



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

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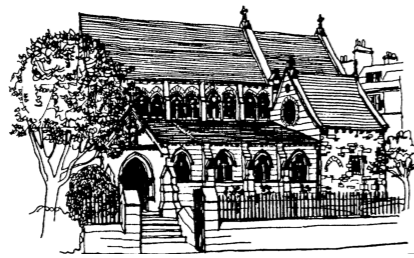
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"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!" Sr Josephine Bakhita

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B Proper of the Solemnity, Psalter 2
Sunday 11th February 2024

9.00am Mass [Fr John Foster \(anniv.\)](#)

10.30am Mass [Marlyn Hayward RIP](#)

5.00pm Mass [Tamarind Naughton \(Ill\)](#)

Monday 12th February
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday 13th February
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Wednesday 14th February
Ash Wednesday
Day of Fasting and Abstinence
10.00am Mass [Ints. Deirdre Stainer](#)
6.30pm Mass [People of the Parish](#)

Thursday 15th February
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
No Mass

Friday 16th February
Friday after Ash Wednesday
10.00am Mass [Pat Dye RIP](#)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 17th February
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
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 who are unemployed
Diocesan Church Prayer Link:
Holy Rood, Swindon
St Peter, Swindon
Sacred Heart, Wootton Bassett

FREE BOOKS There is a book stand in the Parish centre containing religious books. All the books and booklets upon it are free to take away. Please do not add to them!

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1st Reading: A reading from a section of the book of Leviticus known as "The Holiness Code". Holiness is not just otherworldly. To be holy like God, we must show concern and care, as God does, for those in trouble.

2nd Reading: The Christian community, and each individual Christian, is a temple of God, made holy by God's Holy Spirit. Therefore we should respect and honour Christ's Church, and see that there are no harmful divisions within it.

Gospel: We are to be perfect, Jesus says, as God our heavenly Father is perfect. This Christian perfection is to be shown particularly in kindness

Coming to Mass:

*Are you new to St Mary's? Welcome! Please make yourself known to the Mass Stewards at the back of the church. They will be happy to speak with you and offer an information pack. 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 and would like to receive Holy Communion at home? Ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311715/email the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE Inside the Parish Centre

Parish Administrator: Charlotte Boyall
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THIS WEEK: Parish Office open 9.00am-noon Friday only (half term). Email Mon-Thurs.

Bulletin: Send info by noon 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.

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 2024 Car Park parishioner permits allow 4 hours parking per week (£82.50). 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

Please pray for our candidates: Poppy, Johaan, Isabella, Josef, Max, Niamh, Louisa, Adelaide, Milo, Orlaith, Harry, Sia, Felicity, Harvin, Diya, Tess, Gianfranco, Jerin, Emmanuel, Evana, Nell, Amelia and Aidan.

LENT: PRAYER IN BATH, FOR BATH

*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 Stations of the Cross in the church starting 16th Feb at 6.00pm, and every Friday during Lent. Never been? John Desmond will help you. If you want to know more about the Stations of the Cross, watch Cardinal Vincent Nichols [here](#) or if you want to explain them to children click [here](#) - Catholic Icing also has lots of Lent themed crafts, handy for half-term.

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 11th February
Sanctuary lamp 1: Maciej RIP and his family
Lady Chapel: Private intention

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 23rd-30th August
The 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](#) or contact lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 9025590 for an information pack. Deadline for deposits: 31st March, payment is full 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:

Hilary Cornwell RIP, who died recently;
Pat Dye RIP, who died in October;
Carmel McEnerney RIP, who died recently;
Fr John Foster, Edith "Doris" Francis,
Joyce Wight, Kevin Hoey, Monica Kern
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 SYNOD LISTENING GROUP

Join us fortnightly for our ongoing synod group, which continues to explore how listening to one another is foundational to the growth of our spiritual life. Next gathering: Wed 21st Feb; fortnightly after that. 7.15 for 7.30 – 9.00.

BIG LENT CAFOD 200km WALK 2024

THE SYNOD GROUP warmly invites anyone to drop in without commitment & share a walk, during Lent. We're seeking sponsorship in the fight against poverty as some of us walk towards the 200km target on a daily basis across the 40 days. Let us know if you would like to join us - on Fridays after 10am Mass, for 5km (3 miles, about 1.5 hrs) or as long as you wish; or Saturdays for a possibly longer walk, meet-up at 10.00am (venue tbc in the bulletin each week). There may be an eco/ Laudato Si theme, spotting beaver clues, litter picking, visiting Champion trees, welcoming Spring, silent meditation Ideas welcome! Please only sponsor us if you able. If yes, please go to JustGiving.com & search for Mary Ashton CAFOD: that way you will sponsor all of those walking, whatever distance, as a communal effort of mutual encouragement. Anyquestions/ for more info: email mary-paradox@outlook.com or stephen-paradox@outlook.com

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. Our nearest venue is **St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Wed 21st Feb 7.00pm**. 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). 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 to join in:

MORNING SESSIONS, 10.00-11.00am
EVENING SESSIONS, 7.00-8.00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Shrove Tuesday 13th Feb Online Bible study group with Rupert Kaye begins

Shrove Tuesday 13th Feb Prayers for Bath 7.30pm Bath Abbey, with pancakes

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**

Fri 16th Feb First Lent CAFOD walk 10.30am-ish
Fri 16th Feb Lent Stations of the Cross 6.00pm, and every Friday during Lent

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

Mon 19th Feb Lectio Divina online

Mon 19th Feb Beacons afternoon of tea and chat, St Alphege's parish centre, 2-4pm

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.

Tues 20th Feb Light & Truth Lent online retreat begins 7.30pm

Wed 21st Feb Liturgy of Reconciliation, St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, 7.00pm.

Wed 21st Feb Synod Listening Group

Tues 27th Feb First Holy Communion: 2nd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

Thurs 22nd Feb World Sports ministry vision night, Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road, BA1 4EH 7.00pm. "We hope to have sports minded people from lots of different churches and organisations there so that we can grow a network team that includes their church & prays together, plans together & reaches out for Jesus together." Watch the video [here](#)

More info: Sport Grant Sheppard at grant@worldsportministries.com

Fri 23rd Feb CAFOD fast day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

Sat 2nd March Malayalam Mass

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.

Wed 6th March SVP tea and chat, Parish Centre 10.30am (after 10.00am Mass)

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 <https://acnuk.org/>

Thurs 21st March First Holy Communion: 3rd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

Palm Sunday 24th March Masses as usual
Wed 27th March Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral. St John's parish are organising a coach. More info to follow (times, cost).

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass of the last Supper with Washing of the Feet 7.30pm

Good Friday 29th March Mass 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Easter Sunday 31st March Masses as usual

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 Mass

Everybody 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: 19th 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 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 4th February

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| Collection | £556.77 |
| Contactless giving | £175.00 |
| Direct donations to bank | £0 |
| Live streaming | £50.00 |
| Envelopes | £0 |
| Standing orders | £1356.20 |
| Tax recovery (Gift Aid) | £339.05 |

TOTAL £2477.02

Weekly cost of running the parish **£2570.00**
Gift aid donation forms in the church porch. Complete & send it to the Parish Office.

Lost property We have multiple items left in the church over the year. If you find something, please give it to a Mass steward. You can collect lost items from the parish office. There is a photo of all the items on the News page of the website. If you took a black Uniqlo umbrella from the sacristy, please return it.