacrament of Reconciliation for Holy Communion children 11.00am in church

Sun 10th March Stephen Riedlinger will speak at each Mass about Aid to the Church in Need

Thurs 21st March First Holy Communion:

3rd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

24-31 March Holy Week and Easter

Tues 30th April "Lord, teach us to pray" 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade.

"The prayer of the Desert Fathers and Mothers" (Fr John Udris)

First Holy Communion Rehearsals and Masses 11 & 12th / 18th & 19th May

REGULAR EVENTS:

Sundays: Children's Liturgy 10.30am Mass

Takes place in the Sacristy. Focusing on children up to pre-First Holy Communion stage. Its' themes run in parallel with the main Mass covering the penitential rite & the Gospel of the day. Parents welcome. Running late? Access the group via the Sacristy door on the outside of the church, nearest the car park.

Sundays: Coffee after 10.30am Mass

Everybody welcome! Come to the Parish Centre and meet other parishioners.

3rd Sundays Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3.00pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE. inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com

Fortnightly Mondays: Lectio Divina Group We use Divine Reading to lead our reading & sharing of the Gospel for Sunday.

Meet 7.30pm via Zoom. [Next: 5th Feb](https://www.zoom.us/j/9201225872110)

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

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Ecumenical Christian Meditation Group 7–8.15pm Parish Centre. Info: Deirdre 01225 872110

1st Wednesdays The Parish SVP provides tea & chat for everyone after 10.00am Mass/ 10.30am. We also welcome our neighbours from Christ Church. The SVP support those who may be isolated, house-bound or lonely & would benefit from a visit from members of the SVP. Info: presidentB040313@svp.org.uk

Fridays We have a standing invitation to Cedar Tree Community Cafe, Christ Church, Julian Road 11.00am-1.30pm

1st Saturdays Malayalam Mass usually 2.30pm, St Mary's Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Lenten Bible Study with Rupert Kaye – Act on Poverty Online: Zoom Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 Feb & 5, 12, 19 March, 10-11am and 7-8pm FREE! (donations welcome). Join us as we prepare for Easter by reflecting on why Jesus spent so much time amongst people who were 'poor'. Using Christian Aid's new six-part 'Act on Poverty' Bible study resources, we will consider why followers of Jesus are called to speak with a prophetic voice – challenging those in positions of authority & power to act to tackle poverty & inequality. Is poverty inevitable? How can we play a part in sowing seeds of hope, justice & prosperity? Follow the links:

[MORNING SESSIONS](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CZCM), 10-11am

[EVENING SESSIONS](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CZCM), 7-8pm

Collection 21st January

Collection	£448.77
Contactless giving	£105.00
Direct donations to bank	£0
Live streaming	£0
Envelopes	£0
Standing orders	£1356.20
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£339.05

TOTAL £2249.02

Weekly cost of running the parish [£2570.00](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CZCM)

Gift aid donation forms in the church porch. Complete & send it to the Parish Office.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B Proper of the Solemnity, Psalter 4
Sunday 28th January 2024

Racial Justice Sunday

9.00am Mass [Dr Diane Bruce RIP](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

10.30am Mass [People of the Parish](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

3.30pm Baptism: Chloe Desmond

5.00pm Mass [Ints. Dr Simon Stephens](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

Monday 29th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 30th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest

No Mass

Thursday 1st February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 2nd February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

10.00am Mass [Arthur Skipper \(100 years old\)](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

Saturday 3rd February

Our Lady on Saturday

10.00am Mass [Canon Tony Harding \(anniv.\)](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Normally available 10.30-11.00am on Saturdays & by request.

2.30pm Malayalam Mass

Parish prayer link:

For victims of domestic violence

For those suffering from PTSD

Fr Fr Christopher as he leaves to become Bishop of Plymouth

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:

Immaculate Conception, Stroud with Brownshill, Painswick and More Hall

HOSPITAL: If you/a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, contact the RUH Chaplaincy on arrival 01225 428331 ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net. Ask for the Spiritual Care Centre.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

St John's 464471

*****Please note that there are CCTV cameras in the church, car park & Parish Centre.*****

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1st Reading: Long before the coming of Christ, a prophet reminds God's people, Israel, that they have a mission to be light to the world. This they will prove to be by their concern for the weak and neglected.

2nd Reading: The apostle Paul reminds us that the strength of our faith comes from God's grace, not from human reasoning.

Gospel: Sermon on the Mount. As followers of Christ we have the mission of being the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Coming to Mass:

*Pick up a Welcome pack from one of the Mass stewards. It contains lots of info about the parish, how to get involved & how to get help.

*Coughs and sneezes spread diseases. Don't bring them to church! Stay at home in the warm, get better and watch Mass via the livestream.

***Lifts to Mass** St Mary's SVP can facilitate lifts to Mass for anyone who has a particular difficulty in getting to Church eg the elderly. Contact John Desmond 07553022059 or email him presidentB040313@svp.org.uk

*Are you housebound and would like to be visited? Have you got an elderly/sick relative who can no longer come to church? Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? Ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311715 or email the parish office. *Could you be a Mass Steward on Sundays? We are very short of people to welcome people to our Masses. Talk to Fr Jeremy/contact Charlotte

PARISH OFFICE Inside the Parish Centre

Parish Administrator: Charlotte Boyall Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com 01225 314114
Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF

THIS WEEK: Parish Office open 9.00am- noon- Wed and Fri. Email only Mon, Tues and Thurs.

Bulletin: Send info by 12pm Wednesdays please. Email Charlotte to receive the bulletin by email and/or join the parishioner email list: all the links in the e-bulletin work by clicking on them.

Mass intentions: Book with Fr Jeremy

Parish Centre: Available for hire from £7.00 per hour. Discounts for parishioners & charities. No costs for parish prayer, justice & peace groups etc.

To register as a parishioner, complete & return the census form. Paper copies available at the back of the church or on the website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>.

Car Park: St Mary's Car Park parishioner permits allow 4 hours of parking per week. Email the parish office for an application form or pick up one from the back of the church.

St Mary's First Holy Communion 2024

This Sunday, the 23 children wishing to make their First Holy Communion will be enrolled at 10.30am Mass. Each child will put their name onto a display board, & the parish will be asked to pray for them all over the next few months. Parishioners are asked to accompany the families on their journey by welcoming them into the church & joining them in the Parish Centre after Mass for refreshments. Pope Francis says that parents are the first catechists of their children, but in order for that to happen, we all need to accompany the parents.

JUBILEE 2025

Online: "Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton" [Thurs 1st Feb 7:30-8:45pm](https://www.cliftondiocese.com/news).

Pope Francis decreed that 2025 be a Jubilee. What is a jubilee? Why does the Church periodically celebrate them? What about the "2024 Year of Prayer," or all those documents from the Second Vatican Council? The webinar will introduce the jubilee year, provide context for the 3-year programme (2023 Year of the Council, 2024 Year of Prayer, 2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope), as well as background for jubilees (origin, role in Scripture, and how jubilees have been used in the Church). It will explore the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope", and how Clifton Diocese can journey together over the next few years towards this great celebration. www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee

LENT: PRAYER IN BATH, FOR BATH

Opportunities to pray together for the City and surrounding area:

*Shrove Tuesday 13th Feb 7.30pm Bath Abbey

*BATHCAN Prayers for every day of Lent. Download the prayers [here](https://www.bathcan.org) or find a paper copy at the back of the church from 11th Feb.

LENT Bishop Declan is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese, 7.00pm:

*Wed 21st Feb St Anthony of Padua, Melksham

*Wed 28th Feb Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar

*Wed 6th March Holy Family, Patchway

*Wed 13th March St Peter, Gloucester

*Wed 20th March Christ the King, Amesbury

Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.