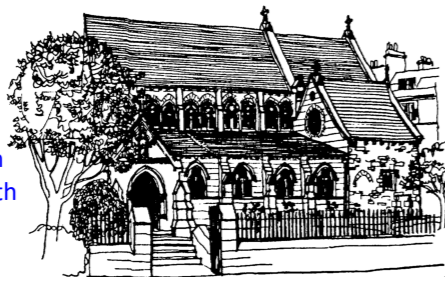


**ST MARY'S**
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)

Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ

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A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help.**FIFTH SUNDAY IN**
ORDINARY TIME**Year B Proper of the Solemnity, Psalm 1****Sunday 4th February 2024**9.00am Mass Michael and Betty Clements RIP10.30am Mass Mark Cowan (anniv.)5.00pm Mass People of the Parish**Monday 5th January****St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

No Mass

Tuesday 6th January**Sts Paul Miki and companions**

No Mass

Wednesday 7th January**Weekday in Ordinary Time**10.00am Mass Private Intention**Thursday 8th February****Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

Friday 9th February**Weekday in Ordinary Time**10.00am Mass Private Intention**Saturday 10th February****St Scholastica, Virgin**10.00am Mass Private Intention

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Parish prayer link:

For those suffering from a lack of money for essential items

For Rev. Lore Chumbley, who will leave Christ Church next weekend, and the parishioners of Christ Church

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:

Holy Family, Swindon

St Joseph, Wroughton

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:** The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.**2nd reading:** Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.**Gospel:** The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident. Yet his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. Jesus touches him, an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses & social norms.**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/email the parish office.
*Felt tips and biros: Please help children to use crayons if drawing in the church. Ink is difficult to remove from chairs and kneelers.**PARISH OFFICE Inside the Parish Centre****Parish Administrator:** Charlotte BoyallBath.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.**Parish Priest:** Mgr Jeremy Rigden 01225 311725**Deacon:** Rev. Richard Hayward (Rtd)**Parish Safeguarding Reps:**

Barbara Palmer and Barbara Summerfield

psr.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com**Parish Administrator:** Charlotte BoyallBath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com 01225 314114**St Mary's St Vincent de Paul group**John Desmond presidentB040313@svp.org.uk**Gift Aid** GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com**St Mary's First Holy Communion 2024**

This Sunday, two 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. Please pray for all our First Holy Communion children: Poppy, Johaan, Isabella, Josef, Max, Niamh, Louisa, Adelaide, Milo, Orlaith, Harry, Sia, Felicity, Harvin, Diya, Tess, Gianfranco, Jerin, Emmanuel, Evana, Nell, Amelia and Aidan.

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Three 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Please put the money in an envelope and write the chosen lamp, your name & the intention on the front of the envelope. Minimum offering per candle £5 to cover its cost. Please give the envelope to Fr Jeremy/one of the stewards.**Week beginning Sunday 4th February**

Sanctuary lamp 1: Karen O'Callaghan

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of Chloe Desmond, who was baptised at St Mary's recently.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 23rd-30th AugustThe Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details on the Diocese website www.cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/ or contact lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 9025590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March, with payment is full by 31st May.**JOBS IN EDUCATION**

*Head of Theology & PSHE Leader:

St Bernadette's Catholic School, Whitchurch. Applications by 29th Feb Info here*Headteacher: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bath. Applications by 16th Feb. Info here**This week we remember:**

Terry Harris, Horace Crocker, Ronald Lee, Barry Hogan, Doris Cywinski, Daniel Dunphy, Peter Campbell, Ann Bosworth, Sheila Davis and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

**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 WALKAsh 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**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 or find a paper copy at the back of the church from 11th Feb.**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 Tuesdays 20 & 27 Feb and 5, 12, 19 & 26 March. Sign up here Meeting Registration or use the diocesan website. Suggested donation £5 per person per session for any of the 'Light of Truth' courses. Info <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>**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 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.

LENT 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 and prosperity? Follow the links:

[MORNING SESSIONS](#), 10-11am[EVENING SESSIONS](#), 7-8pm**UPCOMING EVENTS:****Sun 4th Feb "Hello neighbour" Sunday - meet the parish** Please wear a name badge and introduce yourself someone you have not spoken to before or use their name when you say "Peace be with you".**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"** "The prayer of Jesus" (Fr Dermot Power), 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade. A year of talks on prayer, great pray-ers of the Church and how to pray, as we journey to the Holy Year of 2025:**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**Sun 24th March Palm Sunday****Holy Thursday 28th March** Mass of the last Supper with Washing of the Feet**Good Friday 29th March** Mass 3.00pm**Holy Saturday 30th March** Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Easter Sunday 31st March**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**Tues 28th May "Lord, teach us to pray"** 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade. "The prayer of St Benedict" (Fr Mark Hargreaves OSB)**Tues 25th June "Lord, teach us to pray"** 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade. "The prayer of St Dominic" Sr Hyacinthe and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph**Tues 23rd July "Lord, teach us to pray"** 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade. "Windows on the Divine – praying with icons" Tamara Penwell)**REGULAR EVENTS:****Sundays: Children's Liturgy 10.30am** Mass

Takes place in the Sacristy. takes place in the sacristy during 10:30am Sunday Mass, open to children up to pre First Holy Communion stage. Its' themes run in parallel with the main Mass covering Contrition & the Gospel of the day. The children have a creative period where we decorate our board which we bring into the Church when we return for the Offertory. Parents welcome too. Latecomers can access the group via the Sacristy door on the outside of the church, next to the car park

Sundays: Coffee after 10.30am MassEverybody welcome! Come to the Parish Centre and meet other parishioners.
3rd Sundays of the month Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3pm 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**

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
2nd and 4th Wednesdays Bath Philatelic Society meets in the Parish Centre, 1.30-4.30pm. Contact Kevin Darcy via the parish office.**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.
*******Collection 28th January**

Collection	£502.06
Contactless giving	£250.00
Direct donations to bank	£0
Live streaming	£400.00
Envelopes	£0
Standing orders	£1356.20
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£339.05

TOTAL £2847.31Weekly cost of running the parish £2570.00
Gift aid donation forms in the church porch. Complete & send it to the Parish Office.**Contactless Donations** We now have two DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATES (contactless terminals) at the back of the church and next to the Lady Chapel. You can 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 received.